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EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

While the East of Europe is being torn to pieces in a cruel war caused by the Russian invasion in Ukraine, the European Union seems more united than ever. Despite all the novelty, a historian can offer answers that public policy, inundated with arms deliveries and energy crisis, seems to miss.

The EuParl.net has made an attempt to shift the discussion on the decade following the fall of Communist dictatorships in 1989 from studying two separate processes – the democratisation and economic reforms in East-Central Europe and the European integration in the West – towards a more interconnected debate.

The September workshop on the 1990s in European politics was part of the effort. You will find a short report below, followed by information on other events, projects, and new publications on parliamentary and political history.

We wish you a nice, contemplative Christmas Season,

Adéla Gjuričová

NEWS

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EASTERN ENLARGEMENT, OR AN ALL-EUROPEAN TRANSFORMATION? THE 1990s IN EUROPEAN POLITICS

Workshop / Ljubljana, 29 September 2022

VENUE: Institut za novejša zgodovina Slovenije, Privoz 11, 1000 Ljubljana
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On 29 September 2022, the Institute of Contemporary History in Ljubljana hosted a EuParl.net workshop co-organised by the Czech Institute of Contemporary History. Entitled *Eastern Enlargement, or an All-European Transformation? The 1990s in European politics*, the event was an opportunity to reflect the recent debates in East-Central Europe that tend to examine the political and economic transformation policies in the period, while utterly omitting the European context.

The event pointed out that the countries also sought EU membership at the time, and their political leaders and institutions deeply interacted with EU requirements, stakeholders and processes. The odes of this interaction may have had resulted in ambiguous sentiments toward Europe, maybe even contributed to building the Euro-sceptic and/or populist scene. Yet even such approach would miss the



PROGRAMME:

- 9:30 – 9:45 WELCOME
Andrej Pančur
Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana
Adéla Gjuríčová
Institute of Contemporary History,
Czech Academy of Sciences
- 9:45 – 10:45 KEYNOTE:
EUROPE AFTER THE END OF HISTORY
FROM THE EC TO THE EU: READY OR NOT?
Mark Gilbert
Johns Hopkins SAIS Europe, Bologna
- 11:00 – 12:15 PANEL 1:
THE EUROPEANIZATION
OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN POLITICS
EUROPEAN POLITICS BEYOND THE CLOSED DOORS:
THE ORIGINS OF EUROSCEPTICISM IN SLOVENIA
Jure Galparič and Andrej Pančur
Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana
- CAMPAIGNING EUROPE:
THE CZECH PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS OF 2002
Adéla Gjuríčová
Institute of Contemporary History,
Czech Academy of Sciences
- 13:00 – 14:15 PANEL 2:
THE 1990s AS A PERIOD OF DEBATE
"THE HOUR OF EUROPEAN TRUTH FOR SLOVENIA: SLOVENIAN
INTELLECTUALS AND THEIR PERCEPTION OF EUROPEAN
INTEGRATION IN THE 1990s"
Marko Zalc
Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana
- THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE DEBATES
OF THE STATE DUMA, 1994-2004
Ivan Šablin
University of Heidelberg
- 14:30 – 15:45 PANEL 3:
THE 1990s' TRANSFORMATIVE POWER:
PRESIDENTIAL OR PARLIAMENTARY REPUBLICS? POST-SOCIALIST
POLITICAL SYSTEMS HEADING TOWARD THE EU ENTRY
Tomáš Zahradnický
Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences
- TRANSFORMING GERMANY'S PARTY SYSTEM IN THE 1990
Sven Jägerkes
KOPal Berlin
- 15:45 CONCLUDING REMARKS
Jure Galparič

essential shifts within the European integration itself. In his keynote lecture *From the EC to the EU: Ready or not*, Mark Gilbert from Johns Hopkins University SAIS in Bologna addressed the effects of the Maastricht turn on European politics ever after.

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Professor Mark Gilbert giving his keynote lecture



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Other papers further examined local historical developments in terms of their response to European integration: Andrej Pančur and Jure Gašparič used corpus analysis to see the EU-related vocabularies in Slovenian parliament, Sven Jüngerkes explored the implications for

German political system, Adéla Gjuričová described the polarised election campaign in 2002, while Tomáš Zahradníček showed the hitherto unexplored connections of the post-1968 Czechoslovak exile activists to European institutions. Other papers engaged more closely with intellectual reflections: Marko Zajc drew a lively picture of the Slovenian context, and Ivan Sablin discussed the presentation of Europe in the Russian State Duma.

The panels inspired lively discussions, and the convenors plan to publish selected papers in a special issue of an international journal. More importantly though, the participants, having agreed that the perspective was highly productive, decided to continue with further research that might shed further light on the previously undetected all-European transformation.

Read on Language Technologies

The Slovenian Language Technologies Society, the Centre for Language Resources and Technologies at the University of Ljubljana, the Institute of Contemporary History and the CLARIN.SI and DARIAH-SI research infrastructures held the *Language Technologies & Digital Humanities* conference in Ljubljana on 15–16 September 2022. The texts or streams of presentations are available [here](#).

30 Years of Czech Constitution

On 16 December 1992, the Czech National Council, then a legislature of one of the republics of the Czechoslovak federation, adopted a constitution that led to the emergence of the independent Czech

Republic on 1 January 1993. The National Council became the new Chamber of Deputies, while the Federal Assembly ceased to exist after just a little over six months since the 1992 elections.

