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Revised Charter of the Center for Sustainable Society Research (CSS)—Formerly the Center for Globalisation and Governance (CGG)—within the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg

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The Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg has adopted the Revised Charter of the Centre for Globalisation and Governance (CGG) within the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg and the change of name to Center for Sustainable Society Research (CSS) effective as of 24 October 2019.

Section 1 Role and responsibilities

- (1) The Center for Sustainable Society Research (CSS) will be, for an initial six-year period, an interdisciplinary research center within the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg within the meaning of Section 9 of the faculty charter (Fakultätssatzung).
- (2) The objective of the CSS is to broaden the understanding of social and economic institutions and processes in modern societies with regard to sustainability. The CSS contributes to the development of innovative empirical research and theoretical and methodological advances.
- (3) In order to achieve these objectives, the CSS shall focus specifically on:
 - a) implementing third-party funded research projects for sustainability issues within the parameters of the CSS's objectives
 - b) strengthening the internationalization and international visibility of research on CSS sustainability issues within the faculty
 - c) promoting discourse across the faculty and interdisciplinary discussions between faculties, in addition to strengthening exchanges with universities and non-university research institutions both in Germany and abroad.
 - d) providing non-financial support for doctoral and early career researchers involved in CSS research in cooperation with the faculty's Graduate School
 - e) advancing and developing new topics within the context of sustainability through the establishment of temporary working groups (AGs).

Section 2 Members

- (1) An application for full membership in the CSS may be submitted by anyone who holds a (junior) professorship, a postdoctoral position, a doctoral position, anyone who is an affiliated member of the WISO Faculty ("Zweitmitgliedschaft"), or anyone who is receiving a scholarship for the completion of a doctoral degree program at the WISO Faculty.
- (2) An application for associate membership may be submitted by anyone who holds a (junior) professorship, a postdoctoral position, or a doctoral position at Universität Hamburg outside of

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the WISO Faculty, at another higher education institution, or at a non-university research institution or by anyone who is a retired professor at the WISO faculty.

(3) Membership under subsections 1 and 2 herein requires the following:

(a) Two full members, one of which must be a professor, must support the application.

b) The applicant must be involved in third-party funded projects relevant to CSS research fields or the applicant must be involved in one of the temporary working groups pursuant to Section 1 subsection 3(e) with the intention of applying for such third-party funding for projects.

(4) The Board of Directors shall decide on the admission of full and associate members. With respect to applications for membership by doctoral students or retired professors, the Board of Directors may disregard the requirement contained in subsection 3(b).

(5) The conditions for membership set forth in subsections 1– 3 herein, with the exception of subsection 3(a), must be continually satisfied for the duration of membership. Membership terminates automatically if the prerequisites are no longer met.

Section 3 General meeting of members

(1) The Board of Directors shall convene a general meeting of members at least once a year. At this meeting, the heads of third-party funded projects and the temporary working groups as set forth in Section 1 subsection 3(e) herein shall report on the progress of their work. The Board of Directors shall report on general matters, especially planned activities and the use of the resources allocated by the office of the dean.

(2) An extraordinary meeting of the members must be convened when requested by at least one-third of the full members.

(3) Full members are entitled to vote on decisions to be taken by the members at the meeting. CSS associate members are entitled to attend and participate in meetings in an advisory capacity.

Section 4 Board of Directors

(1) The Board of Directors heads the CSS. It is responsible for coordinating ongoing and new research projects, affecting the conception of content-related specializations, designing lecture series, and promoting regional, national, and international networking. It decides on the establishment and termination of the temporary working groups as defined in Section 1 subsection 3(e). In addition, it is responsible for developing concepts for supporting doctoral and early career researchers within the meaning of Section 1 subsection 3(d). The Board of Directors decides on how to use resources that have been allocated to the CSS by the office of the dean within the scope of the CSS's cost center obligations. It must keep the members informed about its activities.

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(2) As a rule, the Board of Directors consists of at least three persons who must be university professors that are full members and who have been elected to a three-year term of office by the full members. The office of the dean appoints the executive director for a term of two years.

(3) The Board of Directors decides matters by a simple majority vote.

Section 5 Spokespersons for doctoral and early career researchers

Doctoral and early career researchers in the CSS elect two spokespersons each year. One of the two spokespersons must be a full member in the CSS. The two doctoral and early career researcher spokespersons shall attend the Board of Directors' meetings in an advisory capacity and represent the interests of the doctoral and early career researchers.

Section 6 Temporary working groups

(1) The temporary working groups set forth in Section 1 subsection 3(e) are established for a limited period of time and have the purpose of strengthening and dynamically developing the CSS's research profile.

(2) A temporary working group must consist of at least three full CSS members. At least two of these members must be professors. All members of a temporary working group must be members of the CSS.

(3) Full CSS members may apply for the establishment of temporary working groups as defined in Section 1 subsection 3(e) herein.

Section 7 Effective date

This amendment to the charter shall become effective upon the adoption of a resolution by the Faculty Council of the Faculty of Business, Economics and Social Sciences at Universität Hamburg.

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