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NEWS ON PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH

WELCOME

Dear RC08 Legislative Specialists (RCLS) members,

The 25th World Congress of Political Science in Brisbane (Australia) is coming, and we hope that a large number of RC08 members will participate.

There will be a **RC08 business meeting** on Monday; **23 July 2018**, from **7.30 to 8.30 p.m.** (the venue will be announced later). One of the important issues on the agenda will be the election of three additional members to the RC08 Board (formerly Executive Committee). The existing board was elected in 2016 at the IPSA Congress in Poznan, but the full number of members was not elected, and seats are also open with the end of the mandates.

To prepare for the elections of Board members, and to enable those members who will not be able to join us in Brisbane, we have decided to compile a list of candidates via on-line communication as well as to receive nominations during the Congress, up to the beginning of the business meeting. Nominated candidates must be members of RCLS and, of course, should agree to their nomination. Self-nominations are also welcome.

We look forward to your cooperation in preparing the RC08 business meeting and the Board elections.

Please send your nominations for candidates, including their affiliation, to:

Zdenka Mansfeldová, Chair: zdenka.mansfeldova@soc.cas.cz

We welcome all suggestions for additional issues to be put on our business meeting agenda.

Please note that right after the business meeting we will have a common **RC08 dinner** at MADO restaurant: 1-3/15 Tribune St, South Brisbane QLD 4101.

With best wishes,

Zdenka Mansfeldová, Rick Stapenhurst, and Hilmar Rommetvedt

REPORT-ON RC08-RELATED ACTIVITIES

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BOOK PROJECT ON POST-AUTHORITARIAN LEGISLATURES

Dr. Irina Khmelko and Dr. Frederick Staphenurst, both members of the RC08 Board, are currently working on a book proposal “Post-Authoritarian Legislatures in the Era of Strong Executives: Issues in Building Institutional Capacity at the End of the Second Decade of the 21st Century”. If you are interested in joining the project, please email an abstract to Dr. Irina Khmelko at Irina-Khmelko@utc.edu by 10 May 2018.

UNDP GLOBAL PARLIAMENTARY REPORT 2017

RC08 members Rick Staphenurst and Robert Nakamura are among a group of scholars who have been involved in the UNDP Global Parliamentary Report 2017 on parliamentary oversight. The second Global Parliamentary Report was jointly produced by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU). It focuses on parliament’s role in oversight of government, and parliament’s power to hold government accountable for its actions and decisions.

The full report “Parliamentary oversight: Parliament’s power to hold government to account” is available on the UNDP website:

http://www.undp.org/content/undp/en/home/librarypage/democratic-governance/parliamentary_development/global-parliamentary-report-2017.html

UPCOMING CONFERENCES



IPSA WORLD CONGRESS 2018:
CALL FOR PANELS AND PAPERS

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RC08 Legislative Specialists (RCLS) organizes 10 panels at the 25th IPSA World Congress of Political Science, July 21-25, 2018 in Brisbane, Australia.

For the program and other details, see:

<https://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/home>

The following RC08 Legislative Specialists panels have been accepted. Changes are still possible as the final registration deadline is 9 May.

Title	Convenor	Chair	Co-chair	Discussants
Internet and Representative Democracy 24-07-2018 15:30 - 17:15	Prof. Da-Chi Liao	Prof. Da-Chi Liao		Prof. Alexander Tan
Executive-legislative Relations 22-07-2018 11:00 - 12:45	Dr. Hilmar Rommetvedt	Dr. Manda Green		Dr. Timothy Power
Executive-legislative Relations in South America 23-07-2018 9:00 - 10:45	Dr. Hilmar Rommetvedt	Dr. Julia Schwanholz		Prof. Da-Chi Liao
Governing and democracy in the European Union 24-07-2018 9:00 - 10:45	Prof. John Fossum	Prof. John Fossum	Dr. Russell Solomon	Prof. Hans-Joerg Trenz

