



# STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP

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## Annual Conference

Zoom (online) - 8-9 January 2021

<https://studyofparliamentgroup.org/spg-annual-weekend-2021/>

### Friday 8 January - overview

Session	Time	Panellists – Speakers, Respondents and Chairs
General welcome	10:15-10:20	Professor Cristina Leston-Bandeira
<b>Annual General Meeting &amp; launch of new SPG website</b>	10:20-11:00	SPG Executive Committee
<i>Refreshments break</i>	<i>11:00-11:15</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>Regulating MPs</b>	11:15-12:15	Marcial Boo, Oonagh Gay OBE & Professor Mark Philp <i>Chair: Dr Hannah White OBE</i>
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>12:15-13:00</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>The Governance of Parliament: managing legislatures from a comparative perspective</b>	13:00-14:15	Prof Diana Stirbu, Dr Mark Bennister, Sir Paul Grice, Lesley Hogg, Diane Bevan & Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP <i>Chair: Dr Ben Yong</i>
<i>Refreshments break</i>	<i>14:15-14:30</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>The Palace of Westminster Restoration &amp; Renewal Programme: How might 'restoration' and 'renewal' take shape?</b>	14:30-15:30	Liz Peace CBE & Jennifer Garrett Dr Alexandra Meakin <i>Chair: Tom Healey</i>

Parliament(s) Quiz	15:30-16:30	Participation by members in pre-arranged teams
<i>Comfort break</i>	<i>16:30-18:00</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>Wheeler-Booth Memorial Lecture</b>	18:00-19:00	Leader of the House, Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP Prof Philip Lord Norton of Louth <i>Chair: Prof Sarah Childs</i>

## Saturday 09 January - overview

Session	Time	Panellists – Speakers, Chairs and Respondents
<b>Analysing Englishness as a political force in the UK</b>	10:00-11:00	Prof Ailsa Henderson Paul Evans CBE <i>Chair: Sir Paul Silk KCB</i>
<i>Refreshments break</i>	<i>11:00-11:15</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>The impact of Covid-19 on parliaments – reflections drawing from the SPG publication</b>	11:15-12:15	Emily Commander & Mark Egan <i>Chair: Paul Evans CBE</i>
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>12:15-12:45</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<i>Smaller group meetings</i>	<i>12:45-13:15</i>	<i>Group members are invited to bid for a 'break-out room'</i>
<b>Challenges to the scrutiny of delegated legislation in the context of Brexit and Covid-19</b>	13:15-14:15	Sir Jonathan Jones KCB QC, Prof Tom Hickman QC, Dr Ruth Fox & Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots <i>Chair: Christine Salmon Percival</i>
<i>Refreshments break</i>	<i>14:15-14:30</i>	<i>A chance to catch up with group members or take some time away from the screen</i>
<b>In conversation with... How new MPs have adapted to Covid-19</b>	14:30-15:30	Ben Lake MP & Dehenna Davison MP <i>Chair: Prof Emma Crewe</i>
Closing remarks	15:30-15:45	Prof Cristina Leston-Bandeira

All details, including advice on Zoom, can be found on the conference website:

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## Detailed Information on Substantive Sessions

*(In order of appearance)*

### **Friday 11:15 - 12:15 - Regulating MPs**

- Marcial Boo (former head of IPSA);
- Oonagh Gay OBE (former Commons Library Clerk);
- Professor Mark Philp (Warwick University & Chair of the Research Advisory Board to the Committee on Standards in Public Life)

**Chair:** Dr Hannah White OBE (Deputy Director, Institute for Government)

### **Friday 13:00 - 14:15 - The Governance of Parliament: managing legislatures from a comparative perspective:**

- Prof Diana Stirbu (London Metropolitan University) and Dr Mark Bennister (Lincoln University);
- Sir Paul Grice (Vice-Chancellor, Queen Margaret University, former Clerk of the Scottish Parliament);
- Lesley Hogg (Chief Executive, Northern Ireland Assembly);
- Diane Bevan (former Chief Operating Officer, Senedd);
- Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP (previously Leader of the House of Commons);

**Chair:** Dr Ben Yong (Durham University)

### **Friday 14:30 – 15:30 -The Palace of Westminster Restoration & Renewal Programme: How might 'restoration' and 'renewal' take shape?**

- Liz Peace CBE (Chair, Sponsor Body, Houses of Parliament Restoration and Renewal Programme);
- Jennifer Garrett (Director General, Centre Block Programme, Science and Parliamentary Infrastructure Branch, Public Services and Procurement Canada, Government of Canada);
- *Respondent:* Dr Alexandra Meakin (University of Manchester);

**Chair:** Tom Healey (Commons Clerk, former Director of the Palace of Westminster Restoration and Renewal shadow Sponsor Body)

### **Friday 18:00 – 19:00 - Wheeler-Booth Memorial Lecture**

- Rt Hon Jacob Rees-Mogg MP (Leader of the House of Commons);
- Introduced by Professor Philip Lord Norton of Louth (SPG President, Hull University);

**Chair:** Prof Sarah Childs (Royal Holloway University)

***Saturday 10:00 – 11:00 - Analysing Englishness as a political force in the UK***

- Prof Ailsa Henderson (Edinburgh University);
- *Respondent*: Paul Evans CBE (former Commons Clerk);

***Chair***: Sir Paul Silk KCB

***Saturday 11:15 – 12:15 - The impact of Covid-19 on parliaments – reflections drawing from the SPG publication***

- Emily Commander (former Commons Clerk);
- Mark Egan (Greffier in Jersey and former Commons Clerk);

***Chair***: Paul Evans CBE (former Commons Clerk)

***Saturday 13:15 – 14:15 – Challenges to the scrutiny of delegated legislation in the context of Brexit and Covid-19***

- Sir Jonathan Jones KCB QC (former HM Procurator General, Treasury Solicitor and Head of the Government Legal Service)
- Prof Tom Hickman QC (Blackstone Chambers, UCL);
- Dr Ruth Fox (Director, Hansard Society);
- Lord Hodgson of Astley Abbots (Chair of the Secondary Legislation Scrutiny Committee);

***Chair***: Christine Salmon Percival (Lords Clerk & Deputy Head Lords Legislation Office)

***Saturday 14:30 – 15:30 - In conversation with... 'How new MPs have adapted to Covid-19'***

- Ben Lake MP (Plaid Cymru, Ceredigion);
- Dehenna Davison MP (Conservative, Bishop Auckland);

***Chair***: Prof Emma Crewe (SOAS)