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IAPSS Declaration on Plagiarism

As the global representation of political science students, we are committed to the highest international standards of academic and scientific honesty. Therefore, we strictly refuse to accept any piece of work, oral or written, that is a product of plagiarism. We subscribe to the definition of plagiarism of Oxford University, according to which

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We require our members and other followers who are considering to submit a paper to one of IAPSS events or our journals or a contribution to our blog *A Different View*, to study the guidelines of Oxford University or similar guidelines² carefully and adhere to the referencing requirements listed therein.

All IAPSS members and external reviewers of papers are obliged to report every suspected instance of violation of standards of academic honesty to the respective IAPSS Board member (Editor-in-Chief in case of IAPSS publications, Academic Program Coordinator in case of IAPSS conferences and other events). Each of these instances will be examined closely by the respective Board member and judged in consultation with the respective member of the IAPSS Executive Committee.

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If there are any questions stemming from the interpretation of this declaration, they are to be decided by a simple majority vote of the IAPSS Executive Committee.

¹ University of Oxford. 2016. ‘Plagiarism’. Available at [Accessed 20.08.2016]: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/students/academic/guidance/skills/plagiarism?wssl=1>. An act of plagiarism may but does not necessarily violate copyright laws.

² For example, University of Melbourne. 2016. ‘Academic honesty and plagiarism’. Available at [Accessed 20.08.2016]: <https://academichonesty.unimelb.edu.au/>.

³ Art. 5 1. ‘Members are obliged a: to comply with the Statutes and regulations of the Association, as well as decisions made by the Executive Committee of the Association and the General Assembly; b: Not to harm the interests of the Association.



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In case of doubt, do not hesitate to send your questions and inquiries related to academic and scientific honesty to academic@iapss.org *before* you submit your paper or other contribution.

The IAPSS Executive Committee
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