Title	Convenor	Chair	Co-chair	Discussants
<u>Legislative Agenda Setting and Policy-making</u> <u>24-07-2018 11:00 - 12:45</u>	<u>Dr. Hilmar Rommetvedt</u>	<u>Dr. Irina Khmelko</u>		<u>Dr. Michael Edinger</u>
<u>Legislative Openness and Oversight</u> <u>23-07-2018 17:30 - 19:15</u>	<u>Dr. Ken Coghill</u>	<u>Dr. Ken Coghill</u>		<u>Dr. Sonia Palmieri</u>
<u>Roundtable - Authors Meet Critics: A Roundtable Discussion on "Coalitional Presidentialism in Comparative Perspective"</u> <u>24-07-2018 17:30 - 19:15</u>	<u>Dr. Timothy Power</u>	<u>Dr. Svitlana Chernykh</u>	<u>Dr. Timothy Power</u>	<u>Dr. Benjamin Reilly</u>
<u>The New Roles of Parliamentary Committees Revisited</u> <u>24-07-2018 17:30 - 19:15</u>	<u>Dr. Hilmar Rommetvedt</u>	<u>Dr. Petra Guasti</u>		<u>Dr. Zdenka Mansfeldova</u>
<u>Voluntary and Involuntary Exits from Parliaments: Post-parliamentary Careers of MPs</u> <u>22-07-2018 15:30 - 17:15</u>	<u>Dr. Michael Edinger</u>	<u>Dr. Michael Edinger</u>	<u>Dr. Marija Taflaga</u>	<u>Dr. Csaba Nikolenyi</u>
RCO8 Business Meeting:		<u>23-07-2018 19:30 - 20:30</u>		
RCO8 Dinner:		<u>23-07-2018 20:45 - 22:30</u>		

POST-LEGISLATIVE SCRUTINY

Co-organised by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London and the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD)

London, 10 July 2018,

Council Chamber of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies of the University of London, Charles Clore House, 17 Russell Square, Bloomsbury, London WC1B 5DR

Objectives of the academic seminar

1. Discuss Post-Legislative Scrutiny (in terms of the legal enactment and policy impact aspects of law implementation) as a substantial dimension of the oversight role of parliament, within different political systems;
2. Analyse which structures, procedures, emerging methodologies and resources are shaping parliaments' ability to conduct Post-Legislative Scrutiny, including parliaments' interaction with executive and implementing agencies;
3. Analyse lessons learned from established ex-ante legislative processes (incorporating review/sunset clauses in bills, Regulatory Impact Assessments, gender analysis) for the ex-post review process of impact of legislation.

Themes and agenda

The one-day seminar will be structured around three panel discussions, covering the following issues:

1. The law's enactment and the legal aspects of Post-Legislative Scrutiny

- Bringing primary legislation into force; issuing of secondary legislation, criteria for reviewing its compatibility with the primary legislation and fundamental rights and freedoms, and parliament role on secondary legislation [in Westminster parliaments, this might go through delegated legislation laid before parliament, negative resolution procedure or affirmative resolution procedure]
- Court proceedings and court challenges to legislation, and the impact on the effective implementation of legislation; role of legal precedents in implementation
- Review clauses and sunset clauses in legislation.

2. How to conduct the ex-post assessment of the policy impact of legislation?

- Methodologies for mid-term and long-term impact assessment of legislation
- Ex-ante and ex-post impact assessment, Regulatory Impact Assessment; baselines, indicators, and criteria for impact assessments of draft legislation, and how to use that information for ex-post assessment of impact

- Structures, procedures, emerging methodologies and resources which are shaping parliaments' ability to conduct Post-Legislative Scrutiny
- Institutional approaches to impact assessment by parliament and government in varying institutional and political contexts; roles, responsibility, partnerships and resources of ministries, semi-autonomous institutions and parliaments in conducting Post-Legislative Scrutiny of legislation.

3. Using Post-Legislative Scrutiny to conduct thematic review of impact of legislation [example - gender analysis]

- Relevance and opportunities of Post-Legislative Scrutiny to conduct a thematic review of the impact of legislation
- How incorporating gender equality and equality impact assessments into the legislative process affects the framework for Post-Legislative Scrutiny
- Lessons learned from gender budgeting and auditing for gender-sensitized Post-Legislative Scrutiny
- Necessary or complementary systems and structures of parliaments to facilitate gender-informed Post-Legislative Scrutiny

It is proposed that each session be chaired by a parliamentary representative (one session chaired by UK Westminster parliament, two sessions chaired by another parliament)

For more information see:

<http://epd.eu/2018/02/02/wfd-call-for-papers-academic-seminar-post-legislative-scrutiny/>

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The [ECPR Standing Group on Parliaments](#) will organize its [next conference](#) in Leiden in summer 2019. The local organizer is Tom Louwerse.

