

## **MESA Terms & Conditions**

### *Membership*

Your membership will be automatically renewed at the start of the new academic year on the 1st of September. The period of renewal will be one entire academic year until the 31st of August.



You authorise MESA to collect the Membership fee from your bank account. You authorise MESA to do this each renewed year.

The member must adhere to the conditions written down in the Statutes and Regulations of the Association.

### *Membership Cancellation*

If you want to cancel your membership, you have to send an email to [mesa@rug.nl](mailto:mesa@rug.nl) including a formal statement of cancellation of your membership. This has to be done before or on the 31st of August before the new academic year starts. Please note that your membership will not be cancelled automatically when you are done or quit studying Media Studies.

If a membership ends in the course of the association year, regardless of the reason or cause, the membership fee will remain due in full unless the board decides otherwise or it cannot be reasonably expected from the member.

### *Personal Data*

You have read and you agree to MESA 's Privacy Policy that can be found on the MESA website.

You are responsible to inform MESA about changes of your personal details.

You agree to the fact that MESA publishes pictures of MESA events to the website, Facebook and Instagram in which you might be depicted, and you have the right to ask these pictures to be removed.

You are aware of the fact that MESA manages your personal data via its membership database and stores all personal information you have provided in the MESA membership sign-up form and will provide (e.g. sign-up form for an event) in the future. With the subscription for and participation in MESA excursions and events that include visits to external institutions and venues, you agree to your personal data possibly being shared with these external institutions and venues.

If you cancel your membership, you agree that MESA will reach out to you to ask you to be included on the alumni list. If you choose to not become an alumnus your personal information will be deleted.

You agree that MESA can inform you about activities of MESA or of third parties per e-mail by means of the newsletter or other direct emails. If this is undesirable for the member, this can be indicated to the Board by sending an email.

You agree that the Board of the Study Association MESA can keep personal records of whenever you join a committee.

### *Liability*

You are aware that MESA is in no way liable for the loss, theft, and/or damage of property of participants in activities or users of the services provided by MESA.

Participants enter the activities organised by MESA at own risk. Therefore, MESA is not responsible for any liability or damage caused at such events.

MESA has no control over, and assumes no responsibility for, the content, privacy policies, or practices of any third party websites or services. You further acknowledge and agree that MESA shall not be liable for any damage of loss caused or alleged to be caused by the use of any such content, goods or services available.

MESA is not liable for any information or communication that is not provided by MESA.

### *Behaviour and Attitude*

MESA respects and adheres to the laws laid down in the Netherlands and as a member you are expected to do the same. When this is not done, the member may be removed and refused from future activities by the board. Moreover, expulsion from the association can be considered.

You respect that MESA has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the use and possession of drugs. It is prohibited for all members to use or possess any drugs as described in the Dutch law at all MESA activities, whether in cooperation with other associations or not. As a result, the member may be removed and refused from future activities by the board. Moreover, expulsion from the association can be considered, thereby losing the rights of membership.

You respect that at MESA activities, it is prohibited to carry weapons or use violence. When deemed necessary by the board, the police will be informed. As a result, the member may be removed and refused from future activities. Moreover, expulsion from the association can be considered.

You are aware that the board under no circumstances is allowed to use physical or verbal violence against its members. Moreover, the board may never disrespect its members on a hierarchical basis.

You respect that MESA does not condone behaviour such as discrimination, sexism, homophobia or any form of verbal abuse.

*General*

The board is allowed to change the terms and conditions at any time, as long as the members are notified by email and offered to be signed out when they are not in agreement with the changes.

Breaking one of the articles mentioned in the general terms and conditions can be sanctioned by MESA.

These general terms and conditions must be seen as an extension to the Statutes and the Rules and Regulations of MESA, which must in all cases be regarded as leading.

For any questions about the general terms and conditions, please send an email to [mesa@rug.nl](mailto:mesa@rug.nl). We will respond to you as soon as possible.

Updated on February 8th 2021

Alexander Breunis

Chairman of the board '20-'21

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Breunis', with a long horizontal stroke underneath.