

German Politics Specialist Group Constitution

1. Name

The group shall be called the UK Political Studies Association German Politics Specialist Group.

2. Objectives

The objectives of the group are:

- 1) to promote the study of the government, politics, foreign relations, economy, political thought and contemporary political history of Germany;
 - 2) to facilitate contact and encourage interdisciplinary collaboration between scholars engaged in the study of German politics;
 - 3) to encourage the development and professional integration of early career researchers in German politics;
 - 4) to organize conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1-3.
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3. Membership

Membership shall be open to all members of the UK Political Studies Association and to non-members with expertise in German politics.

4. Officers

The officers of the group shall be members of the PSA and of the group at the time of election, and shall consist of the Convenor(s), Treasurer and other officers as the group deems necessary. They shall hold office for three years and shall be elected by separate vote from among the members of the group at the Annual General Meeting of the group. An officer shall be eligible for re-election for the same post once provided that s/he remains a bona fide member of the group and a current PSA member.

5. 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 on annual workshops and the Annual Report.

6. Vacation of Office

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

7. Casual Vacancies

Vacancies shall be filled from among the members of the group under such rules of procedure as the committee shall direct. All those elected to such casual vacancies shall be current PSA members.

8. Annual General Meeting

This meeting shall be held during the PSA annual conference each year or at a special one-day conference/workshop convened at the decision of the committee. Not less than fourteen clear days notice of the AGM shall be given.

9. General Meetings

These shall be called at the discretion of the committee or at the written 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.

10. Finance

Applications by the group to the PSA for grants of money shall be made at the discretion of the committee by the Treasurer and the Convenor(s) of the group. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 a general meeting, 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.