The next [ECPR General Conference](#) will be convened in Hamburg, 22-25 August 2018. Here is the Academic Program:

<https://ecpr.eu/Events/SectionList.aspx?EventID=115>

MEMBERS' PUBLICATIONS IN 2017 AND 2018

Osnat Akirav

(2017). 'The Talk–Listen–Respond (TLR) Model of Representatives on Twitter'. *The Journal of Legislative Studies* 23 (3), 392-418.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13572334.2017.1359942>

Elisabetta de Giorgi and Gabriella Ilonszki

(Eds.), 2018. *Opposition Parties in European Legislatures: Conflict or Consensus?* Routledge.

<https://www.routledge.com/Opposition-Parties-in-European-Legislatures-Conflict-or-Consensus/De-Giorgi-Ilonszki/p/book/9781138674875>



Michael Edinger

(2017). 'Neue Politiker braucht das Land? Attraktivität und Besetzung politischer Ämter'. *Aus Politik und Zeitgeschichte* 67 (14-15), 4-9.

<http://www.bpb.de/apuz/245586/neue-politiker-braucht-das-land-attraktivitaet-und-besetzung-politischer-aemter?p=all>

Heiko Giebler and Bernhard Weißels

(2017). 'If You Don't Know Me by Now: Explaining Local Candidate Recognition'. *German Politics* 26 (1), 149-169.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/toc/fgrp20/26/1>

Hilmar Rommetvedt

(2017). *Politikkens allmenngjøring. Stortinget, regjeringen og de organiserte interessene i et nypluralistisk demokrati [on the Norwegian Parliament, Government and Organized Interests]*. 3rd ed. Bergen: Fagbokforlaget.

<https://www.fagbokforlaget.no/Politikkens-allmenngj%C3%B8ring/I9788245022544>



(2017). Scandinavian corporatism in decline. In Oddbjørn Knutsen (ed.): *The Nordic Models in Political Science: Challenged, but still Viable?* Bergen: Fagbokforlaget.

<https://www.fagbokforlaget.no/The-Nordic-models-in-political-science/I9788245021752>

and Frode Veggeland (2017). *Parliamentary Government and Corporatism at the Crossroads. Principals and Agents in Norwegian Agricultural Policy-Making. Government and Opposition*, published online: 18 December 2017.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/government-and-opposition/article/parliamentary-government-and-corporatism-at-the-crossroads-principals-and-agents-in-norwegian-agricultural-policy-making/5DEE5BECF56B794EE077644C77D2DFC5> .

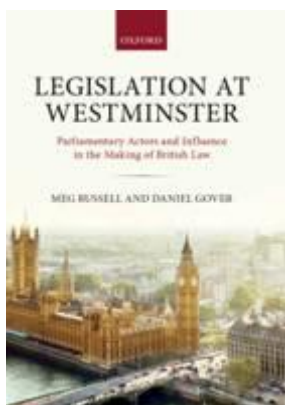
Meg Russell

and Philip Cowley, P. (2018). 'Modes of UK Executive-Legislative Relations Revisited'. *Political Quarterly*, 89 (1): 18-28.

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/1467-923X.12463>

and Daniel Glover (2017). *Legislation at Westminster: Parliamentary Actors and Influence in the making of British Law*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/publications/books/legislation-at-westminster-book>



Daniel Gover, Kristina Wollter, and Meghan Benton (2017). 'Actors, Motivations and Outcomes in the Legislative Process: Policy Influence at Westminster'. *Government and Opposition* 52 (1) 1-27.

<https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/government-and-opposition/article/actors-motivations-and-outcomes-in-the-legislative-process-policy-influence-at-westminster/9C4E938109801D2907B7C38E36F4D4DC>

and Jack Sheldon (2018). *Options for an English Parliament*. London: Constitution Unit.

