

1. **Objects**

- 1.1 The Objects of the Institute are:
- 1.2 To study ideologies of social and national emancipation, and to propagate the understanding of them, by consolidating and extending the activities of a number of precursor organisations existing since the 1980s which have effectively come to operate collectively as a fully-functioning Institute.
- 1.3 To encourage and sponsor research at the highest level, in coordination with universities and other learned institutions, in such a way as to fill gaps in the study and understanding of these ideologies in the existing intellectual, academic and cultural life of this country.
- 1.4 To source funds both domestically and internationally to provide research grants for this purpose, where possible working through universities and other learned institutions in such a way as to further their provision of academic qualifications for higher degrees, including at Masters and Doctoral levels and their equivalents in other professional and learned institutions, and further research of sufficient standard to contribute their institutions' ratings in the Research Excellence Framework and other accepted measures of academic excellence.
- 1.5 To consult and advise applicants for research grants from government Research Councils and other funding bodies, and to offer consultancy to those bodies on issues within the Institute's field of interest.
- 1.6 To develop formal partnerships with relevant academic, cultural and other relevant organisations domestically and internationally, and to promote and fund mobility of researchers and students, through exchange of delegations, joint research projects, jointly organised conferences and seminars, joint publications, visiting lectureships, student exchange, joint funding applications and other means of academic interaction.
- 1.7 To organise and fund conferences, seminars, workshops, policy forums, roundtables and other intellectual, academic and political events, social receptions, concerts, festivals, art exhibitions, theatrical performances and other social and cultural events, and to encourage, sponsor and fund participation by individuals and delegations in equivalent events domestically and internationally where these are related to the Institute's fields of interest.
- 1.8 To provide advice and engage in constructive discussion with individuals and organisations engaging in business, NGO operations, political, cultural and other activities and events in situations where furthering the understanding of ideologies of social and national independence is of mutual benefit, and to provide briefing materials and undertake relevant research for such individuals and organisations, where appropriate assisting in the provision of material in printed form where such material is of assistance to them in developing their contacts and presence in such situations. 2.9 To maintain an information base consisting of archives, books and pamphlets relating to the study and propagation of ideologies of social and national emancipation within this country.
- 2.10 To catalogue these information resources and publish details on the Institute's website, interlinking its catalogue entries with those of the British Library, the British Library of Political and Economic Science at the London School of Economics, and other national collections and information bases

which hold relevant material, with particular emphasis on ensuring the national availability of unique or rare pamphlets and other items where these are not otherwise available.

- 2.11 To commission, edit, publish, promote, market and sell books, pamphlets, working papers, music and other output relevant to the Institute's objectives, both in online form on the Institute's web page, and in hard copy and CDs, building on the former publishing experience and publishing ventures of the Institute's Patron and founding Directors and those associated with them.
- 2.12 To encourage, commission, edit and publish material relating to the life and work of those who have contributed to the distinctive ideological current outlined in statements of the Institute's principles issued by its Patron and founding Directors from time to time, so as to ensure that this current of thought is sustained and continues to be developed and applied to political and other public debates and policy formation, and is communicated to different audiences in a variety of formats.
- 2.13 To write letters to the press and undertake radio and television interviews by spokespeople for the Institute on issues of current public concern, and to encourage such media activity by other individuals sharing the Institute's standpoint on the issues in question.
- 2.14 To publish on its website information and news relevant to its objectives, including links to items published on the internet by domestic and international news agencies and academic and other institutions engaged in related fields of interest, and to develop interaction with such information sources, so as to keep abreast of relevant current developments and debates in such a way as to sustain the targeting of the Institute's activities and output in a strategic direction.
- 2.15 To build on the past work and continuing activities and contacts of those associated with the Institute in campaigning in favour of international law, international friendship and peace initiatives, including the exchange of delegations, the organisations of press conferences and meetings in Parliament and elsewhere, the organisation of conferences, seminars, social receptions and touristic and cultural activities for visiting delegations, and other activities contributing to mutual understanding, solidarity and international friendship.
- 2.16 To explore possibilities for establishing premises at a site or sites convenient for interaction with universities and other institutions of learning, for the employment of staff at these premises, and for the utilisation of such a site or sites not only for the activities of the Institute itself, but also for providing facilities, whether on a paid or unpaid basis, to other friendly organisations for their events.
- 2.17 To establish and consolidate Advisory Boards consisting of academics, politicians, journalists, cultural and social personalities and other informed persons, to consult and advise the Institute on its various fields of activity, as a means of developing wider expertise and contacts, and, in the case of high-profile individuals, as a means of gaining publicity, as well as, in cases where Board members come to commit themselves the Institute's values and principles, a means of recruitment to the directorships, trusteeships and other offices in the Institute and its associated organisations and thus to further the scope and scale of the Institute's culture and organisational structure.
- 2.18 To advise, consult, assist and where necessary campaign, on matters arising in connection with the Institute's academic, political, cultural and other relations with organisations and individuals in establishing relations with equivalent circles in this country, for example in applying for visas, gaining access to media outlets, speaking locations and other academic facilities, as well as banking issues in the international movement of research funds and other funds, for example where their countries face exceptional scrutiny or even sanctions affecting such transactions.
- 2.19 To monitor and address in a creative manner issues of academic independence and freedom of speech generally where these involve interaction with countries with different social and political systems, and to further the understanding of the political and ideological background where these are unfamiliar on one or both sides, so as to promote friendly and mutually advantageous outcomes for open and constructive discussion and debate.

