

# APSA Related Groups

**A**PSA Related Groups are professional groups, engaged in the study of political science. Related Groups host one or more panels at the APSA Annual Meeting. Related Groups add diversity and represent a broad spectrum of civic and political issues. APSA members are invited to join Related Groups that align with their interests and field of study. Related Group memberships run concurrently with APSA membership. Related Group memberships can be added to your membership here: <https://www.apsanet.org/User-Home/override/related>

**American Public Philosophy Institute:** The American Public Philosophy Institute, an independent 501(c)(3) public charity located at the University of Dallas, is an interdisciplinary group of scholars from various universities that works with business and professional leaders to promote a natural law public philosophy rooted in the principles of the American Founding, one that pursues freedom and prosperity, grounded on the moral integrity of the culture and of our social and political institutions.

**Asian Pacific American Caucus:** This group is a forum for scholars, graduate students, and community leaders to study Asian Pacific American politics, broadly defined. Our primary focus is Asian Americans (East Asians, Southeast Asians, South Asians) and Pacific Islanders (such as Native Hawaiians, Samoans) living in the United States, whether they are US citizens, legal immigrants, non-permanent visa holders, or undocumented immigrants.

We study voting behavior, public opinion, political representation, racial /gender discrimination of Asian Pacific Americans, just to name a few. We conduct research at various levels—local, state, national, and transnational.

We are open to a variety of methodological approaches—historical, qualitative (interview, fieldwork), statistical, experimental, and theoretical. Although many of our members study “Asian Americans,” we do not exclude those who study the “P”—Pacific Islanders.

**Association for Politics and Life Sciences:** The Association for Politics and the Life Sciences (APLS) is an international and interdisciplinary association of scholars, scientists, and policymakers concerned with generating, disseminating, and using evolutionary, genetic, and ecological knowledge related to political behavior, public policy and ethics.

**Association of Korean Political Studies:** This association is a non-political and non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion and advancement of scholarly exchange and academic inquiry among political scientists who share a passion for Korean politics.

**British Politics Group:** Founded in 1975 to support research on British politics in the United States, the British Politics Group is a

nonpartisan research association dedicated to encouraging the study of British politics and to supporting scholarly communication about British politics in the United States, across the Atlantic, and around the world.

**Campaign Finance Research Group:** The Campaign Finance Research Group supports and advances high quality research on various topics related to campaign finance and the role of money in elections.

**Center for the Study of Federalism:** The Center for the Study of Federalism is a nonpartisan, interdisciplinary research and education institution dedicated to supporting and advancing scholarship and public understanding of federal theories, principles, institutions, and processes as practical means of organizing power in free societies.

**Center for the Study of Statesmanship:** The Center studies the deeper origins of moderation, humility, compromise, and circumspection, placing special emphasis on the moral and cultural dimensions of restraint and broad views. The Center for the Study of Statesmanship promotes research, teaching, and public discussion about the meaning of statesmanship and how it can defuse conflict and foster respectful foreign and domestic relations.

**Civic Studies:** Civic Studies is an “emerging intellectual community, a field, and a discipline. Its work is to understand and strengthen civic politics, civic initiatives, civic capacity, civic society, and civic culture.”

**Civil Society, Policy, and Power:** The Related Group on Civil Society, Policy, and Power convenes scholars who study the role of nongovernmental, nonmarket organizations in politics and public policy. Civil society encompasses nonprofit organizations, quasi governmental organizations, philanthropic donors and foundations, mutual aid associations, interest groups, social capital, formal and informal networks, social movements, and related entities.

**Committee on Viable Constitutional Democracy:** The Committee on Viable Constitutional Democracy promotes research and dialogue on the conditions that promote durable constitutional democracy, including issues of institutional design and promotion of robust civil society. Through conferences and publications, it seeks to develop a community of scholars and practitioners interested in promotion of democratic institutions and practices.

**Comparative Urban Politics:** The Comparative Urban Politics related group supports scholarship on urban politics, city administration, and urbanization across the world. The group advo-

cates studying cities and their politics in comparative perspective through the use of multi-disciplinary methodological tools and theoretical perspectives.

**Conference Group on Taiwan Studies:** Founded in 1990, the Conference Group on Taiwan Studies (CGOTS), affiliated with the American Political Science Association, aims to promote Taiwan area studies in the mainstream political science community, to assist Chinese political scientist from Taiwan in their professional development and to facilitate the development and growth of an integrated academic community among ROC political scientists and US-based scholars with a substantial research interest in Taiwan.

**Critical Policy Studies:** The Critical Policy Studies related group brings contemporary theoretical and methodological discussions, both normative and empirical, to bear on the understanding and analysis of public policy, at local, national and global levels. The aim is to challenge established accounts of policy-analytic methods, to explore alternative approaches to policy-making, and to promote democratic governance.

**Democratic Innovations:** The Democratic Innovations (DI) group of the American Political Science Association is dedicated to the study of Democratic Innovations, such as innovations in participatory governance, including citizens' advisory panels, participatory budgeting, and new applications of digital technologies for enhancing participatory governance. The study of Democratic Innovations brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars working within the subfields of democratic theory, political behavior, political psychology, political sociology, comparative politics, public policy and administration, and urban and local politics.

