



Association of Political Science Students राजनीतिशास्त्र विद्यार्थी संघ (APSS)

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“When serious crisis of democracy in Nepal began to appear from 2001, a small group of political science students from different colleges in Kathmandu started pro-democratic forums and awareness raising meetings with college students, political parties’ youths, trade union youths, media persons and political leaders. In the early days of the APSS in the last quarter of 2001, the APSS held its activities inside college classrooms and other like-minded interest groups’ offices. This crisis of democracy arose due to the negative impacts of many reasons. To mention some, there substantially lacked a good political culture, lacked inclusive definition of national interests, state-negligence to making grassroots issues heard and midst the rise of Maoist ‘civil-war’ and failure to address the genuine issues raised.....”

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What is Association of Political Science Students (APSS)?

The Association of Political Science Students (APSS) is politically independent, scholarly association, established in 2001, supporting and encouraging the training, research, dialogue, roundtables and national cooperation of political scientists, theorists, practitioners, policy makers, journalists, researchers and students either in formal education or those interested in political issues and other intellectuals, across Nepal and beyond. The APSS has nearly 2,100 members across the country, working relationships with Nepalese political parties, relevant departments of Universities and different academic and professional associations and unions. It has now 26 district chapters, and 43 locally-active youth groups have been affiliated to pursue APSS policy and programme implementation. Formally in 2006 the APSS got registered at local authority of Government with a Charter, the APSS is non-profit making and non-religious Association.

Apart from special programmes and project The APSS stands for the following regular jobs as its main operations to academically influence the contemporary and next generation of politics:

- 1. Annual National Political Science Conference**
- 2. Political Roundtable**
- 3. Democracy Dialogue**
- 4. APSS Journal of Current Affairs**
- 5. Newsletter publication, and**



Mission

To advance the dialogue of politics and political science by comparing empirical phenomenon with scholarly insights into how societies work, by committing to support next generation politics and by shaping a mutually-understood society.

Vision

Political independence: We value political independence, as we believe the Association should not speak or act in a single voice on political issues.

Professionalism: We value professionalism as we believe that every member should be committed to and act responsibly towards the APSS community.

Respecting diversity: We value diversity, as we believe tolerance is indispensable for national and international communication and cooperation and unity.

Knowledge: We value knowledge as it fundamentally creates power to critical thinking for politics that we promote to acquire also outside arenas provided by universities and social surroundings.

Core objectives:

- The APSS involves in scholarly research activities in the field of politics and communicates them domestically, regionally, and internationally.
- The APSS promotes high quality teaching and education about politics and government, economics, political economy, sociology/anthropology, philosophy, culture, history and other social science disciplines.
- The APSS serves the public, including disseminating research and preparing citizens to be effective citizens and political participants.
- The APSS promotes the exchange of ideas and experience, mutual understanding, as well as the equal rights and opportunities among young generation across the country and beyond.
- The APSS takes necessary actions to increase the participation of young people and students in society and decision-making process meaningfully.
- The APSS positively influence policy issues affecting citizens and general welfare of Nepalese society, by being a recognized institution among political stratum and civil society.
- The APSS upholds intercultural understanding, democracy, respect, diversity, human rights, active citizenship, and solidarity domestically, regionally and internationally.

Organizational Structure

The General Assembly (GA) is the apex level decision making body of the APSS. It makes major decisions and policy framework in every three year. Annual Conference takes place every year to assess and pass the Annual Progress Report (APR), approves the financial statements and annual programmes. The General Assembly elects the Central Executive Committee (CEC) for three-year tenure. The CEC is the executing body of the APSS consists of a President, two Vice-Presidents, a General Secretary, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five Members. To execute the GA mandate and programmes the CEC takes advices from an Advisory Committee (AC) which is elected by GA for three years. The CEC has a central office in Kathmandu with necessary equipments and personnel.

There are different Sub-Committees (SC) under the CEC with deliberated rights, responsibilities and duties. There are Chief Executive Director, Programme Director, Programme Manager, Programme Coordinator, Admin & Finance Coordinator, and Legal Advisor & Support Staff to systematically support the CEC to make and implement the policy and programmes/projects and day to day administrative jobs. Under special projects which are bilateral cooperation with internal and external funding partner could have separate personnel for a pre-determined period, as per decision made by the CEC on need.

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