

PROPOSED BYLAWS OF THE NATIONALISM AND POLITICS SECTION OF THE AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION

I. Name of the Section

The name of the Section is Nationalism and Politics.

II. Purpose of the Section

The “Nationalism and Politics” section has five main goals:

- 1) To create an institutionalized space that fosters a community of political science scholars, researchers, and instructors interested in the study of nationalism, which can dialogue with other existing communities represented at APSA.
- 2) To address the geographical and disciplinary segmentation of the study of nationalism and the consequent lack of a coherent conversation.
- 3) To sponsor panels exploring topics related to the politics of nationalism. Some panels could be co-sponsored with other sections, such as Comparative Politics, International Relations, Immigration and Citizenship, Conflict Processes, Race, Ethnicity, and Politics, or Religion and Politics.
- 4) To recognize quality scholarship related to nationalism with awards.
- 5) To mentor younger scholars working on the politics of nationalism.

III. Membership

- A. All members of the American Political Science Association are eligible for membership in this Section.
- B. Associate membership in the Section is available to all non-political scientists who share an interest in the study or teaching of nationalism. Associate members may receive all benefits and services of regular members. Associate members shall be excluded from active and passive suffrage to the Executive Committee.
- C. Membership in the Section is determined by paying the section dues through the APSA membership form. Associate members must pay the section dues following the same procedure.
- D. The annual dues of the section shall be revised biannually at the annual meeting of the section, following the recommendation of the Executive Committee.
- E. The section shall meet during the American Political Science Association Annual Meeting. The meeting time and location shall be announced in the APSA program.

IV. Annual Dues

- A. Annual dues are \$10 for professional members. These dues should cover expenses for the services offered by the Section.
- B. Graduate students shall be excluded from the payment of these dues.

V. Governance of the Section

- A. The section shall be governed by an Executive Committee consisting of two section co-chairs, two division co-chairs, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and three ordinary members. The Executive Committee shall have executive powers between the section's Business Meeting, which shall take place during the APSA Annual Meeting.
- B. The section shall also include standing committees for the "Best Paper" delivered at the previous APSA Annual Meeting, the "Best Dissertation" defended during the last year, and two biennial prizes, for "Best Article" and "Best Book."
- C. The duties of these officers and standing committees are as follows:

The *Section Co-Chairs* of the section schedule all appropriate meetings and receptions at the annual APSA meetings; chair the meetings of the executive committee and the meeting of the section at the APSA annual meeting; appoint the section division co-chairs for the APSA annual meeting, the websites administrator, and the members of the standing committees; and are responsible for coordinating and implementing the activities of the section.

The *Division Co-Chairs* who draft the section's Call for Proposals over the summer, in light of the Conference Theme, and organize section panels for the annual meeting, as requested by the APSA executive council.

The *Secretary* records and maintains the minutes of the Executive Council and annual business meeting and communicates relevant information to the section members [through the website and listserv administrator].

The *Treasurer* maintains the section's financial records, communicates relevant information to members, and prepares the Section's Annual Report for the American Political Science Association.

The *Website Administrator* keeps the section website updated with new officers, committee members, and other relevant information. The administrator also subscribes and unsubscribes members, as requested.

The *Best Dissertation Committee* designates the annual award for the Best Dissertation category.

The *Best Paper Committee* designates the annual award for the Best Paper delivered at the previous APSA annual meeting in the Nationalist and Politics section. The Division chairs from the previous year shall serve on this committee.

The *Best Article Committee* designates the biennial award for the Best Article published in the previous year on the topic of nationalism in a peer-reviewed journal.

The *Best Book Committee* designates the biennial award for the Best Book in the category of nationalism.

The *Newsletter Committee* produces a yearly newsletter offering information on news and topics of importance to the section.

The three *At-large Members of the Executive Committee* are responsible for filling all vacancies in any office when these occur before the end of the term and until the next election, auditing the annual report of the Treasurer, interpreting these bylaws, proposing amendments, or receiving petitions to the bylaws.

D. The terms of the elected section officers shall be as follows.

The section co-chairs, secretary, and treasurer shall serve for two-year staggered terms. At the second business meeting, one of the two section co-chairs and the secretary will step down to facilitate the staggering of subsequent terms.

The co-division chairs shall serve for a one-year term.

The members of the standing committees and the at-large members of the executive committee shall serve for a one-year term.

VI. Election of Officers

Inaugural Offices: The promoters of the Nationalism and Politics section will bring a proposal for the Initial Section Officers to the first business meeting at APSA. The inaugural members of the Executive Committee will be confirmed by a plurality vote in the section's first annual business meeting.

No later than three months before the second annual business meeting at APSA, the co-chairs, in consultation with the Executive Committee, shall solicit nominations or self-nominations to members of the section for the offices to be filled that year. These nominations should come with a brief statement in support of the nominee. The final slate of nominations should represent the diverse interests of the section, be gender equal, and include single nominees for all offices to be filled that

year. The slate shall be distributed to the Section members no later than two weeks before the annual business meeting. The nominee shall be ratified by a plurality vote of all members participating in the election.

Section members may nominate candidates for any office or committee (except Co-Chairs) at the Annual Section Meeting or by submitting a petition to the Co-Chairs prior to the meeting.

Contested offices shall be filled by secret ballot at the Annual Section Meeting. Winners shall be determined by a plurality vote of all members participating in the election.

All new officers shall take office after the business meeting.

The Executive Committee should settle questions or conflicts regarding any election.

VII. Activities of the Section

In addition to the Panels organized during the APSA Annual Meeting, the section may organize workshops, pre-conference courses, mini-conferences, symposia, or social gatherings at the Annual Meetings of the American Political Science Association and any regional or other professional meetings. The coordination of these events shall be the responsibility of the section co-chairs and division co-chairs of the section in consultation with other members of the Executive Committee.

VIII. Section Awards

The section can give awards as it deems appropriate. Awards committees shall be named by the section co-chairs.

The section can give awards to the following categories: “Best Book,” “Best Article,” “Best Paper,” and “Best Dissertation” delivered at the previous APSA annual meeting in the Nationalism and Politics section. These awards can be offered – or withheld – at the discretion of the Awards committees and the section co-chairs.

IX. Amendment of Bylaws

These bylaws shall be made available through email to those who signed the petition to organize the section. After the Bylaws are approved in the first Business Meeting, amendments to these bylaws may be proposed by the Executive Council or by a petition signed by at least 15 members of the Section. Proposed amendments shall be made available on the Section website and via e-mail no later than two weeks before the annual meeting. The Business Meeting shall then have the power to modify, alter, or

amend the section's bylaws by a majority vote. Unless otherwise specified, amendments shall be effective upon approval by the section.

X. Action in the event of an emergency

In the event that there is no annual meeting of the APSA, the Executive Council shall hold the Annual Business Meeting virtually, either at the time previously scheduled during the Annual Business Meeting or at another time. If the latter, the Executive Council shall give the section membership at least two weeks' advance notice of that meeting.

XI. Diversity and Inclusion

Following the Diversity and Inclusion of Leadership statement in the APSA Organized Section Handbook, III.C, the section shall make a concerted effort to nominate officers that reflect the diverse characteristics of its members, "including race, ethnicity, actual or perceived, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, region of the country, country of origin, type of institution, and—as applicable—professional interest and methodological orientation."