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First „Austrian Day of Parliamentary Research“

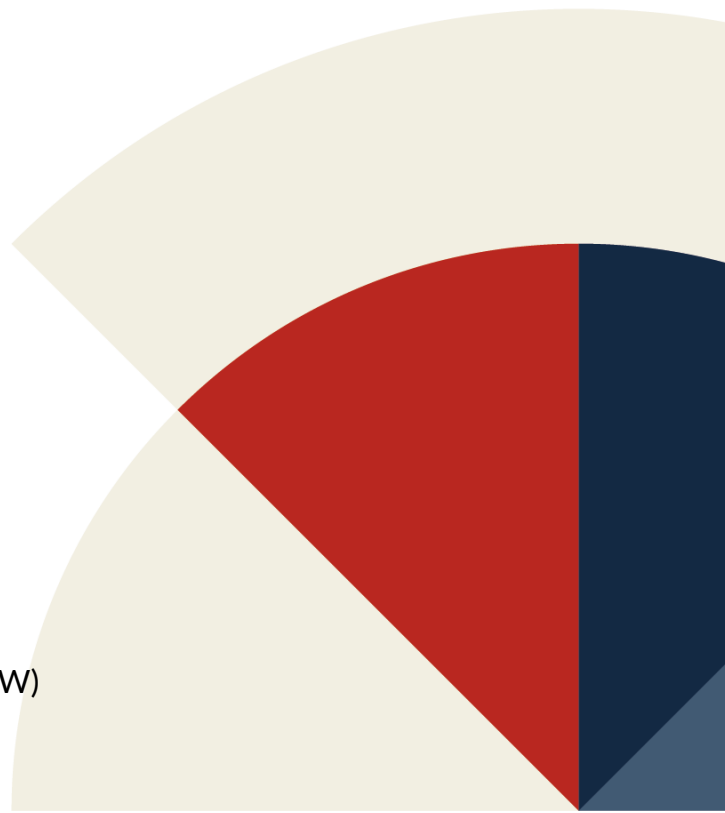
Announcement and call for contributions

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Aim of the first Austrian Day of Parliamentary Research

The scientific study of parliaments is continuously increasing. Scientists from various disciplines approach the processes in and around parliaments with a wide range of perspectives and methods. The Austrian Day of Parliamentary Research will be held by the Parliamentary Administration on 26.6.2023 in the premises of the Austrian Parliament. The one-day event aims to push networking within the scientific community, promote exchange between academia and parliamentary practice, and thus contribute to a better visibility of parliamentary research inside and outside parliament.

In cooperation with the [International Journal of Parliamentary Studies](#), this year's Day of Parliamentary Research will also be part of the Global Conference on Parliamentary Studies series.

Call for Contributions

The organizing team invites Austrian and international scholars from all disciplines to present and discuss their ongoing and recently completed scientific research. This includes especially contributions with inter- and transdisciplinary issues.

As the Austrian Parliamentary Research Day is taking place for the first time, the focus will be on current debates and new perspectives, as well as on the broader question of what significance these have for parliamentary practice and what contribution they can make to safeguarding and further developing parliamentary democracy and the democratic rule of law.

Format and Organisation

In panel sessions, four to five particularly innovative and high-quality contributions will be presented together for discussion. Presentation and discussion of the contributions will be in English. The substantive part of the event will be concluded with a panel discussion in which scientists and experts will exchange views with actors from parliamentary practice on the topic of "Science-policy interface in parliamentary research: How can a continuous exchange be developed?". Between the individual program items, there will be space and time for the presentation and discussion of ongoing research projects in the form of poster sessions.

Accordingly, the organizing team invites the submission of abstracts in English (max. 300 words) that include the following information about the proposed contribution:

- Research question/research interest
- Methodology as well as progress of the research
- (Expected) research findings
- (Potential) relevance to parliamentary practice.

The authors may suggest whether the presentation of their paper should be in the form of a panel or a poster. The final decision is up to the organizing team.

Thematic Focus

The Day of Parliamentary Research will focus on the following topics:

- ◆ How does knowledge enter parliament? Parliaments worldwide are confronted with the expectation that they fulfil their tasks in a responsible manner, taking into account scientific knowledge. This involves questions about the selection and processing of information, the ability to process a wealth of information, and the problem of information and knowledge not being used in political processes.
- ◆ What information function do parliaments have? Parliaments have always had an informational and educational function for the democratic public. Parliaments, and especially parliamentary administrations, are increasingly becoming active providers of information on the Web and central players in political education. In addition to very fundamental questions about the tasks and focal points of

parliaments and the question of who should or can actually speak for a parliament, parliamentary practice in this regard also involves, for example, the use of parliamentary instruments as well as questions of data protection and information security

- ◆ What role do parliaments have in international relations? Nowadays, in parliamentary practice, international cooperation is a high priority. It is about an independent role of parliaments in international relations and concerns both the activities of parliamentarians and the administrative level.

In addition to contributions that can be assigned to these focal points, however, the Parliamentary Administration also invites submissions that deal with other current issues.

Submission and Selection of Contributions

Abstracts can be submitted until 16.4.2023 to the e-mail address parlamentsforschung@parlament.gv.at. Please include contact information (name, e-mail, if possible institution/organization) with the abstract and submit it as a pdf.

The authors of the selected papers will be notified by mid-May.

For the participants there will be no conference fees. The Parliamentary Administration cannot reimburse any costs incurred for participation.

If you have any questions, please contact the organizing team by e-mail or phone. Contact details can be found on the cover page of this document.