The Political Demography and Geography Section Charter (last revised April 2018)

Article 1: Name: This organization shall be known as the Political Demography and Geography Section of the International Studies Association.

Article 2: Affiliation: Political Demography and Geography is a section of the International Studies Association and, as such, subscribes to ISA’s purposes and supports its activities.

Article 3: Purposes: Political Demography and Geography Section is dedicated to bringing together researchers who, at all levels of analysis and with respect to the entire range of international political questions, pursue these issues using (1) formally stated, logically derived or inductively developed arguments and/or (2) systematically collected, graphically represented and/or analyzed empirical data. Following the canons of scientific inquiry, the section seeks to support and promote replicable research in terms of the clarity of a theoretical argument and/or the testing and graphical representation of hypotheses.

Article 4: Eligibility: Eligibility for participation in activities of the Political Demography and Geography Section requires membership in ISA and section membership with the Political Demography and Geography Section. Section membership is open to any ISA member. All current section members have full voting rights at the annual section business meeting.

Article 5: Officers: Those eligible members in attendance at the scheduled business meeting during the ISA Annual Convention shall nominate and elect a Section Board consisting of seven members to include: a Section Chair, a Program Chair, and four at-large board members. The seventh member will be the immediate past Chair. All elected board terms are for two years, with half of the board members up for election every year. In the event that the Chair is re-elected for a second term, the 7th board spot may be filled by an additional at-large election. The board selects among themselves a Distinguished Scholar Award coordinator and a Graduate Student Award coordinator.

Article 6: ISA program coordination: The chair, together with the section program chair and the board, will work with the ISA program chair to develop for the Annual Convention a set of panels that promote the section’s goals, as stated in Article 3. The types of panels envisaged include, but are not restricted to, (1) substantive panels that focus on a major theoretical question of at the intersection between politics, economics and demography/geography from a formal, analytic and/or empirical perspective, (2) methodologically oriented and spatial panels in which possibly diverse questions are examined using the same methodology or display procedures, and (3) comparative methodology panels that explore the optimal matching between theoretical issues, graphic representations and available methodologies. The chair and program chair will also work with the ISA program chair to minimize conflicts among political demography and geography panels scheduled for ISA conferences.

Article 7: Dues: Changes in the dues are proposed by the board and subject to approval at the annual business meeting.

Article 8: Amendments: Amendments to this charter may be proposed by any three current members of the Political Demography and Geography Section. Proposals must be submitted to the section chair at least one month prior to the section business meeting during the ISA Annual Convention. Amendments to the charter have to be approved by at least 2/3 of the eligible membership present at the section business meeting.