



Parliaments and Legislatures Specialist Group Blog

The specialist group's blog aims to promote the study and understanding of parliaments and related issues. We welcome contributions from UK and international academics or research students within the field of legislative studies and related areas. We also accept submissions from outside academia, including parliamentary practitioners, charities and other organizations working with parliament.

There is no editorial line other than the broad aim of increasing the understanding of, and engagement with parliaments, including those at supra-national and sub-national level. Photographs, tables or graphs can be included where appropriate. Hyperlinks to publications, news stories and other documents cited in the text should be provided in lieu of references.

Please email submissions or queries to the group's Co-Convenors: Cristina Leston-Bandeira (C.C.Leston-Bandeira@hull.ac.uk) or Louise Thompson (Louise.Thompson@surrey.ac.uk).

Blog Guidelines

We accept two types of blog; short blogs discussing *topical issues* and longer blogs which provide an *overview of a particular Parliament*. All submissions should be free from unnecessary jargon and suitable for a wide audience.

- i) *Topical Blogs*: Submissions should be between 500-1000 words and, where possible, link to current news stories, parliamentary debates or coincide with significant events/dates.
- ii) *Overviews of Parliaments*: Submissions should be between 1000-1500 words and be suitable for those with no knowledge of this specific parliament. Overviews should include the following information:
 - Indication of how long the parliament has been established for;
 - Electoral system;
 - Type of political system;
 - Size and structure;
 - Descriptive representation (e.g proportion of women representatives);
 - Main powers of the parliament.

This should be followed by the discussion of one or two key issues/debates which are specific to the Parliament. *Up to four* key references can be given at the end of the entry for further reading

Submissions should be sent to one of the group's Co-Convenors (see above) who will respond within five working days.

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