

RCLS conference, Dresden 2008

- *final program* -

Tuesday, September 16

- arrival of participants
- 19.30 welcome dinner (at FUN hotel)

Wednesday, September 17

- 9.00 – 9.15 **Introduction: topics & organization** (Werner J. Patzelt)
- 9.15 – 12.00 **Paths of Legislative Development in Second Decade Post-Communist Parliaments: Some Questions – part I** (chair: David Olson).
 - Drago Zajc, “The Slovene Parliament and its Responses to ‘Europeanization’: Paradoxes between Opportunities and Practice”
 - Zdenka Mansfeldova, “Parliaments on the Way to Stability: Poland, Czech Republic, Hungary, Slovenia”
 - Radek Zubek, “Executive-Legislative Relations in East Central Europe”
 - Gabriella Ilonszki: “A More professional and weaker parliament”

12.15 lunch

- 14.00 – 16.30 **Paths of Legislative Development in Second Decade Post-Communist Parliaments: Some Questions – part II** (chair: David Olson / discussant: Gabriella Ilonszki).
 - Krzysztof Kasianiuk, “High Hopes and Unsatisfactory Performance. On Parliamentary Elites in New Democracies. The Case of Poland”.
 - Petra Rakusanova / Zdenka Mansfeldova: “The Elite Perception of Democracy and Representation in the Czech Republic: General Overview of the First 15 Years”.
 - Michael Edinger, “Westernization, Convergence or ‘Sonderweg’? The Post-communist Parliaments in European Comparison”
 - David M. Olson, “Paths of Legislative Development in Second Decade Post-Communist Parliaments: Some Questions”
- 16.30 – 17.30: Working session of the ‘Second Decade’ book authors

18.00 – 20.00 (*cum tempore*) visit to the Saxonian State Legislature & reception of its president

After that: free bus transfer to the FUN-hotel; or: individual evening activities downtown Dresden, with individual return to the hotel by taxi

Thursday, 18. September

- 9.00 – 12.00 **The Evolution of Parliaments: Concepts and Case Studies – part I**
(chair: Michael Edinger; discussant: David Olson)
 - Jakob Lempp: Evolutionary Institutionalism
 - Stephan Dreischer: From Parliamentary Forum to Parliamentary Co-legislator: The Institutional Evolution of the Supranational European Parliament
 - Jakob Lempp: The Evolution of the Council of the EU

12.15 lunch

- 14.00 – 16.30 **The Evolution of Parliaments: Concepts and Case Studies – part II** (chair: Michael Edinger; discussant: Radoslaw Zubek)
 - Peverill Squire: The missing link: The role of territorial assemblies in the evolution of American Legislatures
 - Alae Eddin Serrar: Morocco Parliament Support Project: 4 years of implementation. Achievements, Challenges and Opportunities
 - Werner J. Patzelt: A morphological approach to the study of parliaments and legislatures
- 16.30 – 17.30 **RCLS business meeting**

18.00 – 20.00 (cum tempore) visit to the Dresden City Council & reception of the mayor

after that: free bus transfer to the FUN-hotel; or: individual evening activities downtown Dresden, with individual return to the hotel by taxi

Friday, September 19

9.00 – 13.00 guided bus & walking tour through Dresden

afternoon: at personal disposition (there are famous museums at Dresden ...)

18.30 – 20.3 (cum tempore) visit to the Dresden Konrad Adenauer Foundation; reception & talks

After that: free bus transfer to the FUN-hotel; or: individual evening activities downtown Dresden, with individual return to the hotel by taxi

Saturday, September 20

in case of interest: sightseeing tour to the famous upper Elbe valley (Pirna, Königstein, Bastei ...)