

Interpretive Politics Specialist Group Constitution

1 Name

The group shall be called the Interpretive Politics Specialist Group of the Political Studies Association.

2 Objects

1. To promote and advance the interpretive approach to the study of politics
2. To sponsor appropriate publications; workshops, panels at general conferences; and other events.

3 Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the Political Studies Association (PSA) of the UK (and equivalent national associations).

There shall be an annual membership fee, the amount to be determined each year at the annual meeting. The fee for members of the PSA will be less than that for non-members. A reduced fee will be payable by graduate students.

4 Officers

The officers of the group shall comprise a Convenor and a Vice-Convenor. The term of office for each shall normally be three years but each may serve up to two terms consecutively. They shall be current PSA members and shall be elected in separate votes by members of the group at the appropriate annual general meeting.

The duties of the officers shall include:

- Ensuring that membership records are managed efficiently
- Maintaining financial records and overseeing financial arrangements
- Producing and circulating newsletters and other suitable communications
- Ensuring that arrangements are made for the annual conference and the group's activities at the PSA conference
- Liaising with the PSA
- Ensuring the production of publications as agreed by the membership

5 Vacation of office/casual vacancies

Officers may resign at any time or may be removed by resolution of the annual general meeting of the group. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the annual general meeting of the group at the first available opportunity.

6 Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting shall normally be held during the PSA's annual conference.

7 Political Studies Association

The group shall be governed by the appropriate clauses of the Articles of Association of the PSA with regard to any matter not covered by this Constitution.

8 Amendment of the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered only by a resolution supported by two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual general meeting, provided that no alteration shall contravene the Articles of Association of the PSA.