

IPSA/RC20 Political Finance and Political Corruption

Statement of Principles and Objectives

As convenors of IPSA/RC20, it is our intention to pursue the following objectives:

- To develop and promote cutting-edge and credible research in our field, by encouraging innovative theoretical insights, the use of new technologies and methods, and by setting high standards in both qualitative and quantitative research.
- To foster international cooperation and encourage and maintain collaborative research endeavours.
- To promote networking among political scientists with similar interests and to provide opportunities for junior researchers, from different parts of the world, to meet to share their research in a welcoming, respectful, and supporting environment and to build their professional networks.
- To disseminate information about activities and job opportunities in the field and to create the conditions for scholarly research to be noted and published.
- To provide a space for evidence-based policy dialogue between individuals and organisations concerned with political finance and political corruption.

We want to keep the committee at the forefront of the field and to do so we need a forward-looking board that encourages and supports interdisciplinary research that can lead to innovative solutions and new theoretical frameworks to address the complexities of political finance and political corruption.

To this end, a new IPSA/RC20 Board has been elected during the bi-annual meeting in Oxford, on August 1, 2024. The Board's composition is in line with IPSA's standards and rules. It includes people with different backgrounds, ideas, and experiences, and it is equally sensitive to gender, age, and geographical balance.

The current governing structure of IPSA/RC20 is as follows:

The Board is assisted by a Chair (Luís de Sousa), a co-Chair (Guillaume Fontaine), and a Secretary (Magnus Ohman). The Chair and co-Chair have the responsibility for the decisions made on behalf of IPSA/RC20, for representing IPSA/RC20 in all IPSA meetings and events and for reporting, on a regular basis, to the Board, to IPSA/RC20 members and to IPSA governing bodies.