

Constitution of the BISA NGO Working Group

1. The name of the group is the British International Studies Association Non-Governmental Working Group (BISA NGO WG) (hereafter “the group”).
2. The group is a recognised BISA working group. The British International Studies Association is a registered charity (No. 269284).
3. The purpose of the group is to further the aims as described below.
4. The current convenors can be found at http://bisa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=266&catid=37&Itemid=68
5. The conveners will actively seek to include members in the group’s decision making process. This will normally be through the groups email list.
6. Online elections of officers and conveners will take place every two years. Members of the BISA NGO WG email list are all eligible to vote. Members will be notified of the method of voting by email. The results of elections will be notified to all members by email.
7. In accordance with the BISA Working Group Guidelines conveners must be current BISA members. PhD students may be convenors, but only as part of a team including academic staff and/or practitioners.
8. Proposed constitutional changes will be notified to members by email. If no email objections are received by the convenors within 28 days proposed changes will be adopted. Where there are objections to proposed changes the group will arrange for a vote on proposed changes to be taken and the result relayed to the membership.
9. Complaints should be addressed to the convenors in the first place. If complaints cannot be resolved by the convenors please contact the BISA executive committee (bisa@aber.ac.uk).

Aims

1. To promote the study of non-governmental organisations in world politics (including their role in domestic and transnational civil society; their involvement in processes of global governance; their effect on international policy negotiations; and questions relating to their legitimacy and accountability, amongst other issues).
2. To provide a forum where the implications and interconnections between such issues can be discussed.
3. To facilitate networking and collaboration between scholars and practitioners of similar interests.