

# **Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Constitution**

## **1. Name**

The name of the society to be registered under Hong Kong jurisdiction shall be Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society, hereinafter referred to as the Society.

## **2. Aims and Functions**

2.1. To provide an international, interdisciplinary or trans-disciplinary organization for promoting inter-Asia cultural studies.

2.2. To provide a forum where those involved in inter-Asia cultural studies can meet and exchange information about their work.

2.3. To organize a biennial international conference, i.e. Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society conference, which is the official and regular conference of the Society.

2.4. To disseminate information about inter-Asia cultural studies through website, bulletin and other means; and provide information on sources and resources about inter-Asia cultural studies to encourage their development.

2.5. To encourage the development of research and systematic study in topics and in areas where such study is not well developed so as to recognize inter-Asia cultural studies as an area for scholarly research.

2.6. The Society sets up a consortium of Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Institutions, to create and encourage a transborder academic programme across Asian academic institutions that can develop methodologies for comparative studies and cross-regional debates across Asia; to create bilateral and multilateral cooperation between academic institutions; to facilitate exchanges; and to support the development of new curricula and joint teaching and research programmes. The purpose of the consortium is to develop academic exchange and cooperation in education and research; to facilitate student and academic staff exchanges; to promote joint research activities and exchange of academic material; to design joint post-graduate courses in Inter-Asia Cultural Studies; and to work towards joint post-graduate degree programs.

## **3. Membership**

Membership of the Society consists of individual members, and associate members.

3.1 Individual membership is open to any person interested in inter-Asia cultural studies.

3.2 Associate membership is open to all non-profit-making organizations, institutions, associations and groups interested in and supportive of the aims and functions of the Society.

3.3. Members have the right to resign from the Society by a written notice to the Board or its Chair.

3.4. A person ceases to be a member of the Society if the person: – dies – fails to pay the membership fee upon its expiry – is expelled from the Society.

3.5. The Board may expel a member from the Society if the member has in any activity within or outside the Society remarkably harmed the Society.

#### **4. Governing Bodies**

4.1. The Society is steered by the Board composed of the Chair and Vice-Chair and of at least 3 and at most 12 other members elected in the General Assembly. The Board has the responsibility and power to make decisions pertinent to carrying out the work of the Society.

4.2. The Board will be elected for a term in office of two years.

4.4. The Society establishes the Executive Committee for implementing the Board's decision and organizing activities of the Society. The Executive Committee consists of the Chair, Vice-chair, General Secretary, Treasurer and other office bearers as needed; and may hire administrative staff members if needed.

4.5. The Board holds a meeting from the invitation of the Chair, or when the Chair is excused, the Vice-Chair, or when at least half of the Board members demand it.

4.6. The quorum of the Board shall be at least half of its members, including the Chair or Vice-Chair. Decisions are decided by majority vote. In case of a tie, the vote of the Chair is decisive.

4.7. Board meetings are as a rule held virtually as email discussions.

#### **5. The Signatories of the Society**

5.1. The signatories of the Society are the Chair, Vice-Chair, General Secretary and the Treasurer, with a minimum of two of the four signatories. The Board may grant a person the right to act as a signatory of the Society by making a separate decision about it.

#### **6. The Financial Year**

6.1. The financial period of the Society is one calendar year.

#### **7. General Assembly**

7.1. General Assembly is held every two years during the Inter-Asia Cultural Studies Society Conference if possible.

7.2. A Special General Assembly may be held when the Board considers necessary or as demanded by at least one tenth (1/10) of the Individual Members.

7.3. Each individual member has one vote, associate members have no vote.

7.4. Decision of the Assembly is made by the majority of the votes. In case of a tie, the Chair's vote will be decisive.

**8. Changing the Rules of the Society.**

8.1. The decision to change the rules of the society or to dissolve the Society must be made in a General Assembly by a two third majority of the given votes.