

***THE SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF
DIFFERENCE***

STATUTES OF CONSTITUTION

Art. 1 Personality

- 1 The name of this society is the 'The Society for the Study of Difference' also to be known as 'The SSD'.
- 2 The purpose of The SDD is to promote scholarship, teaching, and research pertaining to the notion of 'difference' and to publish jointly or independently the Journal 'Dif-ferance' among other publications.
- 3 The SDD is an 'association' as per the articles of law 60-74 of the Swiss civil code.
- 4 The legal *for* of The SDD is 1092 Belmont-Lausanne, Switzerland.
- 5 The SDD is hosted by The Difference Site, of separate ownership, to provide international access for furthering The SDD's purpose.

Art. 2 General Assembly

I. Attributions and convocation

- 1 The General Assembly has the supreme capacity in The SDD.
- 2 It consists of all admitted Members in The SDD, inclusive of those constituting The Executive Committee.
- 3 It consists of at least three Members.
- 4 By law, it is convened by The Executive Committee once a year.
- 5 By law, it can be convened when the fifth of the Members make such a request.

II. Rights

- 1 By law, The General Assembly confirms the admission and the exclusion of Members.
- 2 It assigns the persons to compose The Executive Committee.
- 4 It regulates the business dealings of The SDD.
- 5 It confirms the constitution and composition of specialist committees.
- 6 It decides over the dissolution of The SDD, unless required by law.
- 7 It adopts amendments to the present constitution.

III. Decisions

- 1 By law, the decisions of The SDD are taken in the General Assembly.
- 2 The decisions of The SDD can be taken by the Executive Committee outside the General Assembly by means of a written proposal.

- 3 By law, any proposal to which all the Members adhere to in writing is equivalent to a decision of the General Assembly.

IV. Voting rights and majority

- 1 By law, all admitted Members on The SDD have equal voting rights in The General Assembly.
- 2 By law, each admitted Member has a right to one vote per one decision taken in The General Assembly.
- 3 By law, decisions are made in the majority of the voices of the Members present.

Art. 3 Executive Committee

- 1 By law, The Executive Committee has the right and the duty to manage the businesses of The SDD and to represent it in conformity of the statutes.
- 2 The Executive Committee is composed of at least three Officers, namely, the two Founding Members, and one Treasurer. In such circumstances the two Founding Members assume the roles of Executive Co-Directors and Co-Editors of the Journal 'Dif-ferance' among other publications.
- 3 The Executive Committee is composed of at most nine Officers, namely the two Founding Members, two Executive Co-Directors, two Co-Editors of the Journal 'Dif-ferance' among other publications, two Auxiliary Officers and one Treasurer. In such circumstances the two Auxiliary Officers are appointed by The General Assembly on recommendation of The Executive Committee.
- 4 If the circumstances require it the two Executive Co-Directors may assume the roles of Co-Editors of the Journal 'Dif-ferance' among other publications.
- 5 The Officers to compose the Executive Committee are elected in the General Assembly every three years.
- 6 The Executive Committee has the responsibility to:
 - A Organize and develop the program and the venue of The General Assembly.
 - B Administer The SDD's Journal 'Dif-ferance'.
 - C Administer The SDD's publications.
 - D Foster affiliations with other societies.
 - E Collect and disburse acquired funds.
 - F Recommend candidate nominations for The Executive Committee.
 - G Recommend candidate nominations for Auxiliary Officers.
 - H Recommend Member contributions.
 - I Admit and exclude Members provisionally.
 - J Create specialist committees as necessary.
 - K Recommend amendments to the constitution.
 - L Communicate with Members.

Art. 4 Members

I. Inclusion

- 1 Membership in The SDD is open to any person interested in furthering the purpose of The SDD and in participating in its activities.
- 2 Membership typically includes university faculty, students and independent scholars and researchers in difference-related philosophy and cognate disciplines.
- 3 There are no geographic limitations on Membership.

II. Entry and exit

- 1 By law, The SDD can at any time receive new Members.
- 2 Until either the inclusion or exclusion of a Member is confirmed by The General Assembly, Members are provisionally admitted or excluded by The Executive Committee whereupon they acquire or lose their rights accordingly.
- 3 In the event that The General Assembly either includes or excludes a Member contrary to the decision taken by The Executive Committee, the decision of the former prevails.
- 4 By law, each Member is authorized to leave The SDD provided that exit be announced six months before The General Assembly is convened.

III. Identification

- 1 Members are identified as either Associate Members, or Full Members, or Honorary Members.
- 2 Membership identification is determined relative to the contributions made by individual Members to the study of difference.
- 3 Membership identification is confirmed by The General Assembly.

IV. Contributions

- 1 Membership contributions are determined by The General Assembly on recommendation of The Executive Committee.
- 2 By law, Members contribute in equal measure to the expenditure relative to the purposes of The SDD.

V. Exclusion

- 1 Members can be excluded for actions contrary to the purposes of The SDD, and for illicit or illegal conduct.
- 2 By law, the reasons for which exclusion was pronounced cannot give rise to an action in court.
- 3 By law, excluded Members lose all right in The SDD.
- 4 By law, excluded Members owe their share of contributions for the time during which they were Members.

VI. Rights

- 1 Members have voting rights in The General Assembly as per article 2 above.
- 2 Members have the right to recommend amendments to the present constitution.
- 3 By law, the quality of a Member is inalienable and is not bequeathed to heirs.

Art. 5 Amendments

- 1 Any article of this constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of Members attending The General Assembly on recommendation of The Executive Committee or of any Member.
- 2 Proposed amendments are to be sent to each Member at least one month before the scheduled General Assembly.
- 3 Amendments cannot be made to all articles set by law in addition to: article 1 lines 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; article 2, part I, line 3, part II, line 7; article 3, line 2; article 5, line 3.

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