

THIRTEENTH WORKSHOP OF PARLIAMENTARY SCHOLARS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

29-30th JULY 2017

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SATURDAY, 29 JULY

Please take your seats in the Lecture Hall by 9.15 a.m.

9.15 a.m. WELCOME [Lecture Hall]

Dr Nicholas D. J. Baldwin,
Dean, Wroxton College

Professor The Lord Norton of Louth
Director, Centre for Legislative Studies, University of Hull

SESSION 1: 9.30 – 11.00 a.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

STRENGTHENING LEGISLATURES: THE CHALLENGES

Chair: Nicholas Baldwin, Wroxton College

What is international parliamentary assistance for? Getting to grips with the reality of politics in difficult places

Greg Power, Global Partners Governance

Implementing legislative strengthening programmes: who is in control?

David E. Guinn, SUNY Center for International Development, and Jeffrey D. Straussman, University of Albany, SUNY

Can we be more strategic in our support for strategic planning in parliaments?

Victoria Ann Hasson, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

PANEL B [Regency Room]

PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT I

Chair: Hamid Ghany, University of the West Indies

Public engagement in the National Assembly for Wales: developments and consequences

Diana Stirbu, London Metropolitan University

The Role of Parliamentary Petitions in the 21st Century: reflections drawing from the 2015 House of Commons e-petitions system - Cristina Leston-Bandeira, University of Leeds

11.00 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]

SESSION 2: 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

TACKLING CORRUPTION IN LEGISLATURES

Chair: Rick Stapenhurst, McGill University

The role of parliaments in curbing corruption at the country level

Ghana: Rasheed Draman, African Centre for Parliamentary Studies

Nigeria: Anthony Staddon, University of Westminster

The Caribbean: Rick Stapenhurst, McGill University and Laval University

Corruption in Latin American legislatures: setbacks, advances and prospects

Khemvirg Puente, National Autonomous University of Mexico

PANEL B [Regency Room]

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN CHINA I

Chair: Colleen Lewis, Monash University

Modes of executive-legislative relations in the Chinese legislative process

Wenbo Chen, Beihang University

Selective openness: an evaluation of open-door legislation in China

Ying Sun, Sun Yat-sen University, and Xiang Zhang, Renmin University of China

1.00 p.m. Lunch [Dining Hall]



Lecture Hall

SESSION 3: 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

PARLIAMENTS AND PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT II

Chair: Cristina Leston-Bandeira, University of Leeds

Enhanced representation and local engagement: the Platform Project
David E. Guinn, SUNY Center for International Development

How parliaments can better understand the value of narratives for political engagement
Alex Prior, University of Leeds

Empowering People through public engagement: the case of Senate of Pakistan's outreach programme
Senator Rubina Irfan, Senate of Pakistan

PANEL B [Regency Room]

LEGISLATIVE ORGANISATION AND INFLUENCE I

Chair: Diana Stirbu, London Metropolitan University

An examination of committee systems in parliaments of small states: a study of Trinidad and Tobago and Dominica
Maukesh Basdeo, University of the West Indies

The independence of the Clerk: 'Friendly to all but friends with no one'
Peter Patmore, University of Tasmania

Suspending MPs: controversies from Trinidad and Tobago
Hamid Ghany, University of the West Indies

3.30 p.m. Refreshments [Buttery]



Regency Room

SESSION 4: 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

PARLIAMENTS IN CHANGING TIMES I

Chair: Lauren C. Bell, Randolph-Macon College

The Toxic Trust Deficit: A Shared Responsibility
Colleen Lewis, Monash University

Parliaments in the European Union as the masters of membership in the club and its precise terms: the case of Brexit

Valentin Kreiling, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin

The Legislature as whipping tool

Ibraheem O. Muheeb, Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board, and
Orisadare Jibola Lawal, Ogun State College of Health Technology

Head of state-parliament relations in the Pacific Islands: echoes of Empire

Richard Herr, University of Tasmania

PANEL B [Regency Room]