2. **Powers**

- 2.1 To further its objects the Institute may do all such lawful things as may further the Institute's objects, and in particular may:
- 2.1.1 Foster, undertake, commission and or support research, surveys, studies or other work into any aspect of or related to the Institute's work and objects including, but not limited to, the provision of grant funding;
- 2.1.2 Award prizes, scholarships, studentships and/or research grants to persons involved in any aspect of the objects of the Institute;
- 2.1.3 Cause to be written and/or print, publish, reproduce, bind, edit, compile, sell, circulate, distribute, catalogue, archive, export and import gratuitously or otherwise books, papers, catalogues, reports, periodicals, magazines, biographies, journals, pamphlets, circulars, binders, cassettes, films, databases, CD ROM, other electronic publishing products, other documents and similar commodities, in any medium including in a digital format, and generally to conduct a printing and publishing business;
- 2.1.4 Create, write, compose, record, perform, publish, produce, edit, sell, circulate, distribute, catalogue, archive, export and import gratuitously or otherwise audio content in any medium including in a digital format;
- 2.1.5 Purchase or otherwise acquire, dispose of, protect, extend and renew any patents, registered designs, trademarks (whether registered or not), copyright, design right or any similar property rights, and to receive, use or grant licences in respect of such rights;
- 2.1.6 Administer websites;
- 2.1.7 Provide and/or support forums, by whatever means, to promote discussion and debate;
- 2.1.8 Arrange and facilitate delegations and travel;
- 2.1.9 Provide services and facilities;
- 2.1.10 Arrange, participate in, support and/or facilitate public events, including but not limited to campaigning activities such as demonstrations and rallies, and social and cultural events;
- 2.1.11 Co-operate and collaborate with voluntary bodies and statutory bodies and political organisations, whether domestic or foreign, to exchange information and advice;
- 2.1.12
- (a) Alone or with other organisations:
- (b) Carry out campaigning activities;
- (c) Seek to influence public opinion; and
- 2.1.13 Make representations to and seek to influence governmental and other bodies and institutions regarding the reform, development and implementation of appropriate policies, decisions, legislation and regulations, provided that all such activities shall be in support of the Institute's Objects;
- 2.1.14 Engage in political activity;
- 2.1.15 Write, make, commission, print, publish or distribute materials or information or assist in these activities;
- Promote, initiate, develop or carry out education and training and arrange, provide or assist with exhibitions, lectures, meetings, seminars, displays or classes;

- 2.1.16 Promote, encourage, carry out or commission research, surveys, studies or other work and publish the useful results;
- 2.1.17 Lobby, advertise, publish, educate, examine, research and survey in respect of all matters of law, regulation, economics, accounting, governance, politics and/or other issues and to hold meetings, events and other procedures and co-operate with or assist any other body or organisation in each case in such way or by such means as may, in the opinion of the Directors, affect or advance the objects in any way;
- 2.1.18 Support, whether financially or by other means, causes decided by the Directors, including but not limited to legal actions and/or campaigns relating to promoting or defending freedom of speech and the right to protest and freedom of association;
- 2.1.19 Establish, support, promote and/or operate a network of those interested in the work of the Institute;
- 2.1.20 Provide and assist in the provision of money, materials or other help to organisations, individuals, projects and/or causes as the Directors see fit in support of the Institute's objects;
- 2.1.21 Invite and receive financial donations, grants, donations and support in kind, from individuals, and from organisations of any kind, including research grants from public or government agencies etc., whether those governments or agencies are domestic or foreign;
- 2.1.22 Provide or procure the provision of guidance, advocacy and support;
- 2.1.23 Provide or procure the provision of advice;
- 2.1.24 Enter into contracts to provide services to or on behalf of other bodies;
- 2.1.25 Carry on any trade;
- 2.1.26 Acquire or rent any property of any kind and any rights or privileges in and over property and construct, maintain, alter and equip any buildings or facilities;
- 2.1.27 Subject to any consents required by law, buy, lease or otherwise acquire and deal (including but not limited to by way of gift) with any property real or personal and any rights or privileges of any kind over or in respect of any property real or personal and to improve, manage, develop, construct, repair, sell, lease, mortgage, let out for residential, office or other purposes, charge, surrender or dispose of or otherwise deal with all or any part of such property and any and all rights of the Institute, with or without payment and subject to such conditions as the Directors think fit, and to appoint agents to conduct such affairs on their behalf as and when appropriate;
- 2.1.28 Borrow or raise and secure the payment of money for any purpose including for the purposes of investment or of raising funds, including charging property as security for the repayment of money borrowed or as security for a grant or the discharge of an obligation;
- 2.1.29 Set aside funds for special purposes or as reserves against future expenditure;
- 2.1.30 Invest the Institute's money not immediately required for its objects in or upon any investments, securities, or property;
- 2.1.31 Arrange for investments or other property of the Institute to be held in the name of a nominee or nominees and pay any reasonable fee required;
- 2.1.32** Lend money and give credit to, take security for such loans or credit and guarantee or give security for the performance of contracts by any person or company;
- 2.1.33** Open and operate bank accounts and other facilities for banking and draw, accept, endorse, issue or execute promissory notes, bills of exchange, cheques and other instruments;
- 2.1.34** Accept (or disclaim) gifts of money and any other property;
- 2.1.35** Raise funds by way of subscription, donation or otherwise;

