

SIXTEENTH WORKSHOP OF PARLIAMENTARY SCHOLARS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

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The Workshop brings together scholars and parliamentarians to consider research likely to have practical implications for legislators and parliamentary officials. Each session is organised in order to enable time for discussion and for panel discussions to be complemented by informal discourse during the refreshment breaks.

Sessions, other than the first one, are divided into two parallel panels, one taking place in the Lecture Hall, situated in the Carriage House, and the other in the Regency Room, on the first floor of the main building. Participants can select whichever they wish to attend.

PROGRAMME

SATURDAY, 27 JULY

Please take your seats in the Lecture Hall for 9.00 a.m.

OPENING: 9.10 – 9.45 a.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

- 9.10 a.m. *WELCOME*
Dr Nicholas D. J. Baldwin,
Dean, Wroxton College

Professor The Lord Norton of Louth
Director, Centre for Legislative Studies, University of Hull
- 9.20 a.m. *GETTING LEGISLATION RIGHT:
THE IMPORTANCE OF LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING*
Amanda Riley and Jide Lanlehin
- 9.30 a.m. Opening Address
PARLIAMENTARY ACTION ON THE REGULATION OF AI
Andy Richardson
Inter-Parliamentary Union

SESSION 1: 9.45 – 11.00 a.m.

Plenary [Lecture Hall]

PARLIAMENTS AND AI

Chair: Mark Shephard, University of Strathclyde

Strategic integration of Artificial Intelligence in parliamentary processes
Fotios Fitsilis, Hellenic Parliament, Jörn von Lucke, Zeppelin University, and George Mikros,
Hamad Bin Khalifa University Qatar

*Artificial Intelligence (AI) in Parliaments: Current applications, future prospects, and
implementation strategies*
Marci Harris, Executive Director, POPVOX Foundation; University of San Francisco; San
Jose State University

*Artificial Intelligence in Parliamentary Assemblies as Constitutional Bodies: the Italian State
of Play.*
Ylenia Maria Citino, Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna, Pisa

11.00 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]

SESSION 2: 11.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY

Chair: Andréa Cullen, Integrity Partners, Canberra

Building Legislative Capacity: Pre-legislative scrutiny in the UK Parliament
Tom Caygill, Nottingham Trent University

The role of Parliaments in improving the quality of legislation through ex-ante and ex-post scrutiny

Maria Mousmuti, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

Private Members' Bills in Westminster and beyond

Ruth Dixon, University of Oxford, and Anne-Marie Griffiths, Public Bill Office, UK House of Commons

PANEL B [Regency Room]

PARLIAMENTARY DIPLOMACY

Chair: Monika Brusenbauch Meislová, Masaryk University

Parliamentary Diplomacy and Diaspora Diplomacy: the case of Afghanistan and its humanitarian crisis
Juan de Dios Cincunegui, Universidad Austral

Interpreting parliamentary diplomacy in EU27-UK relations
Cherry Miller, University of Helsinki

Scope and limits of Parliamentary Diplomacy: complementation, confrontation and limitations of the external action of parliaments and parliamentarians in matters of Foreign Policy.
Juan de Dios Cincunegui, Universidad Austral

1.00 p.m. Lunch [Dining Hall]



Regency Room

SESSION 3: 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATURES IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Chair: Ylenia Maria Citino, Scuola Superiore Sant' Anna, Pisa

Visual Parliaments: a framework for mapping parliaments as 'videospheres'
Mouli Banerjee, University of Warwick

Climate change discourse in a digital era: A case study of the European Parliament's self-legitimation practices on Twitter
Monika Brusenbauch Meislová, Masaryk University

PANEL B [Regency Room]

MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO RESEARCHING LEGISLATURES AT A TIME OF TURMOIL

Chair: Ruth Dixon, University of Oxford

Can we be friends? The Texas House of Representatives as a critical case study of cross-party collaboration in a context of polarization
Emma Crewe, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), London, and Michelle M. Taylor Robinson, Texas A&M University

Ethnographic perspectives on political minorities inside the Brazilian Parliament
Cristiane Bernardes, Legislative School, Brazilian Chamber of Deputies

A Lone Star and the City on the Hill: exception, process, and symbolism in U.S. state politics
Emma Crewe, SOAS, and Daniel Souleles, Copenhagen Business School

