

# Society for the Study of Economic Inequality (ECINEQ)

## STATUTES

### 1. Name, legal form, and headquarters

- (a) The name of society shall be the Society for the Study of Economic Inequality.
- (b) The Society is a not-for-profit association of scholars and scientists supporting the study of economic inequality and related fields.
- (c) The headquarters of the Society shall be situated wherever the Executive Committee may determine.

### 2. Aims of the Society

The aims of the Society are:

- (a) To advance theoretical and empirical research and to propagate knowledge about economic inequality and related fields;
- (b) To facilitate and support contacts between scholars, scientists, and institutions engaged in the analysis of economic inequality and related fields, by the circulation of documents and other bibliographical material by printed or electronic media, through any journal of the Society, by the arrangement of conferences from time to time, by cooperation with other organizations, and by other appropriate means.

### 3. Membership

- (a) The Society shall be a body composed of members interested in the aims of the Society. There shall be two types of member: individual members, with each individual participating in his or her individual capacity; and institutional members.
- (b) A person shall become an individual member by paying an annual individual membership fee of such amount as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time. The Executive Committee shall have the power to set individual membership fees that vary according to characteristics of members such as their country of domicile, professional status or student status, for example.
- (c) An institution shall become an institutional member by making contributions to the society that further its aims, subject to a minimum contribution as determined by the Executive Committee from time to time. Institutional members are non-voting members of the Society.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall from time to time review the memberships of the Society and if any individual member or any institutional member shall be deemed to have ceased to take an active interest in the Society, the Executive Committee shall have the right to terminate the said member's membership.
- (e) A member may withdraw from the Society at any time by informing the Society's secretariat in writing of the member's desire to do so.
- (f) Participants of the inaugural meeting who are listed in Article 13(c) are the founding members of the Society.

#### **4. Executive Committee**

- (a) The Executive Committee consists of the President, the President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- (b) The Executive Committee is responsible for the organization and for the daily administration of the Society. Two members of the Executive Committee shall represent the Society in external affairs.
- (c) The Executive Committee has the power to do all that is necessary and useful for the proper administration of the Society within the bounds of the means available to it.
- (d) The Executive Committee shall submit a statement of revenues and expenditures and a report on Society activities to the General Assembly of the Society.
- (e) The President-Elect, the Secretary, and the Treasurer are elected by ballot by Society members from among their membership. If there is more than one candidate for each post, the person receiving the most votes shall be declared elected to that post. In the case of two candidates for the same post receiving an equal number of votes, the ballot is to be repeated.
- (f) The terms of office of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, and Treasurer are two years each. After the expiry of the President's term of office, the President-Elect shall become President. Re-election for additional consecutive terms of office is permitted only in the case of the Secretary and the Treasurer.
- (g) A Nomination Committee of three Council members selects the candidates for the election of the President-Elect, the Secretary and the Treasurer, after canvassing the members of the Society. Additional candidates for each post may be added to the ballot if proposed, in writing, by at least two individual members of the Society and the agreement of the person or persons so proposed is also secured in writing.
- (h) After completion of the President's term of office, the President becomes a member of the Council for two further years, unless elected as Secretary, Treasurer, or elected Council member in which case the rules governing those positions apply.
- (i) If a post on the Executive Committee falls vacant before the term of office has expired, the vacancy will be filled until the next due election by a member of Council elected by Council members.
- (j) The Executive Committee shall draw up standing orders governing the conduct of its business.

#### **5. Council**

- (a) In the execution of its duties, especially during the preparation of scientific conferences and publications of the Society, the Executive Committee is supported by a Council.
- (b) In addition to the past President, the Council shall consist of twelve members elected from among the individual members of the Society. The Council may also occasionally co-opt up to three additional individual members of the Society in order to assist the efficient functioning of Council or to ensure that Council is representative of the Society's membership. Co-opted members of Council do not have voting rights at Council meetings.

- (c) All elections for Council members shall be carried out by a secret ballot of the individual members of the Society, and in accordance with the procedures set out in the standing orders of the Society.
- (d) Candidates for election to Council are nominated by a Nomination Committee, after canvassing the members of the Society. The Nomination Committee consists of the Executive Committee and three Council members chosen by the Council from among their membership. Additional candidates may be added to the ballot if proposed, in writing, by at least five individual members of the Society, and the agreement of the person or persons so proposed is also secured in writing.
- (e) Each member of Council is elected for six years and is limited to two consecutive terms of office as an elected member.
- (f) Council meetings are chaired by the President or another member of the Executive Committee.
- (g) The Council, or individual members of the Council, may be asked to attend meetings of the Executive Committee in an advisory role. A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Council shall be held at least once every two years, either face-to-face or by conference call. The location of any face-to-face meeting shall be determined by Council.
- (h) Every second year, the membership of at least one third of the elected members of Council shall be renewed. If not enough elected members are at the end of their full term of office, the Executive Committee shall use a lottery to determine which elected members shall be replaced.
- (i) If a post on Council falls vacant before the term of office has expired, the vacancy will be filled until the next due election by a Society member co-opted by the remaining Council members. Service in this manner will not be taken into account for the purposes of the restrictions on terms of office indicated in Article 5(f).
- (j) The Council shall draw up standing orders governing the conduct of its business.

