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NEWS ON PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH

INTRODUCTION

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Dear members of IPSA Research Committee 08 – Legislative Specialists,

We are delighted to present you the second issue of our RC08 – Legislative Specialists Newsletter. Its purpose is to inform about the events that took place in the last half a year and what our members are preparing for or what might be interesting for them this year. In addition to various events, information on our members' publications on the issue of our RC is also available.

Our attention begins to focus on the 25th IPSA World Congress, which will be held in Brisbane, Australia, July 21-26, 2018.

We welcome your feedback on the newsletter, your comments, suggestions, and criticisms. The newsletter cannot exist without the information that you send us.

Please, write to us at: zdenka.mansfeldova@soc.cas.cz, or for correspondence related to the newsletter contact michael.edinger@uni-jena.de. Messages to all RCLS members should be circulated via: rclsmembers@googlegroups.com.

Sincerely yours,

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REPORT ON RC08 ACTIVITIES

RC08 WITH THE WORLD BANK AND USAID AT WASHINGTON DC 2016

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In the first issue of the RC08 Newsletter we gave a brief account of the RC08 section at the annual meeting of the Policy Studies Association (PSO), conducted together with the World Bank and USAID at Washington DC in early December 2016.

Here is the program of the RC08 – Legislative Specialists panel:

Organizer: *Irina Khmelko*, University of Tennessee

Implementing Legislative Strengthening Programs: Who is in Control?

David E. Guinn, SUNY Center for International Development

Jeffrey D. Straussman, Rockefeller College of Public Affairs & Policy, University of Albany SUNY

Mandatory Data Reporting: The Unused Tool in Legislative Oversight

Tomas Bridle, Independent Development Consultant

Legislative Roles in Addressing Major Impediments in the Process of Democratic Transition and Consolidation: The Case of the Ukrainian Parliament

Irina Khmelko, University of Tennessee

Michael Bonnal, University of Tennessee

The Role of the New Parliament in the Stage of Economic Crisis: the Case of the Slovene National Assembly

Drago Zajc, University of Ljubljana

Consolidation of or Resistance to Democracy: Democratization and the Turkish Grand National Assembly

Ömer Faruk Gençkaya, Marmara University

Please find below a link to a video of this section published on the PSO web site:

<http://www.ipsonet.org/conferences/the-dupont-summit/dupont-summit-2016-videos>

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



IPSA WORLD CONGRESS 2018:
CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

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RC08 Legislative Specialists (RCLS) will organize a number of panels at the 25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, July 21-26, 2018 in Brisbane, Australia. The Congress will have a rich program under the theme **Borders and Margins**.

The IPSA call for panels and papers was opened at May 30, 2017. Deadline: October 10, 2017. Make sure the proposals are submitted to the RC08 session. Proposal Acceptance Notifications will be published on 19 January 2018.

Panel proposals should include a chair, discussant(s) and 4-6 papers, just like the “closed panels” before. The former “open panels” have been dropped this time. RC08 will propose *own panels* (see below) and assess *individual paper proposals* to form panels within the RC08 session.

See <https://wc2018.ipsa.org/> or contact RC08 Program Chair Hilmar.Rommetvedt@iris.no for further information.

We recommend to those who want to submit a panel proposal and are looking for paper givers, to send their panel proposal including an abstract to our common address: rclsmembers@googlegroups.com.

CALL FOR PAPERS NO. 1 FOR A RC08 PANEL AT BRISBANE

Panel Title: The Decline of National Parliaments?

Chair: Zdenka Mansfeldová, Czech Academy of Sciences

Discussant: Petra Guasti, Johann Wolfgang Goethe University Frankfurt

The processes of globalization and Europeanization fundamentally influence the role and functioning of national parliaments. Electoral and political participation continue to wane, negatively affecting input legitimacy, the ability of the national parliaments legislate is limited by supranational rules, their input into supranational (i.e. for Europe EU) legislation procedurally constrained. In the wake of growing populism and calls for direct democracy, we ask – are we seeing the inevitable decline of representative democracy and its institutions (parliaments)? Parliaments adopt various strategies to address these issues - increasing transparency, procedural and output legitimacy. One example is the direct interaction between parliaments and organized interests during the legislative process. This panel focuses on the interaction between the parliament and organized interest groups, posing the question whether strengthening these forms of interactions has the potential to strengthen the legitimacy of national parliaments by bridging the gap between citizens and institutions of representative democracy.

This panel welcomes comparative papers that contribute to the broader comparative research on the interaction between national parliaments and organized interests (civil society, trade unions, and lobby groups). We particularly welcome comparisons between CEE and other transition countries around the world, but theoretically driven papers with single case studies are also welcome.