Both chambers of the current Czech Parliament celebrated the 30th anniversary with a two-day conference on 15–16 December 2022, bringing together the constitution draft veterans with legal experts and historians.



Representative gathering held in the Pantheon of the National Museum

New Member Onboard

Ronald Kroeze, Director of the Dutch CPG, was elected member of the EuParl.net Board of Directors at its session in Ljubljana on 28 September. The Board expressed gratitude to Carla van Baalen for her vital contribution to the foundation and work of the network.

Curtain Up!



The English–German volume on women in parliament and politics, »Vorhang auf!« – *Frauen in Parlament und Politik*, edited by Tobias Kaiser and Andreas Schulz, is finally out. The book

emerged as a conference volume, inspired by reflections on the period following the First World War that brought the end of exclusive male dominance in politics in many European countries. A number of contributions has been added since, exploring the remaining inequalities in spite of suffrage reforms, and observing how female parliamentarians asserted themselves in a male-dominated setting, changing the gender order through their performance.

Medieval Pandemics and Parliaments



In October, the History of Parliament hosted a sell-out audience in Westminster for the 2022 Annual Lecture *Parliament, Politics and Pandemics in Later Medieval England* by Chris Given-Wilson. Enjoy a reflection on the lecture on the [History of Parliament blog](#).

PROJECTS

Call for Papers: Parliament Contested?



The Dutch CPG at Raadboud University Nijmegen has decided to re-examine the role of national parliaments and national policymaking in the 1970s in light of the growing global challenges and extra-parliamentary pressure. The conference *Parliament contested? Rethinking the relationship between national politics, global crises, and pressure from below in the 1970s* is scheduled for 9 June 2023. It will explore the turning points that shaped political history of the era, differences and similarities within Europe, as well as new defining moments and events related to public activism. What will the common findings tell us about politics in the 1970s, also in relation to the revolutionary 1960s and the 'neoliberal' 1980s?

Deadline for submissions of abstracts is 6 January 2023. Detailed CfP is available [here](#).

ARENAS of extremist narratives

In 2023, a team from the Institute of Contemporary History will begin its work within the ARENAS project consortium, an acronym for *Analysis of and responses to extremist narratives*, a project granted within the HORIZON 2022 Democracy Call. Overall objective of ARENAS is to describe, measure and understand the role of extremist narratives linked to science, nation and gender in discourses that affect the politics and public life.

Modernising Representation

The idea of a conference exploring an interesting aspect of political representation, namely its modernising effect on political institutions, emerged from the Political Representation project led by Pasi Ihalainen, comparing data from several European countries. The *Political representation: Modernisation of estates and parliaments, 1789–1870* conference will be held at the University of Jyväskylä on 20–21 June 2023. For more information contact [Professor Ihalainen](#).

Revolution that Brought Parliament to Life



In 1848, a wave of revolutions swept across Europe. The continent will mark the 175th anniversary in 2023. The Berlin KGParl will focus on the roots of modern parliamentarism in Germany. The annual lecture on 5 May will be dedicated to the topic through a keynote delivered by Sir Christopher Clark and followed by a panel discussion. The revolutionary events will be further portrayed in an online live blog *Letters from the 1848 Revolution*. The barricade fights in Berlin, along the solemn entry of the deputies into St. Paul's Church, will be presented through diary entries and letters from the deputies of the National Assembly.

SAVE THE DATE

KGParl Annual Lecture: Christopher Clark on 1848 Revolution in Germany. Berlin, 5 May 2023.

Parliament contested? Rethinking the relationship between national politics, global crises, and pressure from below in the 1970s. Conference, Nijmegen, **9 June 2023**

Political representation: Modernisation of estates and parliaments, 1789–1870. Workshop, Jyväskylä, **20–21 June 2023**

Lobbyismus und parlamentarische Demokratie. Praktiken und Diskurse im 19. und 20. Jahrhundert. Theodor-Heuss-Kolloquium, Berlin, **12–13 October 2023**

History on the Edge. Lecture series organized by INZ Ljubljana. Invitations and streams [here](#).

Parliaments, Politics and People. History of Parliament Seminar at the Institute of Historical Research, London, programme [here](#).

BOOKS/SOURCES



Ivan Sablin – Egas Mondiz Bandeira (eds.): *Parties as Governments in Eurasia, 1913–1991: Nationalism, Socialism, and Development.* Routledge 2022. [Open access](#)

Carla van Baalen – Anne Bos (eds.): *Grote idealen, smalle marges: Een parlementaire geschiedenis van de lange jaren zeventig 1971–1982.* Amsterdam 2022

Darja Fišer – Andreas Witt (eds.): *CLARIN: the infrastructure for language resources.* De Gruyter 2022

Jurij Perovšek, *Politika in moderna: idejnopolitični razvoj, delovanje in zarezje v slovenski politiki od konca 19. stoletja do druge svetovne vojne.* Ljubljana 2022



Sebastian Zehetmair: *Im Hinterland der Gegenrevolution. Die kommunistische Bewegung in der »Ordnungszelle Bayern« 1919 bis 1923.* Droste 2022

Selen A. Ercan – Hans Asenbaum – Nicole Curato – Ricardo F. Mendonça (eds.): *Research Methods in Deliberative Democracy.* Oxford UP 2022

Jennifer M. Kapczynski and Caroline A. Kita (eds.): *The Arts of Democratization. Styling Political Sensibilities in Postwar West Germany.* University of Michigan Press 2022

Alexander Horne – Louise Thompson – Ben Yong (eds.): *Parliament and the Law.* Bloomsbury 2022