OXFORD WEEKEND 2027 **DRAFT PROGRAMME** **(Timings provisional)**	
Friday 8 January 2026	
Welcome: 12.45 – 13.00 *Fitzhugh Auditorium*	**Emma Crewe**, SPG Chair and Professor of Social Anthropology, SOAS University of London **Lucinda Maer,** SPG Deputy Chair*,* Deputy Head of the House of Commons Public Bill Office
Session 1: 13.00 – 14.30 *Fitzhugh Auditorium*	**Parliamentary round-up session** A distilled discussion of the most significant changes or reforms which have taken place in each UK Parliament in the previous year. Commons, Lords, Scottish Parliament, Senedd, and Northern Ireland Assembly will have 10 minutes each, followed by discussion (and a vote!). *Chair: Dr Lauren Martin, School of Sociological Studies, Politics and International Relations, University of Sheffield* Speakers: Paul Gill (Clerk Assistant, Northern Ireland Assembly) Lisa Griffiths (Procedures Clerk, Senedd) Peter McGrath (Clerk for the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee, Scottish Parliament) Jen Mills (Clerk of the Table Office, House of Lords) Jonathan Whiffing (Centre for Procedural Excellence, House of Commons) *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*
14.30 – 14.45	Break
Session 2: 14.45 – 16.15 *Fitzhugh Auditorium*	**Accessibility** Marie Tidball MP Elizabeth Evans (University of Southampton) Dr Ekaterina Kolpinskaya (University of Exeter)

	Other panellists from devolved Parliaments (TBC)
16.15 – 16.45 *Dakota Café*	Break [coffee/tea]
Session 3: 16.45 – 17.45 *Fitzhugh Auditorium*	**Parliament and the institutions of state** A panel discussion of the history of Parliament's role in shaping institutions of state and the current protections it offers. Discussion will include how the relationship between the Bank of England and Parliament developed over the centuries, the constitutional position of the Bank of England within the United Kingdom's uncodified constitution and comparisons with the Federal Reserve and the US Executive and examination of how constitutional principles can shape the relationship between Parliament and public bodies, with a focus on recent examples involving the Sentencing Council and Criminal Cases Review Commission. *Chair: Claire Cowan* Speakers Dr Emily Evans Michael Salib (Secretary of the Bank of England) Dr Jack Simson Caird (Deputy Counsel, Justice Committee, House of Commons) *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*
17.45 – 18.00	Break
18.00 – 19.00	**Wheeler-Booth Memorial Lecture** *Chair: Lord Norton of Louth, President* *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*
19.15 *Dakota Café*	**Buffet dinner** No dress code
20.45	**After-dinner Quiz**

Fitzhugh Auditorium	
Saturday 9 January 2026	
08.00 – 09.00 *Dakota Café*	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.00 *Fitzhugh Auditorium*	Annual General Meeting
10.00 – 10.30 *Dakota Café*	Break [coffee/tea]
Session 4: 10.30 – 12.00	**Clerkly reflections** Chair: Emma Crewe Former Clerk of the Parliaments, Sir Simon Burton, and former Clerk of the House, Sir David Natzler *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*
12.00 – 12.45 *Dakota Café*	**Lunch**
12.45 – 13.30	**Book talk** Charlie Feldman, author of *Unparliamentary: Tales from Canada's Colourful Parliamentary Past*
Session 5: 13.30 – 14.30	**96 Members, new government, new opposition: The Senedd after 2026** The 2026 Senedd election has transformed Wales's parliamentary landscape. This panel explores how this, the seventh Senedd, is adapting to its largest-ever intake of Members, following expansion from 60 to 96 MSs and the election of 67 first-time Members. Consideration will also turn to the changed political context, with a new party of government for the first time since

	devolution and the emergence of a new official opposition. This discussion will examine the practical challenges and opportunities facing parliamentary officials and elected members and reflect on the capacity of legislatures to adapt to institutional reform in a context of profound political change. *Chair: Naomi Stocks, Committee Clerk, Welsh Parliament* Julian Luke (Director of Senedd Business, Welsh Parliament) Aled Elwyn Jones (Head of the Table Office, Welsh Parliament) Dr Hedydd Phylip (Lecturer in Public Law and Devolution with the Wales Governance Centre at Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics) *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*
14.30 – 14.45	Break [coffee/tea]
Session 6: 14.45 – 16.15	**Defence and parliamentary scrutiny** *Chair: TBC* Jeremy Lonsdale (Director at the National Audit Office) *Summariser for Newsletter: tbc*