Please send your paper proposal to
Zdenka Mansfeldová (zdenka.mansfeldova@soc.cas.cz) by 15 August 2017.

CALL FOR PAPERS NO. 2 FOR A RC 08 PANEL AT BRISBANE

Panel Title: Voluntary and Involuntary Exits from Parliaments: Post-parliamentary Careers of MPs

Chair: Michael Edinger, Friedrich Schiller University Jena

Co-Chair: Marija Taflaga, Australian National University Canberra

Discussant: Csaba Nikolényi, Concordia University Montreal

Parliamentary recruitment is a well-established sub-discipline of parliamentary research and candidate selection has received more scholarly attention recently. Yet, hardly any research has been conducted on the exits from parliament nor on the careers of former Members of Parliament. This is surprising as such research promises to substantially enhance our knowledge of, inter alia, politicians' career strategies, the relevance of membership and positions in parliament for political careers and the commitment to parties when party discipline is no longer imminent.

The proposed panel aims to take the research on MPs and their careers beyond the time limit of their membership in parliament. It addresses all aspects of parliamentary exit – voluntarily or imposed, during or at the end of a term, caused by electorates or selectorates – just as the variety of career paths following the departure from the legislative assembly.

Empirical research on the circumstances of departure from parliament should provide us with a much better understanding of career trajectories and patterns. The papers may study former MPs and their post-parliamentary activities also as an instrument to learn about the permeability of the political sector, the cohesion of political parties or their capacity of patronage. Another claim of the panel is to provide new insights into the function of parliaments for political careers, ranging from episodic membership (“waiting room”) to final career destination, from serving as pensioners' home to a springboard to higher offices.

Conceptual approaches may include perspectives from representation or delegation theory, elite studies, research on political careers, or else. Contributions are invited from both junior and senior scholars and may use a qualitative, quantitative or a mixed-methods design. Paper proposals by scholars from the Global South are particularly welcome and so are comparative papers.

Please send your paper proposal to Michael Edinger (michael.edinger@uni-jena.de) by 15 August 2017.

PAST CONFERENCES

4TH CONFERENCE OF THE ECPR STANDING GROUP ON PARLIAMENTS
(BASEL, 29 JUNE – 1 JULY 2017)

List of panels:

Opposition in Legislatures

Chair: Dominic Nyhuis

Measurement & Analysis of Legislative Data

Chair: Kamil Marcinkiewicz

Executive-Legislative Relations

Chair: Flemming Juul Christiansen

Assessing Individualism

Chair: David Willumsen

Political Careers I: Career Politicians

Chair: William T. Daniel

Parliamentary Capabilities for a World of Inequality

Chair: Ken Coghill

Committee Allocation

Chair: Cristina Bucur

Political Careers II: Career Moves

Chair: Donald D. Searing

National Parliaments & the EU

Chair: Katrin Auel

Descriptive and Substantive Representation

Chair: Tomas Zwinkels

Conflict in Legislatures

Chair: Laura Landorff

European Parliament: Changes & Challenges

Chair: Lauren K. Perez

Institutional Design

Chair: Thomas Zittel

Government Formation

Chair: Simon Otjes

Government Durability

Chair: Valentin Schröder

Parliaments & Society

Chair: Markus Baumann

Political Networks

Chair: Marc Geddes

Legislative Instruments

Chair: Hiroki Kubo

MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS IN 2016

2016

Eduardo Aleman and George Tsebelis

(Eds.) Legislative Institutions and Lawmaking in Latin America. Oxford: Oxford University Press 2016.

In this volume, twelve experts on Latin American politics investigate the ways in which the interaction between legislative institutions and the policy positions of key actors affects the initiation and passage of legislation, covering seven Latin American Countries: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Uruguay. These seven presidential systems vary widely in terms of their legislative institutions and the position of relevant actors.

Bernhard Weißels

Democratic Legitimacy. Concepts, Measures, Outcomes. In Ferrín, Mónica; Kriesi, Hanspeter (Eds). How Europeans View and Evaluate Democracy. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 235-256.

Wahlkreiskandidaten und politischer Wettbewerb. In Schoen, Harald; Weißels, Bernhard (Eds). Wahlen und Wähler. Analysen aus Anlass der Bundestagswahl 2013. Wiesbaden: Springer VS, 181-204.

Matti Wiberg

Digitalisaatio mullistaa työelämän valtasuhteet Kanava 44(2016):7, 50-52 [with S. Koskinen].