**Disasters and Crises Related Group:** The Disasters and Crises Related Group (DCRG) brings together scholars from a broad variety of subfields within political science along with researchers from outside the discipline to foster collaboration and diffusion of ideas on disasters, mass casualty events, and crises.

**Environmental Politics and Theory:** The purpose of the Related Group is to promote the study and practice of environmental politics and theory.

**Global Forum of Chinese Political Scientists:** The Global Forum of Chinese Political Scientists was founded in 1999. Its main missions are to strengthen the field of political science and China studies, to utilize the knowledge of political science and apply it to the reality of greater China and China's relations with the external world, and to establish and strengthen professional networks throughout the world.

**Iberian Politics:** The Iberian Politics Related Group advances scholarship and current research on politics in Spain and Portugal in a broader comparative context.

**Indigenous Studies Network:** The Indigenous Studies Network serves as a home for scholars studying Native Americans, First Nations and other indigenous groups and organizations as well as their political, policy and legal interaction with indige-

nous and non-indigenous groups and governments.

**Intelligence Studies:** The purpose of the Intelligence Studies Related Group is to provide those who study intelligence, participated in intelligence activities as professionals, and who wish to learn more intelligence an opportunity to interact at the annual APSA conference through attending panels and roundtable discussions.

**Interpretive Methodologies and Methods:** Interpretive Methodologies and Methods (IMM) provides a forum for the discussion of methodologies and methods related to empirical interpretive research, as well as issues arising from their location within contemporary political science.

**Japan Political Studies Group:** To bring together scholars with an interest in Japanese politics and give them a chance to meet one another and share research and teaching strategies.

**Labor Politics:** APSA Labor Politics promotes scholarship on labor-related issues and policy-relevant labor research to the public at large. We seek to connect diverse scholars, from a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches, across the political science subfields.

**Latino Caucus in Political Science:** The Latino Caucus in Political Science, also known as El Sector Latino de Ciencia Política, was established to both promote and protect the professional development and well-being of Latina/os in political science and those interested in the study of Latina/o Politics.

**Law and Political Process Study Group:** The Law and Political Process Study Group was formed in the 1980s by two law professors and a political scientist to promote communication and mutual support among members of both disciplines interested in legal and policy questions related to American election procedures.

**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Caucus:** Founded in 1987, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Caucus (LGBTQ Caucus) is the principal association of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer people and allies within the American Political Science Association and an important arena for the presentation of research on sexual and gender diversity studies in political science and related disciplines.

**McConnell Center for Political Leadership:** Founded in 1991, The purpose of the McConnell Center Related Group is to facilitate scholarship on the topic of leadership from an often-ignored perspective: the history of political thought. By inviting scholars to reflect upon the history, enduring principles, and inspiring examples of political leadership in our past, we hope to further the effort of scholars to study and teach a generation of leaders devoted to serving their community.

**Politica: Society for the Study of Medieval Political Thought:** The purpose is as follows: To study medieval political thought, its lineage as well as its transmission both in European as well as comparative contexts.

**Political Forecasting Group:** The Political Forecasting Group is an interdisciplinary organization comprised of persons who wish to forecast various forms of political phenomena. The objectives of the Group are to: promote interest in forecasting political phenomena, disseminate knowledge of techniques appropriate for forecasting political occurrences, encourage the use of forecasting as a means of testing the validity of theories of politics, provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information related to political forecasting, encourage the cumulation of knowledge in the various applications of political forecasting gained from prior research and practitioners' experiences, and encourage the application of forecasting to political activity, including participation in elections and campaigns.

**Project on the American Constitution:** The Project on the American Constitution studies issues related to American constitutional law and theory. The Project sponsors panels and roundtables at the annual meeting, and it brings together scholars from the various areas of political science as well as from related disciplines.

**Publius:** *Publius* is an international journal that publishes research on US federalism as well as federal systems throughout the world. *Publius* is particularly interested in promoting research on federalism theory and practice; the dynamics of federal systems; intergovernmental relations and administration; regional, state and provincial governance; and comparative federalism.

**Society for Greek Political Thought:** The Society for Greek Political Thought is an interdisciplinary organization devoted to the study of classical political thinking in all of its forms: The Society promotes the study of ancient Greek philosophy, drama, poetry, history, and other works on politics and morals.

**Southeast Asian Politics:** The Southeast Asian Politics Related Group brings together the growing community of APSA members whose work engages politics in the region of Southeast Asia.

**The Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Politics and Sovereignty:** Founded in 1972, the Walter Bagehot Research Council on National Politics and Sovereignty emphasizes the values of a just and humane polity, with special attention to the principles of American and British political institutions; promoting the enduring value of the rule of law and constitutionalism; addressing the core elements of a sound national security policy; and engaging in a range of pressing and sometimes intense debates on matters of public interest.

**Victims of Communism Memorial Fund:** The Victims of Communism Memorial Foundation (VOC) related group provides political scientists the opportunity to participate in, engage with, and become part of the larger, ongoing discussion of communism's ideology, history, and legacy. ■

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