

Political Leadership in the West PSA Specialist Group Constitution

1 Name

The group shall be called the Political Leadership Specialist in Western Systems Group of the Political Studies Association.

2 Objects

1. To promote and advance the study of political leadership in western systems of government.
2. To facilitate contact and communication between people with an academic or professional interest in political leadership in western systems.
3. To foster comparative, interdisciplinary and critical research into political leadership.
4. To maintain public interest in the results of research in these areas.
5. To achieve these objectives by: sponsoring appropriate publications; organising group conferences, 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 similar national associations) and to others with a professional interest in aspects of political leadership.

There shall be an annual membership fee, the amount to be determined each year at the annual general 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 Treasurer. The term of office for each shall normally be three years and 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:

- Maintaining financial records and overseeing financial arrangements
- Producing suitable communications
- Ensuring that arrangements are made for the annual PSA conference
- Liaising with the PSA

In undertaking these tasks, responsibility may be delegated to other members of the group.

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

6 Annual General Meeting

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

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