

Ethnographies of Legislatures
Research Workshop

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Workshop Organisers

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Programme

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Schedule Overview

Thursday, 12 October	
10.00am-10.30am	Tea and coffee, welcome and opening comments (Marc Geddes)
10.30am-11.30am	Panel 1: Producing Political Work
11.30am-11.45am	Access break
11.45am-12.45pm	Panel 2: Communication and Presentation
12.45pm-1.45pm	Lunch
1.45pm-3.15pm	Panel 3: Traditions of Legislatures
3.15pm-3.45pm	Tea and coffee break
3.45pm-5.15pm	Roundtable discussion (chair: Greg Power)
5.15pm+	Wine reception
Friday, 13 October	
9.45am-10.15am	Tea and coffee
10.15am-11.45am	Panel 4: Perspectives on Parliaments
11.45am-12.00pm	Access break
12.00pm-1.00pm	Panel 5: Parliamentary Spaces
1.00pm-2.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm-3.30pm	Panel 6: Scrutiny and Legislation
3.30pm-4.00pm	Tea and coffee break
4.00pm-4.30pm	Closing discussion: workshop themes (chair: Marc Geddes)

Details of Panels

Thursday, 12 October

Panel 1: Producing Political Work (10.30am-11.30am)	
Chair: Shirin M. Rai	
Political Work in Parliaments. An empirical analysis of cultural production in the political field	Jenni Brichzin
How Far is the Parliamentary Work a Product of Collective Action?	Jonathan Chibois

Panel 2: Communication and Presentation (11.45am-12.45pm)	
Chair: Marc Geddes	
(Un)Orthodox Clothing in Parliaments: Comparative explorations into the symbolic dimensions of political representation	Jean-Pascal Daloz
Communication activities in the European Parliament: an ethnographic approach to actors' practices	Sandrine Roginsky

Panel 3: Traditions in Legislatures (1.45pm-3.15pm)	
Chair: Tony McNulty	
Diversity Sensitive Parliaments: the Feminist Challenge to Masculinized Parliamentary Power	Sarah Childs
Lessons from the Reform of Hogwarts-on-Thames	Greg Power
Westminster's Dilemma: Reconciling a 'New Politics' in a Climate of 'Anti-Politics' with the Beliefs Associated with the British Political Tradition	David Richards, Patrick Diamond and Alan Wager

Roundtable discussion (3.45pm-5.15pm)	
Chair: Fiona Mackay	
<p><i>Politics, As Usual?</i> A roundtable discussion, with perspectives from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lord Archy Kirkwood (former MP and now peer) - Margaret Curran (former MP and MSP) - Greg Power (founder/director, Global Partners Governance) 	

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Panel 4: Perspectives on Parliaments (10.15am-11.15am)	
Chair: Marc Geddes	
Ethnographies of Parliament: history, culture and reflexivity	Emma Crewe
Performance as a lens on Politics	Shirin M. Rai
An Ethnography of the National Assembly of Quebec: An anthropologist's perspective	Samuel Shapiro

Panel 5: Parliamentary Spaces (11.30am-1.00pm)	
Chair: Sarah Childs	
Ethnography of Parliamentary Constituencies: navigating the sensitivities of political research in Bangladesh	Zahir Ahmed
Parliament and the City: MPs and their use of space in Berlin and Madrid	Christian Rosen

Panel 6: Scrutiny and Legislation (2.00pm-3.30pm)	
Chair: Samuel Shapiro	
Building Webs of Scrutiny: How do committee MPs, chairs and staff make sense of their role?	Marc Geddes
The Ghosts in the Machine: An Anatomy of a Parliamentary Bill and the Hidden Dimensions of Scrutiny	Tony McNulty
The Committee Scrutiny of EU affairs in the Turkish Parliament	Neslihan Temelat