



STUDY OF PARLIAMENT GROUP

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Annual Conference

**Cohen Quad, Exeter College,
Walton Street, Oxford**

6 – 7 January 2023

The conference will be held in hybrid format, with online participation via Zoom. We will be recording the Zoom meeting to support the production of a summary of each session for publication, as usual, in the Group's newsletter. The recordings will not be used for any other purpose and will then be deleted.

Friday 6 January

12.45 – 13.00

Fitzhugh

Auditorium

Welcome

Tom Healey, SPG Chair and Clerk of Bills, House of Commons

Cristina Leston Bandeira, SPG Deputy Chair and Professor of Politics, University of Leeds

13.00 – 14.30

Fitzhugh

Auditorium

Monitoring Diversity in Parliaments: Members, staff and stakeholders

A panel discussion exploring the benefits and challenges of monitoring diversity within parliaments, through a range of perspectives focusing on Members, staff and wider stakeholders.

Chair: Cristina Leston Bandeira (online)

Zoe Backhouse, Head of Petitions Engagement, House of Commons *(online)*

- Helen Finlayson**, Health and Social Care Committee, Senedd Cymru (*online*)
- Rebecca Lees**, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee, House of Commons (*online*)
- Margaret McKinnon**, Women & Equalities Committee, House of Commons
- 14.30 – 14.45 Break / view posters
- 14.45 – 16.15 **Parliaments in Conflict: political legitimacy and parliamentary norms**
Fitzhugh Auditorium
 Chair: *Aileen Walker*
Lord Purvis of Tweed (*online*)
Greg Power, Global Partners Governance (*online*)
Dr Sarah Whitmore, Oxford Brookes University
- 16.15 – 16.45 Coffee / view posters
Dakota Café
- 16.45 – 17.45 **Restoration & Renewal of the Palace of Westminster**
Fitzhugh Auditorium
 The Panel will consider developments in the Restoration & Renewal Programme since the passage of the Parliamentary Buildings (Restoration and Renewal) Act 2019
 Chair: *Dr Hannah White OBE*
Claire Maugham, former Communications Director, Restoration & Renewal Sponsor Body (*online*)
Dr Alexandra Meakin, University of Leeds (*online*)
Matthew Hamlyn CBE, Strategic Director, Chamber Business Team, House of Commons (*online*)
- 17.45 – 18.00 Break / view posters
- 18.00 – 19.00 **Wheeler-Booth Memorial Lecture**
Kathryn Stone OBE, outgoing Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards
 Chair: *Professor the Lord Norton of Louth*

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| 19.15 | Buffet dinner |
| <i>Dakota Café</i> | No dress code |
| 20.45 | After-dinner Quiz |
| <i>Fitzhugh Auditorium</i> | Remote participants will be able to join the quiz on Zoom but online teams will have to make their own arrangements to communicate among themselves |

Saturday 7 January

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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Breakfast |
| <i>Dakota Café</i> | |
| 09.00 – 10.00 | Annual General Meeting |
| <i>Fitzhugh Auditorium</i> | |
| 10.00 – 10.15 | Remembering Sir David Butler |
| <i>Fitzhugh Auditorium</i> | |
| 10.15 – 10.30 | Coffee / view posters |
| <i>Dakota Café</i> | |
| 10.45 – 12.00 | Operation Marquee |
| <i>Fitzhugh Auditorium</i> | Neil Baverstock, Yeoman Usher of the Black Rod, House of Lords, in conversation with Emmeline Ledgerwood of the History of Parliament. |
| 12.00 – 12.45 | Lunch |
| <i>Dakota Café</i> | |
| 12.45 – 13.30 | Informal breakout meetings (meeting rooms and a breakout area are available in the Cohen Quad) |
| <i>Fitzhugh Auditorium</i> | Contribution from Charlie Feldman, Canadian Study of Parliament Group |

13.30 – 14.30

The EU–UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly

The PPA brings together members of the UK Parliament and the European Parliament to exchange views on implementation and operation of the 2021 Trade and Co-operation Agreement. It held its first two meetings in 2022. The Panel will reflect on the early experience of the Assembly and possible future developments in EU–UK interparliamentary relations.

Chair: Tom Healey

Rt Hon Sir Oliver Heald KC MP, Leader of the UK Delegation to the Assembly (*online*)

Nathalie Loiseau MEP, Leader of the European Parliament Delegation to the Assembly (*online*)

Dr Lynn Gardner, Head of the Interparliamentary Relations Office, House of Commons

Adam Isaacs, Head of Europe Unit: Enlargement, Western Europe and Northern Cooperation, European Parliament

14.30 – 14.45

Break

14.45 – 16.15

Parliamentary scrutiny of inter-governmental relations

Chair: Gareth Williams

Professor Nicola McEwen, Centre on Constitutional Change, University of Edinburgh (*online*)

Hedydd Phylip, Wales Governance Centre, Cardiff University

Philip Rycroft CB, former civil servant, now linked with Edinburgh University and the Bennett Institute for Public Policy at Cambridge University (*online*)

Jess Sargeant, Institute for Government

Paul Evans and Sir Paul Silk will present their paper, *A New Structure for Interparliamentary Relations in a devolved Great Britain and Northern Ireland*.