Labour Movements Specialist Group Constitution

1 Name
The group shall be called the UK Political Studies Association Labour Movements Specialist Group

2 Objects
The objects of the group are:
1) to promote the study of labour movements, broadly defined;
2) to promote theoretical and empirical study of social democratic, communist, labour, and trade union politics;
3) to facilitate contact between scholars engaged in the study of labour movements;
4) to organize conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1, 2 and 3

3 Membership
Membership shall be open to all members of the UK Political Studies Association. Officers shall verify PSA membership when registering new society members. Membership of non-PSA members shall be no higher than 50% of the total membership.

There is no annual membership fee.

4 Officers
The officers of the group shall be members of the group at the time of election, and shall consist of Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and such 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. All officers of the society shall be current PSA members. An officer shall be eligible for re-election provided that they are still a bona fide member of the group and a current PSA member.

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.

6 Government
The group shall be governed by a committee consisting of the officers of the group as defined above and not less than two members of the group who shall be elected every three years under such rules of procedure as the AGM shall direct. The committee shall have powers to co-opt not more than two members. The committee shall hold office for three years.

7 Vacation of Office
Any officer shall vacate her office upon resignation or upon dismissal by resolution of a general meeting of the group.
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
committee shall direct. All those elected to such casual vacancies shall be current
PSA members.

9 Annual General Meeting

This meeting shall be held during the PSA annual conference each year or at a
special one-day conference convened at the decision of the committee. Not less than
fourteen clear days notice of the AGM shall be given. At least five members of the
group should be present for the AGM to be quorate.

10 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.

11 Finance

Applications by the group to the PSA for grants of money shall be made at the
discretion of the committee by the treasurer of the group. A treasurer's report shall be
presented to each Annual General Meeting which will decide how current and
expected income is to be spent during the period prior to the following Annual General
Meeting.

The committee 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 committee no later than two
months prior to the conference and bids for funding will be invited from the group's
membership. Once all bids have been received, the committee will decide how to
allocate the money. Only group members are eligible to bid for this money, through
the latter may be used to facilitate the presence of individuals who are not members of
the group.

On vacating office the treasurer of the group shall hand over the books of account to
her duly elected successor.

12 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.

13 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.