

Template for By-Laws for ICLA Research Committees

Languages of Love (LoL)

1. The Main tasks of the Committee are convening of symposia and workshops, participation in conferences and the publication of scholarly works by the Committee members in accordance with the following programme and schedule. All planned in-person meetings will have an online participation option.
2. The Committee is responsible to the Executive Council of the ICLA and will annually submit a formal account of its activities. The Chair of the Committee is entitled to attend the meetings of the Executive Council of the ICLA as a non-voting member; the Chair has a single vote, even in the case of the position between shared by more than one person, and cannot vote on their own reports.
3. There is no maximum number of members. Members of Research Committees must be members of the ICLA in good standing. Members of the Committee will contribute to the vision, intellectual rigour and the diversity of the languages and perspectives of the research project. They will be the kernel around which the project will expand its intellectual horizon and reach by including researchers interested in taking part in the research project.
4. ICLA members can send an application comprising a short statement of their research interest and a short CV, which will be circulated among the membership of the Committee for approval.
5. At the first meeting of the Committee, which will be online, a chair and secretary will be elected. They will serve an unrenovable three-year term. Their election is subject to ratification by the Executive Council of the ICLA.
6. The committee meets at least once a year, in person or online, and always at the International Congresses of the ICLA.
7. Votes are decided by the simple majority of members present at a meeting, which may be in person or online. The quorum consists of half of the committee membership, plus one.
8. By majority consent of the Committee, a vote on an urgent matter, or on a matter arising between meetings of the Committee, could be taken via e-mail. In the absence of a quorum or in the interval between Committee meetings, the Chair, after consultation with the Secretary, may, in an emergency, make decisions subject to approval by the Committee via email or at the next meeting of the Committee.
9. The Chair and Secretary of the Committee are jointly responsible for managing any finances obtained by the Committee, and should keep an account of any expenditure made on the Committee's behalf. Such accounts should be made available for the Committee to scrutinise at its annual meeting and are subject to approval by a vote. The Committee is free to receive subventions from private, regional, national or international organizations provided that the acceptance of such subventions does not conflict with the statutes of the ICLA and is approved by the Committee.
10. The activities of the Committee include the convening of symposia and workshops, participation in conferences, the publication of scholarly works, and all other activities which further the objective of the Committee as described in Article 1.

Members are expected to participate in the activities of the Committee in the following ways:

- Participation in meetings of the Committee, normally at least 2 during any 3-year period, unless a good reason is conveyed to the Chair for participating in fewer meetings.
- “Participation in meetings” entails presenting a paper, serving as respondent and/or chair, as requested by the organizer; and constructive contributions to discussion.
- Constructive contributions to the ongoing business of the Committee outside of the annual meetings, in support of the Chair and Secretary, which may include: helping to frame future meetings; contributing to the continuity of the Committee by nominating new members; participating in e-mail discussions of Committee business; helping to find a publisher and to edit proceedings.

Members are free to resign from the committee at any time. A member who has not participated in the activities of the committee for more than a year may be invited by the Chair either to become active in the Committee or to consider resigning. As a last resort, the Chair may propose that a member who is wholly inactive, or whose behaviour is not conducive to the effective functioning of the Committee, may be excluded from the Committee by a vote as described above in Article 7.

11. The Executive Council of the ICLA has the right to dissolve the Committee.

12. A motion to change these by-laws must be made by at least two members of the Committee and be conveyed in writing, by the Secretary, to all members of the Committee at least one month before the date of the next meeting. Voting on the by-laws follows the provisions of Article 7.

Any change in the by-laws must be approved by the Executive Council of the ICLA.