ENHANCING PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT

Chair: Greg Power, Global Partners Governance

The role of parliaments in international affairs: fostering democracy through the oversight of governmental action

Elena Griglio, Italian Senate and Luiss Guido Carli University in Rome

Democratic accountability and parliamentary oversight over the central banks. The Banking Union experience

Diane Fromage, Maastricht University, and Renato Ibrido, Luiss Guido Carli University in Rome

Legislating for development – engaging the legislature in achieving sustainable development

Benjamin Ekeyi and Deji Olaore, National Assembly of Nigeria

5.30 p.m. Work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union and Westminster
Foundation for Democracy
Andy Richardson (IPU) and Franklin De Vrieze (WFD)
[Lecture Hall]

6.10 p.m. Tour of the main building
[Assemble Great Hall]

The tour is open to all who have registered for the Workshop and is not confined to those who have booked for dinner

7.00 p.m. Drinks reception [Buttery]

7.30 p.m. Dinner [Dining Hall]

SUNDAY, 30 JULY

SESSION 5: 9.15 – 10.45 a.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

CAPACITY BUILDING IN LEGISLATURES

Chair: Khemvirg Puente, National Autonomous University of Mexico

Strengthening the capacity of parliaments through development of Parliamentary Research Services

Fotios Fitsilis and Alexandros Koutsogiannis, Hellenic Parliament

The place of parliamentary training institutes in enhancing parliamentary democracy: the case of Kenya's Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training

Nyokabi Kamau, Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training, Kenya

Parliamentary training and research

Sassui Palijo, Senate of Pakistan

PANEL B [Regency Room]

THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS IN CHINA II

Chair: Wenbo Chen, Beihang University

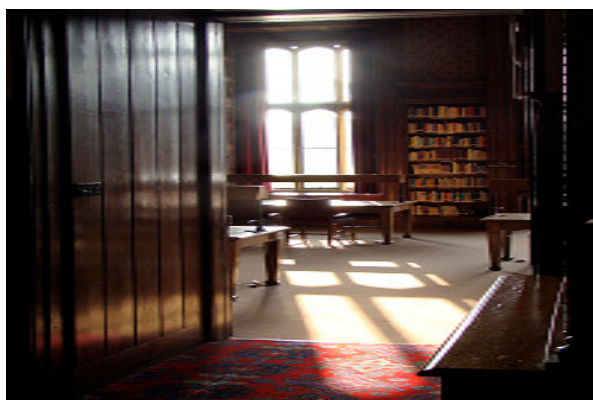
Automated evaluation of Deputy social responsiveness in China's People's Congresses

Yan Xingjian, East China University of Political Science and Law

Capacity-building, public participation, and resilience of an authoritarian state: development of a responsive legislature in a post-Communist China

Chun-chih Chang, Xiamen University, and Chien-min Chao, The Chinese Culture University

10.45 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]



Entrance to the Library

SESSION 6: 11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATIVE ORGANISATION AND INFLUENCE II

Chair: Peter Patmore, University of Tasmania

Obstruction in parliaments: a cross-national perspective

Lauren C. Bell, Randolph-Macon College

Can small parties influence legislation in the British House of Commons?

Louise Thompson, University of Surrey

PANEL B [Regency Room]

PARLIAMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Chair: Maukesh Basdeo, University of the West Indies

Communicating Parliament – let's visualise

Elsie Simpamba, National Assembly of Zambia

The art of persuasive discourse in parliament – a comparative analysis of Australian parliaments with those of the United Kingdom

Andréa Cullen, ACT Legislative Assembly, Canberra

12.30 Lunch [Dining Hall]

SESSION 7: 1.30 – 3.00 p.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT

Chair: Lord Norton of Louth

Plenary discussion on how to strengthen parliamentary oversight, ahead of the publication of the IPU *Global Parliamentary Report on parliamentary oversight*, with contributions from Meg Munn and Andy Richardson and others who have contributed to the report.

3.00 p.m. *Close of Workshop*

Professor The Lord Norton of Louth

Refreshments will be served in the Buttery

WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

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