

Constitution of the PSA (UK) Anarchist Studies Network

This constitution was adopted by the Anarchist Studies Network on 26th March 2010

1 Name

The group shall be called the Anarchist Studies Network

2 Objects

The Anarchist Studies Network

1. Seeks to build on the renewed interest in anarchist and anarchistic thought by facilitating and promoting the study of anarchism as modern political theory and practice, across scholarly disciplines, both within and outside academia.
2. Seeks to provide an interdisciplinary institutional forum to bring together graduate students, professional academics, and independent scholars from across the world.
3. Seeks to provide a platform for the promotion of anarchism as a vital and viable conceptual, social and pedagogical paradigm for the 21st century.
4. Seeks to organize conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1-3.
5. Encourages the publication of scholarly articles in the peer-reviewed journals to facilitate the achievement of objectives 1-3.

3 Membership

Membership shall be open to all and members of the UK Political Studies Association will be given discounted attendance at ASN events. Officers shall verify PSA membership when registering new society members.

4 Officers

The officers of the group shall be members of the group at the time of election, and shall consist of Treasurer and Secretary, Website Manager, Membership Secretary and ASN Publications Editor, and such other officers as the group deems necessary. They shall hold office for one year and shall be elected by consensus from among the members of the group at either the Annual General Meeting of the group or through email discussion via the email list.

5 Records

Shall be kept by the secretary and made available for inspection by any member of the group if so required. These records will include minutes of any meetings, minutes of the AGM, and the Annual Report. Current membership lists shall be maintained, including details of any fees paid. Detailed accounts will be kept and reported annually.

6 Administration/Facilitation

The activities of the group shall be administered by the group as a whole through the email list. The secretary's role is one of facilitation and all other official roles are administrative rather than executive.

7 Vacation of Office

Any officer shall vacate her office upon resignation or upon dismissal by group consensus.

8 Casual Vacancies

Whether of officers or of members of the committee, vacancies shall be filled by election from among the members of the group under such rules of procedure as the group as a whole shall direct.

9 General Meetings

In cases where issues cannot be dealt with via email, face-to-face General Meetings may be called by any member for any matter. Attendance is not compulsory.

10 Finance

Applications by the group to the PSA for grants of money shall be made annually by the secretary after due consultation with the group regarding planned activities for the coming year. A financial report shall be presented to the group at the end of each year and posted to the ASN website. The group as a whole will decide how current and expected income is to be spent during the year to come.

11 Amendment of the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered by consensus at any point, provided that no alteration shall contravene any part of the PSA's Constitution.

This constitution shall be made available to all members of the group on request and will be posted to the public website.