- 2.1.36 Trade in the course of carrying out the Objects of the Institute;
 - 2.1.37 Incorporate and acquire subsidiary companies to carry on any trade;
 - 2.1.38 Subject to Article 4 (Limitation on private benefits):
 - (a) engage and pay employees, consultants and professional or other advisers; and
 - (b) make provision for the payment of pensions and other retirement benefits to or on behalf of employees and their spouses and dependants;
 - 2.1.39 Establish and support or aid in the establishment and support of any other organisations and subscribe, lend or guarantee money or property for charitable purposes;
 - 2.1.40 Become a member, associate or affiliate of or act as trustee or appoint trustees of any other organisation (including without limitation any charitable trust of permanent endowment property held for any of the charitable purposes included in the Institute's objects);
 - 2.1.41 Undertake and execute charitable trusts;
 - 2.1.42 Amalgamate or merge with or acquire or undertake all or any of the property, liabilities and engagements of any body;
 - 2.1.43 Pay out of the funds of the Institute the costs of forming and registering the Institute;
 - 2.1.44 Insure the property of the Institute against any foreseeable risk and take out other insurance policies as are considered necessary by the Directors to protect the Institute;
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- 3.1.45 Provide indemnity insurance for the Directors or any other officer of the Institute;

LIMITATION ON PRIVATE BENEFITS

3. Limitation on private benefits

3.1 The income and property of the Institute shall be applied solely towards the promotion of its objects.

Permitted benefits to members, Directors and Connected persons

3.2 No part of the income and property of the Institute may be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividend, bonus or otherwise by way of profit to any member of the Institute unless the payment is permitted by Articles 4.3 or 4.4.

3.3 No Director may:

- 3.3.1 sell goods, services or any interest in land to the Institute;
- 3.3.2 be employed by, or receive any remuneration from, the Institute; or
- 3.3.3 receive any other financial benefit from the Institute;

unless the payment is permitted by Articles 4.4 or authorised by the court or the Charity Commission. In this Article 4 a "financial benefit" means a benefit, direct or indirect, which is either money or has a monetary value.

3.4 A Director may receive the following benefits from the Institute:

- 3.4.1 a Director or a person who is Connected with a Director may receive a benefit from the Institute in his, her or its capacity as a beneficiary of the Institute;
- 3.4.2 a Director or a person who is Connected with a Director may be reimbursed by the Institute for, or may pay out of the Institute's property, reasonable expenses properly incurred by him, her or it

when acting on behalf of the Institute subject to any expenses policy that may have been approved by the Directors and to the extent there is any question over whether an expense is reasonable it will be determined by the Directors excluding the Director whose expense is in question;

3.4.3 a Director or a person who is Connected with a Director may be paid reasonable and proper remuneration by the Institute for any goods or services supplied to the Institute on the instructions of the Directors (excluding, in the case of a Director, the service of acting as Director and services performed under a contract of employment with the Institute) provided that this provision may not apply to more than half of the Directors in any financial year (and for these purposes this provision shall be treated as applying to a Director if it applies to a person who is Connected with that Director);

3.4.4 a Director or a person who is Connected with a Director may receive interest at a reasonable and proper rate on money lent to the Institute;

3.4.5 a Director or a person who is Connected with a Director may receive reasonable and proper rent for premises let to the Institute;

3.4.6 the Institute may pay reasonable and proper premiums in respect of indemnity insurance effected in accordance with Article 3.1.44; and

3.4.7 a Director or other officer of the Institute may receive payment under an indemnity from the Institute in accordance with the indemnity provisions set out at Article 6;

provided that where benefits are conferred under Article 4.4 and Article 21 (Conflicts of Interest) must be complied with by the relevant Director in relation to any decisions regarding the benefit.