

BISA working group
“CRIPT – Contemporary Research in International Political Theory”

Constitution

1. Group Purpose

CRIPT – Contemporary Research in International Political Theory is one of BISA’s longest operating working groups, established in the 1990s. Its main purpose is to foster research in international political theory.

CRIPT aims to create a forum for those interested in the application of political and critical social theory to world politics. CRIPT is also keenly committed to supporting the work of early-career researchers and sponsors events that provide career development opportunities for the next generation of theoretically oriented IR scholars.

The working group has a non-hierarchic structure and welcomes ideas and suggestions from both its members and non-members. It runs a mailing list and is happy to disseminate information about events related to international political theory to its members and mailing list subscribers.

Like other BISA working groups, CRIPT participates in key BISA activities, contributes to its annual conference by submitting and sponsoring panels and roundtables and by organising or co-organising other research events for which it seeks funding from BISA and other funding bodies.

Support of postgraduate students and early career researchers has been at the heart of CRIPT since its establishment and the working group contributes to postgraduate/early career events in the area of international political theory.

2. Role of the group convener

2.1 Responsibilities

The convener has overall responsibility for the running of the working group and ensuring the group meets its obligations to BISA, including timely submission of annual reports and financial statement and active participation of the group in BISA conference. In addition the convener has responsibility for:

- seeking and enrolling new members;
- maintaining the website, the membership database and email lists (and ensuring compliance with the Data Protection Act);
- 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 (usually held at BISA annual conference).

The convener can co-opt assistants from the working group membership and/or delegate these tasks as they see fit while retaining overall responsibility to BISA for the appropriate running of the working group.

Joint conveners are permitted.

2.2 Terms of office and elections

Conveners will serve two-year terms, and no more than two consecutive terms.

Conveners will be elected by an online ballot of those working group members who are also current BISA members at the time of the ballot. It is the responsibility of the current convener to hold the ballot in the period before their term runs out. 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 require a proposer (can be self-

proposed) and a seconder who is not currently running for convenership. Both must be working group members and also current BISA members.

3. Membership

Anyone can become a member of the working group by emailing the convener with the following information: Name, institution, status, email address, optionally also research interests. No payment is required. BISA membership is not required for working group membership but it is strongly encouraged. Unless requested otherwise, members consent to having their information listed in the members' directory on the group's website. Emails can be sent to the working group list through the convener (and subject to their discretion).

Members can propose events for which BISA working group funding can be applied. The level of funding applied for will be at the discretion of the convener, 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.

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 convener, on criteria of: the fit with the aims of the working group; the potential for original academic outputs; the number of working group members involved.

4. Amendments to the constitution

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, and BISA regulations, changes to the constitution can be made by the convener.

5. Complaints

Complaints about the running of the working group should be resolved in the first instance through the convener 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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