

**GROUP CONTACT INFORMATION**

Proposed Group name: **Lattice: A Book Club**

**GROUP PURPOSE & ACTIVITIES**

Lattice: A Book Club is a group for reading, exploring and sharing cross-cultural and humanitarian thoughts.

The main activities are:

- 1. monthly book club discussion meeting.
- 2. Special events, probably two or three times a year, may include talks by invited speakers, special topic discussions etc.

Book discussion format:

Each discussion meeting has one facilitator (or two discussants).

Membership:

- 1. Any student/fellow within JHSHP is entitled to become a member. The only requirements are: to attend one meeting, register at the registration book, and regularly check email announcements from Lattice.
- 2. People from divisions of Hopkins other than JHSPH are welcomed to attend the meetings and become members.

Administration:

To promote people's involvement, fairness and enthusiasm, the club uses an anarchy system. The group will form a committee of a couple of coordinators. Each coordinator is equal within the committee, for organizing the activities and vote important decisions. Initial coordinators: Omar Galárraga, Wei Chen.

Voting:

- 1. Every member of the group can become a coordinator. During each monthly meeting, whoever wants to be a coordinator can make statements, and members at the meeting can vote. If more than half of the members agree, then this person becomes a coordinator.
- 2. Every member of the group can propose to remove a coordinator from his/her position. During each monthly meeting, a member can state a request of removal of a coordinator and its reasons. If more than half of the members in the meeting vote agree, then this request is granted and the corresponding coordinator is removed from his/her position.
- 3. Coordinator committee vote (can use email as a voting method) on important group decisions, such as the usage of funding, who to invite to speak, approval of membership of people outside of JHSPH.
- 4. The selection of year's book list is recommended and voted by members who attend the first meeting. The suggested guidelines for book selection are:

- A) page limit: 200 pages
- B) available in paperback or at libraries
- C) a minimum of two members would like to read and discuss it

Provide a one sentence description of the group mission statement or goals for the main student group webpage

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List any past activities of your group, or give some examples of activities that are planned

Regular book club meetings. Choose book titles and dates for seven meetings for the academic year 2005-2006 at the inaugural meeting. May have some special guests or events to discuss some of the chosen books.