

# **Constitution**

## **Mission Statement**

The Modernist Studies in Asia Network (MSIA) aims to support and advance the study of modernism in Asia. Attentive to modernism's manifestations in and connections to Asia itself, while also creating a space for the discussion of modernist cultures in other parts of the world, the MSIA aspires to facilitate robust dialogues and collaboration between modernist scholars within and beyond Asia.

## **Activities of the Network**

To provide a regional hub for scholars of modernist studies within and beyond Asia, the Network (MSIA) shall:

1. Maintain a website, mailing list and social media networks.
2. Gather and disseminate information relating to modernist studies in Asia and elsewhere, and exchange such information with other modernist studies organizations.
3. Organize conferences, colloquiums, and workshops in a variety of academic venues in Asia.
4. Collaborate with Asian and international scholars and organizations.
5. Support publishing initiatives that facilitate modernist studies in Asia.

## **Membership**

Membership of the MSIA shall be open to all interested in modernist studies within and beyond Asia. Members shall be entitled to host and attend MSIA events, vote through the MSIA's online networks, and stand for election to MSIA offices. The steering committee shall reserve the right to make the payment of an appropriate fee a condition for membership as and when paid membership is deemed necessary to sustain and further develop the network.

## **Executive Committee**

The MSIA shall be administered by an Executive Committee consisting of a Chair, a Secretary, a Membership and Promotion Officer, an External Relations Officer, a News and Publications Office, and a Webmaster responsible for the Network's Web

development and infrastructure. In addition, there will be two postgraduate representatives coordinating postgraduate students' interest and participation in the events and activities of the Network. Other officers may be added later at the discretion of the Network. Each Executive Committee member shall be elected for a three-year term, with the possibility of seeking re-election. Postgraduate representatives will normally be elected for two years. Terms of office will be staggered according to role and thus elections will be conducted on a rotational basis to ensure continuity through periods of change. The election of all Committee members and postgraduate representatives shall be conducted online in a fair and transparent process. Information about the election will be communicated to members at least two months prior to the election.

### **General Meetings**

The MSIA Executive Committee shall call, at least once every two years, a general meeting. This meeting will normally be scheduled during a conference organized by the Network. At the general meetings, the Executive Committee shall report on the state and development of the MSIA, solicit views and suggestions from members, and encourage any member in good standing to stand for election to the Executive Committee.

### **Quorum**

1. In the Executive Committee, a quorum consists of at least 50% of the elected members.
2. In a General Meeting, a quorum consists of 10% of subscribed members.

### **Advisory Board**

The MSIA shall maintain an international advisory board. The Executive Committee shall invite distinguished senior scholars in the field from diverse contexts to serve on the board. The role of the advisory board shall be to provide guidance and advice, and the Executive Committee shall call upon the expertise of advisory board members to further the development of the Network.