INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES SECTION (IDSS)

BY-LAWS

Article I - Name

The organization shall be known as the “Interdisciplinary Studies Section” (IDSS).

Article II - Purpose

This section is dedicated to the application of an interdisciplinary perspective to the study of international, transnational, and regional issues, with special emphasis on sources of conflict, patterns of change and continuity, and the development of societies and institutions within the international system. The section encourages innovative research and exploration of paradigms and methodologies in analyzing these complex phenomena. IDSS actively seeks to bring scholars, policy makers, and practitioners together in a cooperative effort to achieve a synergism between divergent disciplines and perspectives.

Article III - Membership

Full membership shall be accorded an ISA member who pays IDSS dues.

IDSS members have the right to elect the chairperson (or President), to participate in IDSS activities, and to receive all IDSS sponsored publications.

Article IV - Affiliation

IDSS is a section of the International Studies Association and will meet annually with that organization.

IDSS maintains a strong interest in establishing ties with other professional organizations with similar purposes.

Article V - Organization

Decision-making authority on IDSS programs and policies will be vested in all members attending the annual section business meeting.

The members present at the annual section business meeting shall elect all the officers of the Executive Council.

The members present will set dues, and will adopt and revise, as needed, the by-laws of the section.

Article VI - Officers

The Executive Council (EC) comprises 7 elective officers, including the President, the Vice-President and President-elect and the Secretary. The President serves a two-year term. The Vice-President and President-elect serve a two-year term as Vice-President and then another two-year term as President. The Secretary serves a two-year term as do all other EC members. The members of the EC will consult with and advise the President on all matters concerning the section.

The President shall be responsible for initiating IDSS programs in consultation with the members of the EC. The President is responsible for fundraising activities. The President presides over meetings of the
Executive Council and the annual business meeting, prepares an annual report, and serves together with the Vice-President as co-chair of the IDSS conference. The President is responsible for nominating the Vice-President and the Secretary.

The Vice-President is co-chair of the IDSS Conference and works with the President on issues in which her/his assistance is requested by the President. In case of the President’s unavailability due to an emergency, the Vice-President assumes responsibility for the Section’s affairs until such time as the President is ready to resume her/his duties of office.

The Secretary is responsible for the organization of the Section’s annual business meeting. The Secretary works with the President to prepare the agenda for the meeting, takes minutes at the meeting and oversees the elections by secret ballot.

**Article VII - Amendments**

Amendments to this charter may be made by a simple majority of the IDSS members present at the annual meeting, after endorsement by a two-thirds majority vote of members who respond within four weeks to notification of changes.