

## **Constitution of the European Political Science Association**

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### **Article I: Names**

1. This Association shall be known as The European Political Science Association (hereafter, EPSA). The EPSA is registered to EPS Academic Ltd. (hereafter, EPSAL).
2. The EPSA journal, *Political Science Research and Methods* (hereafter, PSRM) is a registered trademark of EPSAL.

### **Article II: Purpose**

1. The Association's principal goal is promoting the scientific study of politics. The Association actively encourages in its membership and its journals, scientific research on significant contemporary political issues and policies.
2. The European Political Science Association was founded in 2010, to pursue the following objectives:
  - To provide a professional association for academic political scientists whose membership is based on individual subscriptions.
  - To and promote political science in Europe and to represent the interests of its members.
  - To host an annual general conference of political scientists, which increases the academic interaction between political scientists and fosters their knowledge of EPSA members' research.
  - To disseminate research results by publishing a general journal of political science, *Political Science Research and Methods*, launched in 2013.

### **Article III: Membership**

1. Any person sharing the purposes of this Association may become a member upon payment of annual dues.
2. Any person paying dues of a life member shall become a Life Member of this Association.
3. Any undergraduate or postgraduate student registered in a college or university may become a Student Member of the Association upon payment of dues and

may remain such while he or she is so registered, but for no more than three years. Student memberships expire with the completion of the Ph.D.

4. Each member shall be entitled to an electronic copy of each number of the official journal of the association (the *Political Science Research and Methods*) issued during his or her membership. All members, upon payment of such registration fee, shall be entitled to attend and to participate in the Annual Conference of EPSA after paying a discounted registration fee.

#### **Article IV: EPSA Council**

1. The EPSA Council consists of a President, the previous president, an Executive Director, a Treasurer-Vice President, a Chair of the Program Committee and between three and four elected Council Members. The Executive Director, the Treasurer-Vice-President, and the Chair of the Programme Committee shall be appointed by the board of EPSAL.
2. The President is elected by simple majority of the Council members and serves for a tenure of two years. After the tenure of the President terminates, this past President serves on the Council for another two years.
3. The elective officers shall be chosen by electronic vote of the members of the Association. Nominations are made by the Council. Tenure of elected Council members is three years.
4. The Editor of the *PSRM* will be selected by a search committee and become a member of the Council for the tenure of the editorship. The council also formally selects the co-editors based on nominations made by the Editor.
5. The Council meets once a year during the Annual Conference of EPSA. The Council receives from the President, the Conference organizers, the Treasurer, and the Chair of the DC, and the Editor of the *PSRM*. The Council will discuss any business related to the purpose of the association. The Council nominates the candidates for the next President and candidates for Council membership.
6. Council business will be conducted with simple majority. Changes and amendments to the constitution require a supermajority of more than two-thirds of the Council members.
7. The Council may establish ad hoc committees, as the business of the association may require, define their tasks and powers, and fix their terms and methods of appointment. The maximum tenure of ad hoc committees may not exceed three years.

#### **Article V: Appointive Officers.**

1. The EPSA Treasurer and the Executive Director are appointed by EPSAL.

2. EPSAL organizes the annual EPSA conferences, selects the conference venue and the chair, organizes the president's reception for the association, and agrees with the publisher of *PSRM* on a contract.

#### **Article VI: EPSA Journals**

1. EPSA runs a scientific journal titled *Political Science Research and Methods*. *PSRM* shall adhere to the highest scientific standards.
2. The Editor of *PSRM* shall be appointed by a Search Committee established by the Council members. The Nominating Committee will publicly circulate a call for the Editorship of the Association Journal; the Committee will review applications for the Editorship and make a final recommendation to the Council.
3. The Editor is responsible to the EPSA council in all scientific matters related to the journal.
4. The Editor nominates co-editors of the journal. The co-editors ought to be confirmed by majority of the council members.
5. The contract with the publisher is negotiated and confirmed by EPSAL.
6. EPSA may decide to launch additional journals. Such a decision requires the approval of EPSAL and a majority vote of the Council.

#### **Article VII: Business Meeting**

1. The membership of the Association duly assembled in the Annual Business Meeting during EPSA conferences.
2. The President will inform the participants of the Business Meeting about all council decisions and EPSA's ongoing business. The President also summarizes the reports of the treasurer, the conference chairs and the *PSRM* editor.

#### **Article VIII: President, Executive Director, Treasurer, Editor**

1. The President presides at Council meeting and the annual Business Meeting.
2. The Executive Director shall approve and have custody of the Council meeting.
3. The Treasurer-Vice-President determines the arrangements for the receipt, custody, and disbursement of Association funds, and for keeping the Association's accounts. He or she shall report the Association's financial condition to the Council.
4. The Chief Editor of the Association Journal shall edit and publish the journal, with the advice and assistance of the Board of Editors, and report its affairs to the Council.
5. The Executive Director shall be the chief executive officer of the Association and transact its administrative business. He or she shall make an annual report to the Council, consult with the President as questions of policy currently arise, and report directly to the board of EPSAL.

#### **Article IX: Programme Committee**

1. A Program Committee shall be responsible for preparing the professional program of the annual meetings of the Association. A Committee on Local Arrangements shall be responsible for assistance with accommodations and entertainment for members attending the annual meetings.
2. The Program Committee shall consist of no more 6 and no fewer than 3 EPSA members. The Chair and the members of the Program Committee are selected by EPSAL.

#### **Article X: Language**

1. The official language of the Association is English. All business including all association conferences and publications will be conducted in English.

#### **Article XI: Amendments**

1. Amendments of Articles II to XI of this Constitution may be made by the Council if the amendments are supported by two-thirds of the Council members. A change in Article I requires unanimity.