Vaikuttaako sää äänestysprosenttiin?, Poliitikka 58 (2016), 238-245 [with L. Winter].

Potjomkinin kulissi?, teoksessa Mykkänen, Antti (toim.): Maakuntaitsehallinto, Kunnallisanalan kehittämissäätö: Helsinki 2016, 54-64.

Presidentin uudenvuodenpuheet: kvantitatiivisen tekstianalyysin mahdollisuuksia, Poliitikka 58 (2016), 80-88 [with L. Winter].

MPs as Slack Maximizers: Do MPs Hide in the Crowd? In Ahteensuu, Marko (toim.): E PLURIBUS UNUM – Scripta in honorem Eerik Lagospetz sexagesimum annum complentis, Reports from the Department of Philosophy 3, Turku 2016, 262-286

EU:n vaikutus kansalliseen lainsäädäntöön: Delors-myytin komplementti pätee, Edilex.fi 2016.

DATA SETS

Bernhard Weßels

ZA5717 European Parliament Election Study 2014, German Candidate Survey

<https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/sdesc2.asp?no=5717&db=e&doi=10.4232/1.12443>

ZA5718 European Candidate Study 2014 – Comparative Dataset

<https://dbk.gesis.org/dbksearch/sdesc2.asp?no=5718&db=e&doi=10.4232/1.12722>

JOURNALS ON PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (2)



THE JOURNAL OF LEGISLATIVE STUDIES

Legislatures are ubiquitous: almost nine out of every ten countries have one. At a time of rapid institutional and political change, they have become even more significant. There are radical changes taking place in the Member States of the European Union, in the Middle East, in Africa, and across the world as these bodies are transformed and increase their significance.

The Journal of Legislative Studies (JLS) is a major international refereed journal, covering all aspects of legislative research and development, and aimed at scholars and researchers of legislative studies. It is global and scope, interdisciplinary in range, and eclectic in approach. Articles encompass legislative theory, comparative analysis and country-specific empirical research. Scholarly articles are complemented on occasion by reports and by guest articles penned by practitioners. Published by the publishing house of Taylor & Francis, the journal is published quarterly and is now in its twenty-third year of publication.

All articles of scholarly merit are considered. The JLS will not consider articles that are under review elsewhere, and uses double-blind peer reviews on all articles to help maintain the highest standards of academic integrity. Our submission guidelines are as follows:

Manuscripts should be compiled in the following order: title page; abstract; keywords; main text; acknowledgements; references; appendices (as appropriate); table(s) with caption(s) (on individual pages); figure caption(s) (as a list).

All manuscripts must include author details, a short biographical note on the author(s), an abstract, six keywords, and details of any funding for the research in the paper.

Please include a word count for your paper.

A typical main article for this journal should be no more than 7000 words; this limit includes tables and endnotes. Pressure on space means that exceptions to this limit have to be justified in terms of special merit. Two-part articles are considered in special circumstances.

A typical review article for this journal should be more than 4000 and no more than 7000 words.

A typical research note for this journal should be no more than 4000 words; this limit includes a minimum of referencing.

A typical guest article for this journal should be no more than 4000 words.

Please refer to our style guidelines, available through the Journal's webpage on the Taylor & Francis website, in particular:

- Please use British-ise spelling style consistently throughout your manuscript.
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To submit an article, please send your work in word document format to the Editorial Assistant to the Journal, Timothy J. Oliver, editorialassistant.jls@hull.ac.uk. Dr Oliver is the first point of contact for authors to the journal, and works closely with the editors. The principle editor is Professor the Lord Norton of Louth, who has primary responsibility for assigning reviewers as well as agreeing to proposed special issues, along with other members of the editorial board.

The series "Journals on Parliamentary Affairs" will be continued in the forthcoming newsletters.

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Let us remind you of the resolution adopted at the RC08 business meeting in 2016 to reintroduce a membership fee as of 2017. The membership fee is 25 USD per two years, starting from 1 January 2017.

Here is the information how to pay it:

WIRE TRANSFERS (in US \$) should have the following information:

From: SENDER`S NAME

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CANADA

Transit: 47581
Institution: 004
Account: 7137426
SWIFT CODE: TDOMCATTOR

AND an email should be sent to Frederick Stapenhurst by the sender advising that a payment has been sent.

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Frederick Stapenhurst
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By using PayPal for payment, Rick Stapenhurst PayPal account is:
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SUMMER/WINTER GREETINGS

The Newsletter Team wishes all RC08 – Legislative Specialists members and friends a great summer or – for those of you in the Southern hemisphere – an equally enjoyable winter!

