

CHARTER OF THE ETHNICITY, NATIONALISM AND MIGRATION SECTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION

I. Name

This organization will be known as the **Ethnicity, Nationalism and Migration Section [ENM]** of the **International Studies Association [ISA]**, or as **ENMISA**.

II. Purposes

1. The aim of the Section is to foster research and scholarly communication in the realm of ethnic studies, nationalism and migration. The organization's intellectual and professional purview is conceived broadly and includes, in addition to the subjects explicitly noted in its name, such other characteristics of populations as culture, race, religion and language, as these may affect human life and/or international relations.
2. The Section strongly encourages interdisciplinary research collaboration and communication, and will foster comparative studies across groups, societies, regions and time. Its interdisciplinary and comparative aims will be reflected in such professional endeavors as the organization of panels and other activities at the general and regional meetings of ISA and in other fora; in reaching out to other professional organizations, across the boundaries of disciplines, countries and sections of ISA; and in any publications it may sponsor.
3. The Section also encourages communication with scholars, educators, members of policy communities and other interested groups outside the framework of ISA. Such interactions will always flow from scholarly considerations rather than political engagement, since, in view of the limitations contained in the constitution of its parent organization, the Section is precluded from engaging in policy advocacy or partisan political activity.

III. Relationships

1. ENMISA will actively seek cooperative relationships with other Sections and with the Regions of ISA and with other professional and scholarly organizations with shared interests. Such cooperation may take the form of jointly sponsored activities at ISA meetings, the collaborative pursuit of funding for research and publication, and the joint organization of special conferences with other professional organizations or with Regions of ISA.

IV. Membership

1. Membership in ENMISA/ISA is open to all members of ISA who share the purposes and interests of ENM and who pay ENM Section dues. Non-members of ISA may join ENM provisionally on the premise that within a few years, as determined in the by-laws, they will become ISA members.

2. Section membership conveys the privileges and, where appropriate, attendant professional responsibilities of participation in the professional activities and business of the Section, including:
 - voting at the annual business meetings of the Section, to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of ISA;
 - sponsoring and/or standing for election to office in the Section;
 - proposing panels, papers or other Section-sponsored events at ISA's annual meetings and any other venues in which the Section may participate;
 - receiving the publications and communications of the Section.

V. Officers

1. The elected officers of ENMISA are the executive officers and the at-large members of the Executive Committee. The executive officers are the Chair, the Chair-elect or Past-Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the Communications director. The Executive Committee shall consist of all these elected officers. All officers shall be elected for two-year terms. Two at-large members of the Executive Committee shall be elected each year for two-year staggered terms. Elections for all executive officers shall be held prior to the ISA annual conventions in odd-numbered years according to the procedures stipulated in Section VI below. All officers shall begin their terms at the end of the section business meeting held at the next ISA annual convention. .
2. Officers will be elected by mail ballot, subject to ratification at the Section's annual business meeting as stipulated in VI.6. The Chair-Elect will serve in that capacity for a term of one year and will succeed to the Chair for a term of two years. Following her or his term as Chair of the Section, the Chair will succeed to the position of Past-Chair, for a one-year term.
3. Each spring, the Chair- shall name a program coordinator for the two-year period culminating in the ISA conference to be held two years later. The Vice-chair will assist the Chair and other officers by mutual agreement as the situation requires.
4. The posts of Treasurer, Secretary and Communications director will be filled by election for terms of two years, renewable for one additional consecutive term:
 - a. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the maintenance and management of the accounts, revenues and expenditures of the Section, and will provide formal accounting of the financial circumstances of the Section at the annual business meeting
 - b. The Secretary will record the proceedings of the annual business meeting and all meetings of the Executive Committee and be responsible for maintaining these and all other formal records of the Section, including the Charter and any by-laws the Section may enact, membership lists, and other Section documents. The Secretary of ENM will be responsible for supervising the distribution to the membership, in accord with the times specified in VI.3 and VI.4 below, of the Nominating Committee's report and any other slates of nominees that may be offered consistent with the provisions of section VI below.
 - c. The Communications director will be responsible for the Section's official media of communication including a Web Page and e-mail lists.

VI. Nominations and Elections

1. A Nominating Committee composed of all members of the Executive Committee, led by a non-member of this committee appointed by the ENMISA Chair, shall prepare a list of nominees for each office of the section, following procedures specified in VI.6.
2. One or more nominees will be identified by the Committee for each office to be filled by election. The Committee shall take great care to ensure that, over time, the choices among candidates reflect the greatest diversity in disciplinary, intellectual and methodological stances and representativeness in age, gender, type of institution and geographic provenance that is consistent with the highest qualifications, abilities and commitment essential to carry out the Section's work.
3. The names and qualifications of one or more nominees for each vacant position shall be communicated to the ENMISA membership at least two months prior to the annual business meeting at which results are to be announced.
4. Additional nominations can be placed on the ballot through petition by at least ten members of the Section, provided they are communicated to the Nominating Committee not less than one month prior to the election for which they are intended.
5. The Secretary and the Chair of the Nominating Committee will be jointly responsible for supervising the Nominating Committee's report and any other slates of nominees that may be offered consistent with the provisions of Section VI of this Charter.
6. Elections should be conducted by mail ballot in advance of the business meeting. Results will be announced at the annual business meeting where they shall be formally ratified, subject to any final adjustments that might be needed – see V.2. All members of the Section will be eligible to vote. Elections could take place at the business meeting in extraordinary situations, such as a tie.

VII. Charter Amendments

1. Amendments to the ENM Section Charter may be proposed by the Executive Committee or by a petition of at least ten current members of the Section. Proposed amendments will be submitted to the Chair and the Secretary of the Section not less than two months prior to the annual meeting at which they are to be considered. Such amendments will be discussed and acted upon at the annual business meeting.
2. If an amendment is supported by a majority vote of members in attendance at the annual meeting, it will be submitted to a mail ballot of all current members. Amendments will be considered adopted if supported by a two-thirds majority of those responding to the mail ballot within one month of mailing.
3. All amendments to the Charter approved by the Section's membership in accord with VII.1 and VII.2 above will be submitted to ISA's Executive Director and Governing Council.
4. The normal practices of the Section will be prescribed in a by-law to be adopted and revised at the annual business meeting.
5. The shift to two-year terms shall take effect for all officers, including chair-elect, taking office in 2009.