SEVENTEENTH WORKSHOP OF PARLIAMENTARY SCHOLARS AND PARLIAMENTARIANS

25th-26th JULY 2026

WROXTON COLLEGE,
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PROGRAMME

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

Sessions 1, 5, 7 and 8 take place in plenary; the remaining sessions 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.

SATURDAY, 25 JULY

8.00 – 9.00 a.m. Breakfast [Dining Hall]

9.15 – 9.30 a.m.
WELCOME

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Nicholas D. J. Baldwin,
Dean, Wroxton College

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

SESSION I: 9.30 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

THE CHALLENGES OF AI

Chair: Tapio Raunio, Tampere University

Parliaments at the centre of the storm: democratic control, systemic risk and Artificial Intelligence
Juan de Dios Cincunengui, Universidad Austral

Leapfrogging legislative modernisation: through AI-enabled digitalisation for resource-constrained parliaments
Marci Harris, Aubrey Wilson, Chloe Ladd and Caitlin McNally, POPVOX

Augmented institutions: how AI becomes institutionalised in parliamentary governance
Kevin W. Settles, Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin

11.00 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]

SESSION 2: 11.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY

Chair: Wenbo Chen, Beihang University

Post-legislative scrutiny in the Ukrainian Parliament
Anton Morgun, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, and Franklin de Vrieze, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Post-legislative scrutiny in the Scottish Parliament
Tom Caygill, Nottingham Trent University

Three-to-five years on: post-legislative scrutiny of the Counter-Terrorism and Border Security Act 2019 in the UK Parliament
Spyridoula-Anna Pappa, University of Law, London

PANEL B [Regency Room]

ENHANCING THE REPRESENTATION OF WOMEN

Chair: Khemvirg Puente, UNAM-Mexico

Opening the Gate: leadership transition, male allyship and women's pathways to Parliament in Malaysia
Azyan Shafee, Dina Miza binti Suhaimi, and Mohammad Anas B. Khairul Anuar, Parliament of Malaysia

1.00 p.m. Lunch [Dining Hall]

Lecture Hall

SESSION 3: 2.00 – 3.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATIVE CHALLENGES TO ACHIEVING CHANGE

Chair: Fotios Fitsilis, Hellenic Parliament

Institutional encounters of identity and authority: exploring the duality of petitions and petitioning by First Nations Australians
Andrea Cullen, University of Sydney

Assessing the securitization of citizenship: analysis of parliamentary debate during the passage of the Deprivation of Citizenship (Effect During Appeal) Act 2025
Robert B. Swetlic, Wayne State University

Procedural reform in the Parliament of Ghana: political will, institutional inertia, and the push-pull dynamics of change across six parliamentary terms
Ernest Darfour and Ebeneza Djietror, Parliament of Ghana

PANEL B [Regency Room]

PARLIAMENTARY OVERSIGHT

Chair: Panambi Garcés, Mexican Council of Wine and Spirits

Parliamentary Oversight of the Executive in the OSCE Region
Nina Chanturia, Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

When formal powers are not enough: practical limits and workarounds of legislative oversight in the Mexican Congress
Khemvirg Puente, UNAM-Mexico

3.30 p.m. Refreshments [Buttery]

Regency Room

SESSION 4: 4.00 – 5.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY

Chair: Robert B. Swetlic, Wayne State University

The atlas of political design – mapping and explaining the legislative process in Germany
Sven T. Siefken, Hochschule des Bundes für öffentliche Verwaltung, and Frederik Kampe, Gestaltungszentrale Politik e.V.

Democracy in the details: how the UK House of Lords scrutiny of delegated legislation sets a global standard
Spyridoula-Anna Pappa, University of Law, London

PANEL B [Regency Room]

THE CHALLENGES OF AI AND DIGITISATION

Chair: Derek Luyten, House Democracy Partnership

The national reach of parliaments in the global battle for AI regulation
Ylenia Maria Citino, eCampus University (Novemdrste)

The digital transformation in Omani parliamentary assemblies: a case study of the 'Entakheb' Application
JAisha Al Asmi, Maimouna Alrushheidi and Ethar Al Kharousai, Sultanate of Oman

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, 26 JULY

8.00 – 9.00 a.m. Breakfast [Dining Hall]

SESSION 5: 9.15 – 10.30 a.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Chair: Franklin de Vrieze, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

The work of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Rogier Huizenga, Manager, Human Rights Programme, Inter-Parliamentary Union

The work of the OSCE Office of Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)
Nina Chanturia, Democratic Governance Officer, ODIHR

The work of the House Democracy Partnership
Derek Luyten, Executive Director, House Democracy Partnership

10.30 a.m. Refreshments [Buttery]

SESSION 6: 11.00 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

PANEL A [Lecture Hall]

LEGISLATURES AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Chair: Andréa Cullen, University of Sydney

Policy, legislative and oversight measures required for integrating new technologies in counter-terrorism
Fotios Fitsilis, Hellenic Parliament and Universidad Austral, and Bruce Todd, independent researcher

Intelligence agencies and parliamentary debates: who refers to information by intelligence authorities and why?
Topias Favorin and Tapio Raunio, Tampere University

PANEL B [Regency Room]

GOVERNMENT, PARLIAMENT AND LOCAL

Chair: Liam Laurence Smyth, UK House of Commons

Who's deputy? The continual construction of the office of deputy to the British Prime Minister
Robert Swetlic, Wayne State University

The proud and the prejudices: MPs' views on decision-making within Parliamentary Party Groups (PPGs)
Oliver Kannenberg and Christian Ignorek, Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin

Democratising legislative inquiry: a case study of parliamentary town halls on school children bullying in Malaysia
Azyan Shafee and Siti 'A'Isyah Binti Che Osmi, Parliament of Malaysia

12.30 Lunch [Dining Hall]

SESSION 7: 1.30 – 2.30 p.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Chair: Tom Caygill, Nottingham Trent University

Violence against parliamentarians

Rogier Huizenga
Inter-Parliamentary Union

IPU Report: When the public turns hostile: Political violence against parliamentarians
https://www.ipu.org/resources/publications/reports/2026-02/when-public-turns-hostile-political-violence-against-parliamentarians

SESSION 8: 2.30 – 3.00 p.m.

PLENARY [Lecture Hall]

Chair: Nicholas Baldwin, Wroxton College

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Strengthening Parliaments:
The public and parliamentary challenges

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3.00 p.m.	*Close of Workshop* 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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