

Constitution of the PSA Specialist Group on Environmental Politics

Name:

The Group shall be called the PSA Specialist Group on Environmental Politics.

Objectives:

The objectives of the group are:

- 1) To foster interdisciplinary and critical research that explores all aspects of environmental politics including, but not limited to: environmental and green political thought, comparative environmental politics and policy, environmental mobilisation, international environmental politics, the politics of energy and climate change and sustainable development.
- 2) To facilitate contact between scholars, researchers, NGOs and policy-makers who work in the arena of environmental politics.
- 3) To organise workshops, conferences, conference panels and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1 and 2.
- 4) To co-operate with other Specialist Groups of the PSA, or any interested party, in order to share expertise and promote cross-disciplinary research.

Membership:

Membership shall be open to all members of the UK Political Studies Association. Officers shall verify PSA membership when registering new society members. Non-PSA members will comprise no more than 49% of the total group membership.

There will not be an annual membership fee for the first year of the group. Any fee for subsequent years will be set at the discretion of the Co-Convenors.

Officers:

The officers of the group are the Co-Convenors and the Treasurer. They shall hold office for three years and, once the founding term has expired, shall be elected by separate vote from among the members of the group at the group's AGM (or equivalent). They must be a current PSA member. The Co-Convenors and Treasurer shall be eligible for re-election.

Records:

Shall be kept by the Co-Convenors 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, including details of membership fees paid. The Annual and Financial Reports shall be made publicly available on the groups' website, together with a list of members.

Vacation of Office:

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

Casual Vacancies:

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

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 co-convenors. Notice of not less than fourteen working days shall be given. Attendance is only open to members of the group.

General Meetings:

These shall be called at the discretion of the Co-Convenors or at the written request of not less than five members of the group. Notice of not less than five working days shall be given. Attendance is only open to members of the group.

Finance:

Applications by the group for grants of money shall be made by the Co-Convenors in consultation with group members. The funds will be managed through a dedicated account within the Convenors' university. A financial report shall be presented to the PSA and to all group members each year along with the Annual Report, and will be posted on the group's website.

Priorities for the group's financial expenditure are:

- a) Offsetting travel, accommodation and registration costs so that postgraduate students may participate in events organised by the group.
- b) Offsetting travel, accommodation and registration costs so that regular group members can participate in the events organized by the group.
- c) Meeting the organisational costs (e.g. venue, refreshments) for one-off dedicated group workshops and events.
- d) Providing additional travel and accommodation costs for speakers at one-off dedicated group workshops.

On vacating office the convenor of the group shall hand over the books of account to his/her successor.

Amendments to the Constitution:

This constitution may be amended or altered by consensus amongst the group's members at any point, provided that no alteration shall contravene any part of the PSA's Constitution.

This constitution will be made available to all members of the group upon joining, and made public on the group's website.