

## Territorial Politics Specialist Group Constitution

### **1 Name**

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

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### **2 Objects**

The objects of the group are:

- 1) to promote the study of the UK and comparative territorial government and politics
  - 2) to facilitate contact between scholars engaged in the study of territorial politics;
  - 3) to organize conferences and such other events as may facilitate the achievement of objectives 1 and 2
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### **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 shall be a two year membership fee to be determined in the first instance at the Annual General Meeting and thereafter at the AGM held at the Group biennial conference. There will be a discounted membership fee for current PSA members.

### **4 Officers**

The officers of the group shall be members of the group at the time of election, and shall consist of two co-convenors and such other officers as the group deems necessary. In the first instance the officers of the group will be the existing co-convenors of the Group as recognised by the UK Political Studies Association. Thereafter officers shall hold office for two years and shall be elected by separate vote from among the members of the group at the biennial group conference under such rules of procedure as the AGM shall direct. 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 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.

### **6 Government**

The group shall be governed by the two co-convenors and such other officers of the group as defined above who shall be elected every two years under such rules of procedure as the AGM shall direct.

### **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 convenors or of other elected posts, vacancies shall be filled by election from among the members of the group under such rules of procedure as the existing elected officers 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 in the year that the group does not have a conference and in the year that it does at the specialist group's biennial conference. Not less than fourteen clear days notice of the AGM shall be given.

**10 General Meetings**

These shall be called at the discretion of the convenors 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 co-convenors on behalf of the group. A 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.

On vacating office group convenors shall hand over the books of account to their duly elected successors.

**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.**