

CONSTITUTION DRAFT PSA Anti-Politics and (De)Politicisation Specialist Group

1- Name

The group shall be called the 'Anti-Politics and (De)Politicisation Specialist Group' (APDSG) of the Political Studies Association

2- Objectives

1. To provide a scholarly platform for the promotion and development of the study of anti-politics and (de)politicisation(s) theoretically and empirically.
2. To act as a hub to bring together senior and early career researchers within and beyond PSA (e.g. IPSA, BISA, ECPR, APSA) as well as professionals to foster critical dialogue and further collaboration in advancing studies in this field.
3. To promote knowledge exchange between the academy and the public sphere in order to expand the group's broader impact and visibility
4. To actively support and train PhD-level researchers in a variety of forms in order to contribute to the social science capacity of the UK
5. To organise dissemination activities such as conferences, panels and workshops, professional training and support activities for group members as well as public engagement events to achieve objectives 1-4.

3- Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the Political Studies Association (PSA) of the UK (and similar national associations) and anyone who has a professional interest in this area of study. There shall be an annual membership fee and the amount will be determined each year at the annual general meeting.

4- Officers

The officers of the group shall comprise at minimum Convenor and Vice-Convenor(s) and an honorary advisor. Officers will be current members of APDSG at the time of election. The term of office for each shall normally be one year but each may serve up to two terms consecutively. The election of the officers shall take place during the group's annual meeting.

5- Administration and Finance

The officers shall take responsibility for the governing of the specialist group, organisation of 28

panels/workshops and conferences and communication with the PSA in consultation with the support, guidance and expertise of the honorary advisor and group members whenever necessary. Membership and financial records and records of any funding and grant applications made in liason with the group members for the realisation of objectives set out in article 2 will be appropriately kept by the officers and made available to any member for inspection upon request. The aforementioned responsibilities may also be delegated to other members of the group if necessary.

6- 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. If necessary, interim arrangements shall be made by the group. Casual vacancies shall be filled by the annual general meeting of the group at the first available opportunity.

7- Annual General Meeting

A general meeting for the group shall be held annually. Under normal circumstances it will be during the PSA annual conference.

8- Political Studies Association

The group shall be governed by the appropriate clauses of the Articles of Association of the PSA regarding any matter not covered in this constitution.

9- Amendment of the Constitution

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