## **6. General Assembly**

- (a) The General Assembly is the highest organ of the Society. Each individual member of the Society has one vote. Replacement of absent members is not permitted. The General Assembly has the power to pass all resolutions expedient for the pursuit of the aims of the Society unless the resolution is part of the responsibilities of the Executive Committee according to these statutes.
- (b) Resolutions on amendments concerning these statutes, the election of members of the Executive Committee or the Council, the approval of reports of the Executive Committee and the Society's financial accounts, and the dissolution or the alteration of the legal form of the Society, are incumbent upon the General Assembly and cannot be withdrawn. The election of members of the Executive Committee and the Council are undertaken by ballot, with ballot details laid down in the standing orders of the Society.
- (c) An ordinary General Assembly shall normally be held at least once every two years. Notification of the date, time, venue and agenda of such meetings shall be provided by the Executive Committee at least four weeks prior to the date set for the meeting. Individual members of the Society may propose items for the agenda of each General Assembly. Such proposals should be made to the Executive Committee in advance of the circulation of the agenda by the Executive Committee or, with the consent of the chairperson of the General Assembly, may be considered as an 'Any Other Business' agenda item.

- (d) The Executive Committee shall convene an extraordinary General Assembly if at least one quarter of the membership requests such a meeting and presents an agenda.
- (e) The General Assembly is chaired by the President of the Society or, in the President's absence, by another member of the Executive Committee.
- (f) A General Assembly has a quorum if at least twenty individual members of the Society are present. If the quorum is not reached, another meeting shall be convened, with at least four weeks notice of the meeting being given, which shall have a quorum regardless of the number of members present.
- (g) In the interval between General Assemblies, urgent resolutions may be passed by ballot.
- (h) The General Assembly passes resolutions by a simple majority of votes cast, except in the cases explicitly mentioned in the statutes.
- (i) Resolutions of the General Assembly are passed by a show of hands, except in the cases explicitly mentioned in the statutes. At the request of at least one quarter of the members present, a secret ballot may be used with regard to specific items on the agenda of the General Assembly.
- (j) Resolutions passed by the General Assembly are recorded in a register. The secretary in charge of this task is appointed by the Executive Committee. The register is signed by the chair of the General Assembly and by the secretary.

## **7. Secretary**

- (a) The Secretary shall be responsible for the operation of the Secretariat of the Society, under the authority of the President.

## **8. Treasurer**

- (a) The Treasurer shall be responsible for supervising the receipt and disbursement of moneys on behalf of the Society, and for the preparation of an annual statement of accounts, and estimates of future expenditures, to be submitted for approval to the Executive Committee.

## **9. Property and Funds**

- (a) The Society is founded without any initial endowment.
- (b) All income and property of the Society from whatever source derived shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the aims of the Society as set out in these Statutes.
- (c) The property and funds of the Society shall be held and administered by an institution or body appointed by the Executive Committee as fiscal agent of the Society.
- (d) The members of the Society are exempt from any personal legal responsibility. Member's responsibility is limited to fulfil their own voluntarily assumed obligations.

## **10. Documentary obligations and Accounts**

- (a) True accounts shall be kept of the sums of money received and expended by the Society and the matters in respect of which such receipts and expenditure take

place and of the assets, credits, and liabilities of the Society. At least once in every year the accounts shall be examined and the correctness of the Statement and Balance Sheet ascertained by one or more properly qualified auditor or auditors.

### **11. Amendments to the Statutes**

- (a) Amendments to these statutes require a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast by the membership of the Society.
- (b) Proposals to change the statutes may emanate from the Executive Committee or from one third of the membership of the Society.
- (c) Notice of a General Assembly with the item 'Amendments to the Statutes' on the agenda shall be given at least two months in advance of the meeting, and shall provide details of the proposed amendment. If the quorum of this General Assembly is not reached, a second General Assembly is empowered to pass a resolution with a two-thirds majority of the valid votes cast by the membership of the Society.

### **12. Winding-up of the Society**

- (a) Once the dissolution of the Society is agreed, the General Assembly of the Society should take steps to determine where or whom the properties and rights go to and settle any outstanding matter.
- (b) The General Assembly can elect a Settle Committee if necessary; otherwise the functions of settling and executing all the agreements mentioned here before should be done by the Executive Committee.
- (c) The members of the Society are exempt from any personal legal responsibility. Member's responsibility is limited to fulfil their own voluntarily assumed obligations.
- (d) If, upon the winding up or dissolution of the Society, there remains, after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall be given or transferred to some other Association or Associations, Society or Societies, having objects similar to the objects of this Society, to be determined by the General Assembly of the Society.

### **13. Inaugural meeting of the Society**

- (a) The inaugural meeting passing these statutes possesses all the rights and duties of the General Assembly until the first General Assembly according to the statutes takes place. The first Executive Committee and the first Council elected by the inaugural meeting possess all the rights and duties of an Executive Committee and Council until the first election of an Executive Committee and Council according to the statutes takes place.
- (b) The first Council will, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 5, have terms of office as follows: the four candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be considered elected for six years, the four candidates receiving the second highest number will be considered elected for four years, and the four candidates with the lowest number of votes will be considered elected for two years. Terms of office of less than four years will not be taken into account for the purposes of the restrictions on terms of office indicated in Article 5.

(c) These statutes were established by the inaugural General Assembly on 22 July 2005 at the Universitat de les Illes Balears, Palma de Mallorca, Spain. The founding members of the Society are:

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Barcena	Elena	University of Malaga
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