3.30 p.m. Refreshments [Buttery]



Lecture Hall

SESSION 4: 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

PARLIAMENTARY ADMINISTRATION

Chair: Hamid Ghany, University of the West Indies

Keeping the House in order – the effectiveness of parliamentary administration governance models

Andréa Cullen, Integrity Partners, Canberra

Nonpartisan parliamentary staff navigating through a partisan Parliament in Ghana

Ernest Darfour, Parliament of Ghana, Alhassan Sayibu Suhuyini, University of Ghana, and Joseph Antwi-Boasiako, University of Hamilton, Canada

The morale of trainers in parliamentary training institutions: a case study of selected institutions in Africa

Buchere Philip Brightone, Abdul Majid Ali Ahmed, Rasheed Draman, Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), Kenya, and Hon. Rachel Ameso, Commissioner, Parliamentary Services Commission, Kenya

PANEL B [Regency Room]

CHALLENGES OF BEING AN MP

Chair: Fotios Fitsilis, Hellenic Parliament

Offsetting incongruence through constituency mentions. Legislative behaviour and the electoral connection?

Zac Dickson, London School of Economics, Sebastian Ludwig-Ziegler, University of Stirling, Mark Shephard, University of Strathclyde, Tevfik Murat Yildirim, University of Stavanger

Should Members of Parliament still act as employers? A comparative insight into the staffing issue

Mohesh Balnath, University of Grenoble Alpes

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

The tour is open to all who are attending the Workshop

7.00 p.m. *Drinks reception*
[Buttery]

7.30 p.m. *Dinner*
[Dining Hall]

Followed by an evening of entertainment in the Buttery

SUNDAY, 28 JULY

SESSION 5: 9.15 – 10.45 a.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

CHAMBER CHALLENGES

Chair: Michelle M. Taylor Robinson, Texas A&M University

Patchwork or masterpiece? Amendment packages as legislative tools in comparative perspective

Zsolt Szabó, Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church

Does access to classified information impede scrutiny of intelligence agencies? Learning from the case study of the Finnish Parliament

Tapio Raunio, Tampere University

The British Origins of agenda control in Israel

Tal Elovits, University of Milan

PANEL B [Regency Room]

ADAPTING TO CHALLENGES IN A NEW ERA

Chair: Juan de Dios Cincunegui, Universidad Austral

Approaching the integration of large language models in the parliamentary workplace

Jörn von Lucke, Zeppelin University

A hung parliament and its implications for the executive-legislative interface in Ghana

Ernest Darfour, Parliament of Ghana

10.45 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]



SESSION 6: 11.15 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

CONSTITUTIONAL CHALLENGES

Chair: Tapio Raunio, Tampere University

Flawed democracies, populist leadership, and legislative performance in Latin America: a comparative study of Argentina, Colombia and Mexico

Khemvirg Puente, UNAM-Mexico

From Throne Speech to Presidential Address: The parliamentary effect of conversion from a monarchy to a republic in Trinidad and Tobago

Hamid Ghany, University of the West Indies

PANEL B [Regency Room]

REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENEOUS POPULATIONS

Chair: Emma Crewe, School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS)

A rightful place – the representation and participation of First Nation Peoples in the political process

Andréa Cullen, Integrity Partners, Canberra ACT and Charles Darwin University, and Richard Egan, independent scholar, Australia

From margins to mainstream: paving pathways for indigenous representation in Parliament

Muhamad Sayuti Hassan, Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

12.30 Lunch [Dining Hall]



Part of the grounds of Wroxton College

SESSION 7: 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Roundtable discussion on challenges facing
Parliaments and parliamentarians

SESSION 8: 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Chair: Dr Nicholas Baldwin, Wroxton College

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

***Strengthening Parliaments:
legislative scrutiny, public trust***

**Professor The Lord Norton of Louth
University of Hull**

3.00 p.m. *Close of Workshop*

Professor The Lord Norton of Louth

3.15 p.m. Group photograph – steps of Wroxton Abbey

3.30 p.m. Presentation of attendance certificates and book signing – Great Hall

Refreshments will be served in the Buttery.

WORKSHOP ORGANISATION

*The Workshop is organised by
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