

PLATFORM STATEMENT FOR THE POSITION OF VICE PRESIDENT FOR PROGRAMS

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Dear IAPSS Family,

My name is Anne-Marie Paszkowska, and I am seeking your support for my candidacy for the position of Vice President for Programs at the International Association for Political Science Students (IAPSS). With a strong track record of leadership, project management, and a commitment to the future of political science, I am confident that my qualifications align with the responsibilities and needs of the Vice President for Programs.

My journey in the world of political science began in Warsaw, where I was actively involved with the Independent Students' Union at the University of Warsaw, and led the national youth action for passing the bill for free legal support for all students in Poland. My passion for academic exploration led me to present a research paper as a panelist during the IAPSS World Congress in 2023, and engage in several other opportunities such as the "Young Leaders for the Future of Europe" program and the CIEE Civic Summit in Washington DC.

In addition to my academic credentials, my experience in the field of journalism and volunteering has honed my ability to understand and navigate complex political situations, develop creative problem-solving skills, and foster a strong sense of empathy and community engagement. I have published dozens of newspaper articles, scripts, interviews, and reports, volunteered for the Swiss "Hack for Health" Foundation and coordinated their logistics regarding Ukraine relief, and served at the Institute of Reportage.

If elected, I propose to leverage my skills and experiences to strengthen the IAPSS management capabilities and create a more smooth collaboration across regions. Moreover, I aim to implement the strategy of Executive Committee on creating career-related events within regional and national teams across the globe.

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In my capacity as a Polish Ukrainian, I am uniquely positioned to provide insight and support to our Ukrainian counterparts. I will support creation of an educational opportunities database for Ukrainian students and programs tailored to their needs.

A key part of our agenda is decentralizing IAPSS, and by leveraging my experience of working efficiently across multiple time zones I plan to empower regional chairs and build new strong partnerships. To back our financial sustainability, I will offer my advise and help in obtaining grants in the next mandate as a supplementary source of income.

To tackle the challenge of building personal connections in a largely virtual environment, I propose creating an alumni network of scholars that support each other and stay in touch. I believe this will foster a strong sense of community and will become a cornerstone for IAPSS members.

Lastly, I will bring a fresh and structured approach to the events organized by IAPSS, prioritizing ownership, collaboration, and decision-making with a lasting impact. I will strive to implement a culture of feedback and continual improvement, and develop realistic solutions to foster growth within IAPSS.

I am new to IAPSS, but my fresh perspective and transnational management background allow me to propose changes in the programs offered, streamlining and equipping the organization with a new set of tools and methods to improve project management. With my past experiences overseeing multiple events and projects, I am eager to apply my knowledge at IAPSS.

My aim is to foster an environment where each member feels heard, valued, and inspired to contribute to the growth of the association. By focusing on empowering our teams and providing the necessary support to navigate the political science field, I believe we can amplify our impact globally.

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In conclusion, I believe that my academic background, professional experiences, and commitment to the advancement of political science and its students make me a strong candidate for the Vice President for Programs. I look forward to the opportunity to serve the IAPSS community and to continue the important work of supporting political science students around the world.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. I am excited about the possibility of serving the IAPSS community in this capacity and look forward to the opportunity to discuss our common vision further at the General Assembly.

Sincerely,

Anne-Marie Paszkowska