

## **BISA Global Health Working Group**

### **Constitution**

1.1 The Global Health Working Group was formally established in January 2011. The group has three principle aims: i) to consolidate and promote existing research on the politics of global health being conducted by scholars of international relations, politics, economics, sociology, anthropology and public health; ii) to provide a forum for discussion as to how the study of international politics can better engage in global health, and what global health offers for understanding the processes, actors and policies involved in governing global politics; iii) to highlight the relevance and importance of global health in the study and research of international politics.

1.2 The convenor(s) are responsible for the running of the working group, including: seeking and enrolling new members; maintaining the website, the membership database and email lists; seeking proposals for conference panels at BISA and ISA; seeking proposals for workshops, seminars and working group events; administering the working group funds through their institution; and organising an AGM. The convenor can delegate these tasks as they see fit. Convenors will serve two year terms, and no more than two consecutive terms.

1.3 Convenors will be elected by an online ballot of working group members (current BISA membership is required in order to vote). This will take place in January (first election January 2014), and will be administered by a member of the working group who is not standing for election. New convenors will take-over the following June (first change June 2014). Notifications will be provided through the working group email list. Any working group member who is a current BISA member is eligible to stand; candidates also require a proposer and a seconder (both of whom must be a working group member who is a current BISA member).

2.1 Anyone can become a member of the working group by emailing the convenor with the following information: Name, institution, email address, research interests. No payment is required. BISA membership is not required for working group membership, although it is encouraged. Members consent to having their information listed in the members' directory on the website. Emails can be sent to the working group list through the convenor (and subject to their discretion).

2.2 Members can propose events for which BISA funding can be applied. To be eligible for funding applicants must be members of BISA. The level of funding applied for will be at the discretion of the convenor, on criteria of: the level of funds made available by BISA; the number of bids; the fit with the aims of the working group; the potential for original academic outputs; the involvement of postgraduate students; the number of working group members involved; value for money.

2.3 Members can propose panels for working group and/or BISA slots at BISA and ISA conferences. The ranking of these proposals will be at the discretion of the convenor, on criteria of: the fit with the aims of the working group; the potential for original academic outputs; the involvement of postgraduate students; the number of working group members involved.

3.1 Amendments to the constitution can be made following a proposal circulated by email in advance of the AGM (usually held at the BISA annual conference), followed by a discussion with members at the AGM at which a vote may be taken, and a summary of the discussion circulated

by email following the AGM. After following this process, and taking reasonable consideration of the views and advice of members, changes to the constitution can be made by the convenor.

3.2 Complaints about the running of the working group should be resolved in the first instance through the convenor or the membership. If this fails complaints can be made to the BISA Trustee responsible for working groups. See <http://bisa.ac.uk/>

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