

**European Association of Israel Studies
Statute (hereafter: “the Statute”)**

Chapter I: General provisions

§1

The European Association of Israel Studies (hereafter: “the Association”) is governed by the stipulations of the Act on Associations and the provisions of this Statute.

§2

The registered seat of the Association is the city of Kraków.

§3

1. The Association operates on the territory of the Republic of Poland.
2. When pursuing its statutory objectives, the Association may operate outside the Republic of Poland and in other countries, in compliance with relevant and applicable international and domestic laws.
3. The Association may establish branches and other affiliates, both domestically and abroad.
4. When contacting domestic or foreign entities, the Association may use its abbreviated name EAIS.

§4

1. The Association is a registered legal entity.
2. The Association shall operate for an indeterminate period of time.

§5

1. The Association is an academically independent organisation.
2. The Association may cooperate with domestic, foreign and international non-governmental organisations, institutions, public authorities as well as other entities. It may acquire membership status in such organisations and institutions provided it does not infringe its autonomy. The decision to join or withdraw from the aforementioned non-governmental organisations or institutions shall be made by the General Assembly, by an absolute majority of votes.

3. The Association may create and use its proprietary symbols, including a crest, flag and logo.

§6

1. The Association operates based on the voluntary work of its members. However, for the purpose of conducting its statutory activities the Association may hire employees or commission individuals (including its own members and members of its governing bodies) to perform specific tasks based on a written contract. The Association may allocate specific salaries for members of the Board to remunerate them for work related to their roles on the Board.
2. The Association may conduct commercial activities.
3. Income obtained through commercial activities may be used solely for the purpose of pursuing its statutory objectives, as specified in §7 and §8.
4. Commercial activities shall be conducted solely to complement and support the Association's non-profit activities specified in the Statute.
5. The Association may conduct paid public benefit activities in compliance with relevant laws. Income thus obtained may be used solely for the purpose of pursuing the Association's statutory objectives, as specified in §7 and §8.
6. The decision to undertake commercial activities shall be made by the General Assembly by a regular majority of votes, provided the presence of at least 50% of the Association's members eligible to vote.

Chapter II: Objectives and activities

§7

The objectives of the Association include:

- a) supporting research and analyses related to contemporary Israel with regard to a broad range of sciences, particularly humanities and social sciences;
- b) disseminating and promoting knowledge about the State of Israel;
- c) promoting the highest academic standards in research, analyses and teaching related to the State of Israel, particularly in the field of humanities and social sciences;
- d) bringing together various milieus involved in a professional, independent research regarding the State of Israel;

- e) conducting research regarding the State of Israel, as well as organising conferences, seminars, courses, training sessions, workshops, classes, exhibitions, study visits and other forms of disseminating knowledge about the State of Israel;
- f) publishing, in paper and electronic form, academic literature and research results, including conference papers, related to the State of Israel, humanities and social sciences;
- g) conducting activities in the fields of culture, arts, science and education of all levels.

§8

1. The Association shall pursue its objectives by undertaking activities such as:
 - a) organising conferences, seminars, courses, training sessions, workshops, classes, exhibitions, study visits and other forms of education;
 - b) organising methodological workshops;
 - c) fostering cooperation among academic institutions, as well as researchers and analysts interested in contemporary issues regarding Israel, both in Poland and abroad;
 - d) publishing and producing media content, including the use of electronic media;
 - e) granting research scholarships;
 - f) obtaining external funding, including donations and subsidies, to be used for the purpose of pursuing statutory objectives;
 - g) obtaining sponsorship;
 - h) creating and awarding honorary medals, distinctions, certificates and awards to individuals conducting activities in pursuit of goals expressed in the Statute;
 - i) engaging in regional and international cooperation;
 - j) cooperating with research centres and academic institutions;
 - k) cooperating with local and regional authorities, public institutions, media and other non-governmental organisations;
 - l) cooperating with other entities engaged in activities corresponding to the Association's statutory objectives.
2. The activities enumerated in §7 and §8 1 may be conducted as part of public services assigned to charitable organisations and may be undertaken as either paid or free-of-charge statutory activities.

Chapter III: Members of the Association

§9

1. Status of a member of the Association may be granted to individuals, Polish and foreign citizens whose occupation involves research, analyses or teaching in areas specified in §7, as well as those affiliated with academic and research institutions.
2. The Statute provides for the following types of membership:
 - a) regular membership,
 - b) honorary membership.

§10

1. The status of a regular member may be granted to any individual of at least 18 years of age, upon submission of a written or electronic membership declaration. The declaration shall clearly state that the prospective member meets all the criteria specified in §9 art. 1.
2. The Board shall accept new members through a resolution adopted no later than 2 months after the declaration is submitted. Should the Board refuse to accept a given prospective member, that person has to right to appeal against that decision. The appeal must be submitted in written form and be addressed at the next General Assembly. The Assembly's decision regarding the appeal is binding and cannot be appealed against.
3. The Board may introduce reduced membership fee rates for members who are students at the undergraduate or postgraduate level, as well as PhD candidates. Such rates may also apply to groups of members affiliated to a single institution.