Peter J. Tunkis

(2017). 'The Ties that Bind: Do Group Associations among Legislators Matter for Political Parties'. *Problems of Post-Communism* 64 (2): 79-93. (<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/10758216.2016.1172237>)

JOURNALS ON PARLIAMENTARY ISSUES (3)



PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS

Parliamentary Affairs is a quarterly peer-reviewed journal, published by Oxford University Press and the Hansard Society. It is currently edited by Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira, Department of Politics and International Studies, University of Leeds, c.leston-bandeira@leeds.ac.uk and Professor Jon Tonge, University of Liverpool, j.tonge@liverpool.ac.uk.

Established in 1947, *Parliamentary Affairs* is one of the oldest and most respected politics journals. It is an international journal which covers all aspects of government and politics directly and indirectly connected with parliament and parliamentary systems. The Hansard Society was founded to promote parliamentary democracy throughout the world, and *Parliamentary Affairs* offers up-to-date research on democracies, institutions, elections, and the elected.

Submissions on any aspect of parliamentary activity, broadly defined, are welcomed. Recent years have seen particular attention given to the legitimacy of legislative institutions, the representativeness of parliaments with respect to gender, age and social background, legislative functioning, sub-state parliaments and assemblies, parliamentary structures, party-legislator relations, executive-legislative balances, parliamentary profiles, and electoral systems. The journal's eclectic approach encourages a wide variety of submissions and cross-national comparisons, in addition to single country studies, which are especially welcome.

Parliamentary Affairs welcomes suggestions for special collections on thematic topics of major significance and relevance, although these must not exceed 50,000 words in total. On average, two such special collections are published each year and they often are cross-national in outlook. Recent examples of such collections include 'Disunity in Parliament', 'The French Elections', 'Parliamentary Activity and the Electoral Fortunes of MPs', 'Twenty Years after the Good Friday Agreement in Northern Ireland', 'The Politics of Committee Assignments', and 'National Parliaments and European Economic Governance'.

The journal also produces a special volume, *Britain Votes*, a major study of each UK General Election, covering the results, parties, campaigns, finance, and media coverage. This volume also appears in book form.

The journal is consistently ranked in the upper quartiles of political science journals and its current impact factor is 1.232. A distinguished international editorial board oversees the publication. This includes mainly academics but also a number of distinguished parliamentarians. All articles are subject to a minimum of two referees (normally three). The editors select one item for free access in each edition. Submission is online via the Scholar One manuscript system. Author guidelines can be found here: https://academic.oup.com/pa/pages/General_Instructions.

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IN BRIEF

Please note the Political Studies Association Specialist Group on Parliaments; here is their website:

<https://parliamentsandlegislatures.wordpress.com/ABOUT/>

The Specialist Group has a presentation on a number of parliaments worldwide:

<https://parliamentsandlegislatures.wordpress.com/OVERVIEW-OF-PARLIAMENTS/>

DAVID M. OLSON AWARD

At the last RC08 business meeting 2016 in Poznań, the participants and the board members unanimously decided to establish an

RC08 David M. Olson Award for the best IPSA World Congress paper on parliamentary issues by a junior scholar.

The Award will first be given after the 25th IPSA World Congress in Brisbane.

Nominations/applications:

All scholars below the age of 35 (and not serving as a full professor) who present a self-authored paper in one of the RC08 panels at the IPSA World Congress in Brisbane can be nominated for the RC08 David M. Olson Award. Authors of co-authored papers are only eligible if all authors are 35 years old or younger. The Award will then be split among the co-authors. Self-nominations are welcome. Nominees must have uploaded their full papers before 1 July 2018 on the IPSA website.

Then convenors, chairs, discussants and attendees may also nominate papers after the presentations.

Jury:

A jury will decide the best IPSA World Congress Paper on parliamentary issues by a younger scholar. The jury will be composed of the current Chair of RCO8 Legislative Specialists, the current Program Chair of the RC 08, and three additional board members.

Selection criteria:

- Excellent quality of the paper
- Relevant topic for parliamentary research
- Substantial contribution to research
- Innovative approach
- Strong methodological basis

Award:

\$1,000 USD

Deadline for applications:

5 August 2018

SEE ALL OF YOU

on the Australian East coast in July, hopefully. In the meantime: have a good and productive time!



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