

Pacific Asia Specialist Group Constitution

1 Name

The group shall be called the UK Political Studies Association Pacific Asia Specialist Group

2 Objects

The objects of the group are:

- 1) to promote the study of the government, politics, foreign relations and recent political history of Pacific Asia;
 - 2) to facilitate contact between scholars engaged in the study of politics in Pacific Asia;
 - 3) to organise conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1 and 2
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3 Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the UK Political Studies Association, as well as to non-PSA members.

4 Officers

The officers of the group shall be members of the group, and shall consist of convenor(s) and other officers such as the group deems necessary. All officers of the society shall be current PSA members.

5 Records

Records shall be made available for inspection by any member of the group if so required. These records will include minutes of any meetings, reports of annual workshops and the Annual Report. A membership lists shall be maintained in the form of an email list held by the convenor(s).

6 Vacation of Office

Any officer shall vacate her office upon resignation or upon dismissal by resolution of the majority of those present at a general meeting of the group.

7 Casual Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled from among the members of the group. All those appointed to such casual vacancies shall be current PSA members.

8 General Meetings

General meetings shall be called at the discretion of the convenors or at the request of not less than six members of the group. Notice of not less than three clear days, excluding weekends and bank holidays shall be given.

9 Finance

Applications by the group to the PSA for grants of money shall be made at the discretion of the group convenor(s). A report shall be prepared by the end of January

each year, which will decide how current and expected income is to be spent during the following year.

The convenor(s) may decide to make available sums of money to facilitate the presence of speakers at the PSA annual conference. In that case, a decision on the amount to be made available will be decided by the convenor(s) no later than two months prior to the conference. Group members are also entitled to bid for funding from the group's budget with decisions made by the convenor(s).

10 PSA Constitution

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

11 Amendment of the Constitution

This constitution may be amended or altered only by a resolution put to a vote at a general meeting, provided that no alteration shall contravene any part of the PSA's Constitution. An amendment or alteration requires support by two-thirds of those present at a general meeting.

This constitution shall be made available to all members of the group on request.