§ 11

1. Honorary membership status may be granted to an individual who has had an extraordinary contribution to the activities and development of the Association, provided that individual has not been convicted of an intentional criminal offence or as a result of a private prosecution.
2. A decision to grant a honorary membership status is made by the General Assembly by a regular majority of votes. A motion regarding the granting of a honorary membership status to a specific individual can be put forward by the Board or a group of at least 5 members of the Association.

§12

Regular members have the right to:

- a) Participate, actively and passively, in the election of the Association's governing bodies;

- b) Participate in the General Assembly and vote on motions for resolutions put forward to the Assembly;
- c) Participate in events organised by the Association in compliance with funding regulations adopted individually for each such event;
- d) Put forward motions and ideas regarding the Association's operations.

§13

Regular members are obliged to:

- a) Contribute to the Association's activities and the pursuit of its statutory objectives;
- b) Comply with the stipulation of the Statute and resolutions adopted by the Association's governing bodies;
- c) Regularly pay the membership fee;
- d) Participate in the General Assembly.

§14

1. Honorary members possess neither passive nor active suffrage. They may, however, participate in the meetings of the Association's governing bodies in advisory capacity. In every other respect, their rights are identical to those of regular members.
2. Honorary members are exempt from paying the membership fee. They are obliged to comply with the stipulations of the Statute and resolutions adopted by the Association's governing bodies.

§15

1. The membership status of a given individual is revoked when:
 - a) That individual submits a written resignation to the Board;
 - b) The Board adopts a resolution to expel the member in question due to:
 - i. Unwarranted delay of at least 9 months in the payment of the membership fee;
 - ii. Actions that constitute a gross violations of the Statute or go against the resolutions and decisions made by the Association's governing bodies;
 - iii. Lack of contribution to the Association's activities.
 - c) That individual loses his / her civil rights as a result of a valid court ruling;
 - d) That individual lacks full legal capacity;
 - e) That individual is found guilty of committing an intentional criminal offence or an offence prosecuted privately;
 - f) That individual is pronounced dead.
2. The Board's resolution to expel from the Association may be appealed. The appeal must be submitted in written form no later than 14 days from delivering of the

resolution. The appeal is considered during the next General Assembly. Its decision regarding the appeal is binding and cannot be appealed against.

Chapter IV:

§16

The Association's governing bodies are:

- a) The General Assembly,
- b) The Board,
- c) The Academic Council,
- d) Supervisory Committee.

§17

1. The Board and the Supervisory Committee are elected by the General Assembly through an open vote, by a regular majority of votes. The General Assembly may choose to hold an anonymous vote instead.
2. Should any of the bodies listed in §16 lose one or more of its members before the end of their term of office, the remaining members of a given body may elect a member or members of the Association who then replace their predecessors. However, this method may be used to elect no more than half of all members of a given body.

§18

1. The decisions of all the governing bodies are made through an open vote, by a regular majority of votes, unless other stipulations of the Statute specify otherwise. In cases when the Statute requires that a given decision is made in the presence of at least half of eligible members of a given body, resolutions shall only be valid if adopted with a quorum, unless other stipulations of the Statute specify otherwise.
2. Each regular member of the Association or a member of its governing body may cast one vote on a given resolution. Should a resolution receive an equal number of "for" and "against" votes, the vote is repeated. If the second vote also delivers an equal number of "for" and "against" votes, the result is determined by the vote submitted by (in descending order):
 - a) The President of the Board or the member previously elected by the General Assembly to chair the Assembly – for resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - b) The President of the Board – for resolutions adopted by the Board;
 - c) The Chairman of the Supervisory Committee – for resolutions adopted by the Supervisory Committee.

§19

The term of office for all elected governing bodies of the Association is 3 years, with the exception of the first term of office of the bodies specified in §23 art. 5 and §26 art. 5, which ends on December 31st, 2022.

