



International Sociological Association

Thematic Group on Senses and Society, TG07

Statutes

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ARTICLE I. Thematic Group on Senses and Society

The Thematic Group on 'Senses and Society' (hereinafter TG07) has been established in 2011 in accordance with article 4 of the statutes of the International Sociological Association (ISA)

ARTICLE II. Objectives

The objectives of TG07 are to promote the development of high quality research, to support their publication, and to advance the international exchange of scholarly information and analysis of the senses in social processes among researchers.

ARTICLE III. Activities

The following are the major means employed to achieve these objectives:

- a) Producing and disseminating a free Newsletter to members at regular intervals – at least two issues per year – in order to share information and promote collaboration;
- b) Organising a programme of activities at ISA World Congresses;
- c) Promoting workshops, conferences, and other similar activities;
- d) Facilitating exchange of information on theoretical and methodological developments among researchers in fields related to the senses in society.

ARTICLE IV. Membership

TG07 welcomes individual members, who shall be either regular members or affiliated members.

Regular members shall be individuals in good standing of the ISA – that is, those who are paid members of both TG07 and the ISA.

Affiliated members shall be individuals who have paid TG07 dues but are not members in good standing of the ISA.

All regular and affiliated members of TG07 shall be entitled to vote and participate in activities of TG07. Affiliated members may not stand for election to the Board of TG07.

All regular and affiliated members of TG07 are expected to:

Observe the present TG07 Statutes;

Fulfill tasks entrusted to them at the General Meeting or by other bodies of TG07;

Pay TG07 and/or ISA dues in a timely manner.

Regular members pay dues to the ISA Secretariat.

Affiliated members pay dues to the Treasurer of TG07.

Fees for regular member – please refer to the ISA statutes

Affiliation fees for TG07 - USD 20 (USD 10 Discount) for a 4-year period.

ARTICLE V. TG07 Board

The Board of TG07 consists of 5 offices, elected through the procedures elaborated in Article VII:

- a) President
- b) Secretary/Treasurer
- c) Newsletter Editor
- d) 6-8 Members at Large
- e) Past President

Each officer serves for a term, which commences at the time s/he is elected at a World Congress and ends at the Business Meeting of TG07 at the next World Congress.

The function of the Board is to:

- a) Promote the objectives of TG07 and facilitate its activities;
- b) Appoint a representative, and one deputy to act as an alternate, to represent it in the Research Council;
- c) Organise a programme of activities at each World Congress.

Each member of the Board must at all times be:

- a) A member in good standing of the ISA, and,

- b) A member in good standing of TG07.

The Board aims to achieve regional representation of TG07 membership.

A Board member will be appointed to keep records of TG07 activities, including minutes of meetings and official correspondence.

Any member of the Board who does not carry out the basic functions of Board membership, or offer appropriate reasons for the temporary inability to do so, shall, after a period of 6 months be given notice by the President after consultation with the other officers – or in the case of the President's inactivity, the Secretary/Treasurer in consultation with the other officers – be deemed to have resigned unless circumstances make this inappropriate.

The Board may fill temporary vacancies in the Board between consecutive ISA World Congresses by appointment, in accordance with ISA Statute 4.5, with the reasons for the choice explained at the following General Business Meeting of TG07.

One of the Board members, chosen by the Board, will assume the responsibilities of the President of the Board in the case of death, incapacitation, resignation or other inability of the incumbent to carry out the responsibilities of the office of the President. In the case of the President's membership in ISA and/or TG07 lapsing, the Secretary/Treasurer is required to inform the Board and to serve a three-month period of grace notice on the President after which the above mentioned replacement measures will be put into effect.

A statement of financial affairs will be given by the Secretary/Treasurer to the Board annually and to the Business Meeting held every four years during the ISA World Congress.

ARTICLE VI. General Business Meeting

A General Business Meeting of members shall be held during each World Congress.

In this meeting, members will:

- a) Receive reports on the work of TG07 since the last General Meeting;
- b) Plan future activities;
- c) Give guidance regarding the work of TG07, inter alia, by passing resolutions.

Decisions at the General Business Meeting are taken by simple majority.

ARTICLE VII. Electoral Procedures

The election of the Board shall take place by electronic ballot or at the Business Meeting of TG07 held during the World Congress.

All TG07 members in good standing shall be eligible to vote.

A Nominations and Elections Committee comprised of three regular members of TG07 who do not intend to stand for office will manage the election process. The Board will seek volunteers for the Committee and appoint them to their roles.

All nominations must be submitted to the Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee at least three months before the first day of the World Congress, along with evidence of support of three other regular or affiliated members of TG07 in good standing.

The Nominations and Elections Committee is responsible for preparing the list of nominations and conducting the elections for each position.

A regular member may be a candidate for more than one office but may only serve in one office at a time.

After two consecutive full terms on the TG07 Board, no member is eligible for a further consecutive term. Members may, however, stand for election again after a term of retirement from the Board.

The Chair of the Nominations and Elections Committee shall prepare a ballot listing all nominated candidates (and their home country) for each position on the Board and specify an Election Day with a deadline for the receipt of ballots. In case of more than one nomination to the same position, the nominated candidates shall be listed in alphabetical order. The ballot shall be sent to TG07 members by email at least ten weeks before Election Day. Election Day will be no later than two weeks before the beginning of the World Congress.

TG07 members shall send their ballot by email to the designated electoral officer(s). Ballots received after Election Day shall not be counted. Board members are elected on the basis of a simple majority of ballots received by the deadline specified. In the case of a tie between candidates, the issue is resolved in a manner that is mindful of regional representation, and for candidates from the same region, by drawing lots.

If a position in the Board remains vacant after completion of the election by electronic ballot, the Nominations and Elections Committee may facilitate a voting procedure at the Business Meeting of TG07 allowing regular members present at the meeting to elect Board members.

ARTICLE VIII. Final Regulations

Amendments to statutes must be proposed to the Chair in writing at least 30 days prior to scheduled TG07 Business Meetings. Amendments are discussed at the Business Meetings and voted by simple majority of members present, or voting in case of email ballot.

Any proposal for amendments to the Statutes or By Laws may be made by any member of the Board, or by any five members in good standing of TG07. Such a proposal must be received by the Board at least one year before the World Congress. The proposal shall be circulated among all TG07 members, together with an explanation of its rationale, at least six months before the next World Congress. The Board will be entitled to propose amendments, to be circulated at least two months before the World Congress. The proposed amendments shall be put to the General Meeting, and adopted if approved by a two-thirds majority.

