

STATUTE OF THE CENTRE FOR INTER-UNIVERSITY RESEARCH ON THE SOCIAL STATE.

ART 1 - OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSE

The aim of the Centre is to promote economic research on the Welfare State and on the various models around the world for the achievement of social protection and public support and progress in collective well-being, paying particular attention to issues raised by the increasing globalisation of the economy. The following activities have this aim in mind:

- a) the autonomous implementation of research projects
- b) the promotion of scientific meetings, seminars, conventions, and individual and collective publications
- c) co-operation and exchanges between related international research centres
- d) the making available of results from research carried out by members on subjects of interest to the Centre itself
- e) helping create a comprehensive library and specialised data-bases
- f) directly helping in the publication of periodical reports

In order to carry out the above activities, the Centre can stipulate specific conventions on either public or private subjects, granting or promoting, according to article 91 of the D.P.R. 382/80, can further inter-university research centres with related or complementary activities, can concern itself with questions of national interests, according to article 65 of the D.P.R. 382/80, taking part in projects financed by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche (National Research Board).

ART 2 - OFFICES AND FUNCTIONING OF THE CENTRE

The Centre has its administrative and organisational offices the Università degli Studi di Siena - Department of Political Economics. The Centre's own activities will take place along with the contracting university offices and are articulated on the basis of plans and programmes devised by the Scientific Council, about which more can be found in following articles.

ART 3 - COMPOSITION OF THE CENTRE

The Centre consists of:

- a) the Assembly
- b) the Executive Committee
- c) the Director
- d) the Scientific Council

ART 4 - THE ASSEMBLY

The Assembly consists of teachers and researchers who subscribe to the Centre. Teachers and researchers from associated universities, from other Italian or foreign universities and researchers from other public or private research bodies which conduct research related to the field of interest of the Centre, can request entry to the Centre by asking the Director, who then submits the request to vote by the Assembly.

Admission to the Centre will be communicated, at the appropriate time, to the vice-chancellor of the university to which the applicant belongs.

Validation of membership to the Assembly requires the presence of at least half the members plus one, excluding from this calculation justifiable absences.

The Assembly fixes the general guidelines for the Centre's work, it approves the budget estimates and accounts, approves the Director's annual report, and considers issues regarding the administration of the Centre and any non-directorial issues. In addition it deals with questions of admission addressed to the Director, subject to qualification by strict majority; whenever a request obtains a majority of the votes of those present, but not a majority of the total electorate, the Director submits the question to vote by correspondence.

The Assembly is convened to approve the budget and when the Director deems it necessary or when a third of its members request it.

ART 5 - THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is composed of one member for each of the participating universities plus two other members elected from the Assembly. The Board members serve a term of three years and can be re-elected.

It oversees the general course of action followed by the Centre, forwarding considered proposals to the Scientific Council and subsequently implementing those which are approved. It is convened by the Director at least twice a year and, in addition, whenever the Director deems it necessary or when three or more of its members request it.

The Executive Committee appoints a Scientific Secretary from among the Centre's members, who assists the Director with delegated duties and takes part in meetings of the Executive Committee but without the right to vote.

ART 6 - THE DIRECTOR

The Director is elected by the Executive Committee and nominated by the vice-chancellor of the administrating university.

They have the following responsibilities:

- a) to represent the Centre by mandate
- b) to convene and preside over the Executive Committee and the Scientific Council
- c) to submit the budget estimate, accounts and resolutions of the Executive Committee to the Assembly for consideration and approval
- d) to deliver an annual report to the Scientific Council concerning the Centre's activities for the year
- e) to supervise the overall operation of the Centre and pursue the general interests of the Centre

The Director serves for a term of three years and may not be re-elected more than one consecutive time. The Board also selects from among the Executive Committee a vice-director who stands in for the Director in the event of their absence or other obstacle.

ART 7 - THE SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL

The Scientific Council is composed of Italian and foreign scholars or experts in matters which are of direct and indirect interest to the Centre.

There can be a minimum of five and a maximum of fifteen members who are nominated and selected by the Executive Committee.

The Scientific Council acts in an advisory capacity to the Executive Committee and the Assembly in matters relating to current research.

ART 8 - FINANCING AND ADMINISTRATION

The Centre operates by means of:

- a) Funds channelled towards grant-holders of scientific research projects which are connected to the Centre and for which specific requests for funding have been made through the relevant administrative boards
- b) Funds allocated by the Ministero dell'Università e della Ricerca Scientifica (Ministry of University and Scientific Research) from the university research budget reserved for individual projects and research relevant to national interests
- c) Funds obtained from the National Research Council
- d) Funds from the European Union and international conventions
- e) Funds and grants from other public and private bodies or foundations, including from abroad
- f) Resources coming from other of the Centre's work, including orders and agreements (covenants) with public or private bodies

The funding of the Centre cannot be charged to the budgets of the participating universities.

Spending by the Centre, as laid down in article 5 of the Administrative Accounting Regulations of Ateneo of the Università degli Studi at Sienna (D.R. 375 - 1999/2000), is controlled by the Department of Political Economics at the University of Sienna. Equipment acquired using the Centre's funds is registered to a suitable inventory at each of the contracting offices. In the case of an activity being terminated it belongs to the place where it is registered. Funds assigned to common initiatives in a non-divisible manner are managed by the Centre according to the relevant rules cited in the Administrative Accounting Regulations of Ateneo. The Centre's estate consists of all equipment bought with funds assigned to the Centre itself as specified in this article. The Centre can also make use of the apparatus from other departments and university institutions to which the teachers and researchers in the Centre's operational unit belong.

ART 9 - DURATION AND RECESS

The current convention begins in earnest on the stipulated date, lasts for five years and will be automatically renewed, excepting cancellation.

Each of the member universities can file an action of repeal or recess by corresponding with the vice-chancellor of the Centre's administrative seat at least six months before the term expires.

ART 10 - TRANSITORY GUIDELINES

The Executive Committee is initially composed of one member for each university participating in the convention.

Its first task is to scrutinise, and in certain cases, put questions of membership to the Centre and to propose an initial research program. Once there are fifteen members it has to convene the Assembly which will provide for the election of the Board itself and approve the research program.