A/ The General Assembly

§20

1. The General Assembly constitutes the highest authority of the Association.
2. The General Assembly meets for regular or extraordinary sessions.
3. A regular session of the General Assembly may be held at any time. It is convened by the Board at least once a year for reporting purposes. Once every three years, when the term of office of the Association's governing bodies approaches its end, the Board convenes a regular session of the General Assembly to report on the governing bodies' activities and elect their new members. The Board must inform the members of the date, place and agenda for an upcoming session by means of a letter, phone call, electronic mail or a public announcement on the Association's website, no later than 14 days before the scheduled date of the session.
4. The sessions of the General Assembly are chaired by the President of the Board or another person selected by the Assembly by a regular majority of votes.
5. The sessions of the General Assembly may be attended by regular and honorary members of the Association, as well as members of all of the Association's governing bodies. Regular members are eligible to vote. Honorary members and members of all other governing bodies of the Association (if they are not regular members) participate in the General Assembly in advisory capacity and are not eligible to vote.
6. If the General Assembly is to decide on the dissolution of the Association and fails to have a quorum specified in §22 art. 2, the Board shall reconvene the Assembly for a second session within one month of the first session.
7. An extraordinary session of the General Assembly may be convened by the Board, in compliance with §20 art. 3, at:
 - a) the request of the Board,
 - b) the request of the Supervisory Committee,
 - c) a written request of at least 1/3 of regular members of the Association.
8. An extraordinary session of the General Assembly shall be scheduled within one month from the request specified in §20 art. 8 being made. It shall proceed according to an agenda specified by the Board in the call (distributed in compliance with the stipulations of §20 art. 3) to the Association's members.

§21

The competences of the General Assembly include:

- a) Determining the overall direction of the Association's development and activities;
- b) Amending the Statute;
- c) Electing and dismissing members of all other governing bodies of the Association;
- d) Delivering, at the recommendation of the Supervisory Committee, the vote of approval regarding the activities of the Board
- e) Reviewing and approving reports submitted by all other governing bodies of the Association;
- f) Making decision regarding the appeals against resolutions adopted by the Board;
- g) Making decisions regarding any matter presented by the Board or the Supervisory Committee, provided such decision does not fall within the purview of another body;
- h) Adopting regulatory statutes for the Board and the Supervisory Committee, should the General Assembly deem it necessary to draft such documents;
- i) Adopting resolutions regarding the dissolution and liquidation of the Association, the appointment of a liquidator and the distribution of the Association's remaining assets;
- j) Granting honorary membership status;
- k) Adopting the Association's annual budget;
- l) Determining the amount of the membership fees, unless these have previously been determined by the Board;
- m) Determining the salaries of Board members;
- n) Addressing motions and ideas put forward by members or other governing bodies of the Association.

§22

1. Unless §22 art. 2 specifies otherwise, the General Assembly shall adopt its resolutions by a regular majority of votes submitted by eligible members present at a given session.
2. Resolutions regarding the dissolution and liquidation of the Association shall be made by an absolute majority of votes, in the presence of a quorum of at least half of all eligible members. Should the General Assembly fail to have a required quorum, the Board shall reconvene the General Assembly for a second session within a month of the first session. Resolutions at the second session shall be adopted by an absolute majority of votes without the need for a quorum.
3. Upon adopting the resolution on the dissolution of the Association, the General Assembly shall determine the liquidation procedure, the liquidator (or liquidators) and the distribution and allocation of the Association's remaining assets.

4. The Association may merge with another non-governmental organisation.
5. A resolution on merging with another non-governmental organisation shall be made by the General Assembly by an absolute majority of votes in the presence of a quorum of at least half of all eligible members. Stipulations of §22 art. 2 apply when relevant.

B/ The Board

§23

1. The Board is elected by the General Assembly and tasked with leading the entirety of the Association's operations, pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. The Board constitutes an external representation of the Association.
2. The Board consists of between three and five members. Board members elected for a given term of office designate the President of the Board, the Executive Secretary and the Treasurer from among their ranks.
3. Board members may receive salaries in remuneration for their work, pursuant to the stipulations of §6 art. 1.
4. The Board shall convene as necessary, but at least once every six months. The Board meetings are convened by the President of the Board.
5. The first Board members are:
 - a) Joanna Dyduch,
 - b) Artur Skorek
 - c) Joanna Guzik.

§24

1. The competences of the Board are especially:
 - a) Managing the Association's operations on a daily basis;
 - b) Implementing the resolutions of the General Assembly;
 - c) Managing the Association's assets;
 - d) Financial governance and planning;
 - e) Representing and acting on behalf of the Association in contacts with external entities;
 - f) Granting and revoking the regular membership status;
 - g) Convening the General Assembly;
 - h) Determining the membership fee and other payments to be made by members of the Association for its benefit;

- i) Determining the sums of scholarships and the principles for granting them to members of the Association in support of their participation in events organised by the Association;
 - j) Commissioning individuals to perform administrative and coordinating functions, as well as determining their salaries.
2. Legally binding declarations on behalf of the Association, including on financial matters, may be made:
 - a) Jointly by at least two members of the Board or
 - b) Single-handedly by the President of the Board.
 3. When making decisions which result in financial liabilities in excess of PLN 30 000, a decision is binding only if made jointly by at least two members of the Board.
 4. Provisions of §24 art. 3 apply also to the Board's decisions on granting another individual the power of attorney for the purpose of representing the Association.

