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# About the Institute

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IGPA also forges partnerships with civic organizations and state associations to open policy discussion to a broader audience beyond government and academia.

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# Social Policy



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Expertise: Campaign Finance; Illinois Constitution; Politics, Political Campaigns, Elections and Polls; State Government/Legislation/Legislative Process; Race and Politics; Opinion Surveys.



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