

International Workshop “Changing Modes of Parliamentary Representation” in Prague in Oct 2011 (IPSA and RECON)

Workshop organized by IPSA's Research Committee on Legislative Specialists (RC08) and 6th FP project RECON – Reconstituting Democracy in Europe, WP3 Host Institution: Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic.

The workshop will take place at the Academic Conference Centre, Prague 1, Jilská 4a on 14-15 October 2011.

The purpose of the workshop is to address the current issues in parliamentary research and broaden the research agenda. Organizational issues of the workshop include discussion of the final results and theoretical contributions of the WP3 “Representation and Institutional Make-up” to the RECON Project and RCLS Meeting aimed at discussing practical and organizational aspects of RC LS such as future events, publications etc.

The processes of Europeanization and globalization fundamentally influence the roles and functioning of the parliaments on many levels. Within the evolving system of multinational governance, parliaments on national, subnational and supranational level respond and adapt to these changes in multiple ways. The **first topic** will thus concentrate on exploring the patterns in which parliaments function within transnational governance. Case studies as well as comparative contributions are welcomed (and the latter strongly encouraged).

Another change facing the parliaments is the changes within the representation chain and accountability. The **second panel** thus explores the transforming linkages between democratic legitimacy, representation and accountability, concentrating both on theoretical and empirical aspects. Some topics included in the second panel are transformation of the representation, the effects of transnationalization of political parties, Recruitment patterns and career patterns of MPs in the system of multilevel governance. Theoretical as well as empirical contributions are welcomed.

The **third panel** addresses another current issue, related to legitimacy and accountability - the direct interaction between parliaments and organized interests. The topics of the third panel include the interaction between parliaments, organized interest groups, civil society organizations, as well as lobbying groups. Case studies as well as comparative contributions are welcomed (and the latter strongly encouraged).

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Deadline for paper proposals: 15 May, 2011 Potential paper-givers should submit their name, address and affiliation and a 250-300 word abstract. There is in no conference fee.

Organizational note: estimated arrival: 13.10.2010, departure: 16.10.2010

Accommodation is possible (for those interested) in the Guesthouse of Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, at participants own expense. There is a limited number of rooms (23 including 16 double rooms for approximately 55,- Euro per person and night including breakfast. The rooms will be allocated to interested participants with accepted papers on first

come first serve basis. For other participants, organizers can recommend accommodation fit to participants' needs – financial and other, but the booking and payment is to be done by individual participants.