C/ The Academic Council

§25

1. The Academic Council is an advisory body tasked with providing guidance and support to the Association's academic endeavours.
2. The Academic Council consists of between three and nine members, designated by the Board from among the members of the Association.
3. In order to be designated as a member of the Academic Council, an individual in question must be affiliated with a university or another academic, research or analytical body engaged in research and teaching activities regarding the contemporary State of Israel, and must possess a solid reputation as experts on matters relevant to the Association's area of interest.
4. The opinions expressed by the Academic Council are not binding for the other governing bodies of the Association.

D/ The Supervisory Committee

§26

1. The Supervisory Committee is tasked with exercising an internal control authority over the activities of the Association.
2. The Supervisory Committee consists of between three and five members. The Committee designates its chair from among its members.

3. In order to be eligible for a seat on the Supervisory Committee, a member of the Association must not have been found guilty of an intentional criminal offence or of an offence prosecuted privately. Committee members must not have any direct personal or financial connection to any of the Board members, and must not be in position of professional dependency in relation to any of the Board members.
4. The Supervisory Committee shall meet as necessary, but at least once a year. The meetings are convened by the individual designated as the chair.
5. The first Supervisory Committee members are:
 - a) Daria Boniecka-Stępień,
 - b) Michał Lipa,
 - c) Bartosz Duszyński.

§27

The competences of the Supervisory Committee include:

- a) Controlling the overall situation of the Association and its activities;
- b) Assessing the work of the Board, including in the form of annual reports;
- c) Submitting said reports, along with an assessment of the Association's activities, to the General Assembly;
- d) Putting forward motions regarding the annual vote of approval for the Board during sessions of the General Assembly;
- e) Putting forward motions regarding the dismissal of the Board or a particular Board member;
- f) Requesting an extraordinary session of the General Assembly;
- g) Convening the General Assembly in case the Board fails to convene it according to the stipulations of the Statute;
- h) Concluding contractual agreements with members of the Board, based on resolutions adopted by the General Assembly.

Chapter V: Assets and financial governance

§28

1. The Association's assets and income may comprise:
 - a) membership fees,
 - b) donations and inheritance,

- c) subsidies, grants, income from savings accounts, shares, bonds and other securities,
 - d) income from charity events,
 - e) income from other events, conferences, competitions and publishing operations,
 - f) income generated by the Association's assets,
 - g) income generated through own activities, including commercial activities.
2. Regarding its financial governance, the Association is bound by all relevant, applicable stipulations of Polish law.
 3. The decisions to acquire, sell or mortgage movable or immovable assets is made by the Board.
 4. The Association may not make bequests regarding its assets to any of its members, members of its governing bodies, its employees and their close relatives on terms other than those applicable to a third party.
 5. The Association is permitted to conduct activities in the following areas:
 - a) Research & development activities in humanities and social sciences – PKD code 72.20.Z,
 - b) Activities of other voluntary membership organisations – PKD code 94.99.Z
 - c) Publishing books – PKD code PKD 58.11.Z,
 - d) Publishing journals and periodicals – PKD code PKD 58.14.Z,
 - e) Publishing other materials – PKD code PKD 58.19Z,
 - f) Activities related to producing TV shows, films and other video materials – PKD code PKD 5911.Z,
 - g) Public relations & communication – PKD code PKD 70.21.Z,
 - h) Other, non-formal forms of education – PKD code 85.59.Z,
 - i) Activities in support of education – PKD code 85.60.Z,
 - j) Librarianship – PKD code PKD 91.01.A.

Prohibitions

§29

It is prohibited to:

- a) Use the Association's assets to grant or secure loans granted to the members of the Association and its governing bodies, its employees, as well as their relatives (life partners, spouses, relatives and affines of the first and second degree) and individuals linked to them through adoption or legal custody (hereafter: "close relatives");
- b) Transfer the ownership of the Association's assets to its members, members of its governing bodies, employees, or their close relatives on terms other than those applicable to a third party, particularly if such transfer shall occur free-of-charge or on preferential terms;
- c) Use the Association's assets for the personal gain and benefit of its members, members of its governing bodies, employees, or their close relatives on terms other than those applicable to a third party, unless such use is made directly as a result of and with the view to the pursuit of the Association's statutory objectives;
- d) Acquire goods or services from entities owned or co-owned by the Association's members, members of its governing bodies, employees, or their close relatives on terms other than those applicable to a third party, or for prices clearly exceeding market valuations of said goods or services.

Final provisions

§30

A reporting year corresponds to a calendar year, with the exception of the first reporting year which ends on December 31st, 2020.

§31

Resolutions amending the Statute are adopted by the General Assembly by an absolute majority of votes submitted by eligible members present at the session.

The Statute was adopted on August 28, 2020.