Parliaments and Methodology

Anthropological, Discourse-Oriented and Digital Approaches to Parliamentary History

3rd European Information and Research Network on Parliamentary History (EuParl.net) Conference

9th Annual Jyväskylä Symposium on Political Thought and Conceptual History

Helsinki and Jyväskylä, Finland 12–14 June 2014

Organised by the Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, the European Information and Research Network on Parliamentary History (EuParl.net) and the Finnish Historical Society.

Venues and travel

Opening session will be held on Thursday 12 June at 13.00 in the Finnish Parliament, Visitor's Centre, Pikkuparliamentti ('Little Parliament') Building, Helsinki City Centre



The Visitor's Centre (on the left in the picture) is located in the very city centre and can be entered from the crossroads of Mannerheimintie and Arkadiankatu (opposite to the Kiasma Museum of Contemporary Art and the statue of C.G.E. Mannerheim). The classisistic main parliamentary building is located north of this contemporary building. See http://web.eduskunta.fi/Resource.phx/parliament/services/visitingparliament.htm for the exact location of the Visitor's Centre. The visitors need to register in advance for security reasons. This should be done via the conference registration form below. *Please bring your passport or EU identity card and arrive by 12.30 at the latest for security checks.*

Preliminary programme

Thursday 12 June 2014 in Helsinki

Arrival in Helsinki by 12.00. Kindly make your own lunch arrangements.

13.00–16.00 Afternoon session, Auditorium of Pikkuparlamentti ('Little Parliament' Building) of the Finnish Parliament in Helsinki. The visitors need to register in advance for security reasons. This should be done via the conference registration form. *Please bring your passport or EU identity card and arrive by 12.30 at the latest for security checks.*

Chair: Professor Pasi Ihalainen, University of Jyväskylä

13.00–13.10 Opening of the Conference

13.10-13.30 Opening address by Mr Eero Heinäluoma, Speaker of the Finnish Parliament

Session I on Digitised Parliamentary Records: Roundtable

Chair: Professor Pasi Ihalainen, University of Jyväskylä

13.30–13.45 Adrian Brown, Director of the Parliamentary Archives, London, "The Parliamentary Records Digitisation Programme in the United Kingdom" (confirmed)

13.45–14.00 Dr. Johan van Merriënboer, Centre for Parliamentary History, Nijmegen, "The Usability of Digitised Dutch Parliamentary Records in Historical Research" (confirmed)

14.00–14.15 Dr. Marnix Beyen, University of Antwerp, "The Use of Digitised Parliamentary Proceedings in the History of Political Cultures" (confirmed)

14.15–14.30 Dr. Egil Borlaug and Odd Harald Kvammen, The Norwegian Parliamentary Archive, "The Norwegian Digitisation Project" (confirmed)

14.30–14.45 Dr. Jonas Harvard, Mid-Sweden University, & Nina Sjöberg, Parliamentary Library of Sweden, "The Swedish Digitisation Project" (confirmed)

14.45–15.00 Prof. Pasi Ihalainen & Kai-Kristian Kemell, University of Jyväskylä (in cooperation with Ari Apilo & Jari Suutari, the Finnish Parliamentary Library), "Prospects for Digitising Finnish Parliamentary Records" (confirmed)

15.00-15.30 Discussion

15.30-16.00 Coffee

16.15 Charter coach transport to Jyväskylä with snacks on board

20.30 Estimated time of arrival at Hotel Alba

21.00 Dinner buffee

Friday 13 June 2014 in Jyväskylä

Historica Building, Department of History and Ethnology, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

Session II on Digitised Parliamentary Records

Chair: Dr. Adéla Gjuričová, Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences

9.00–9.30 Dr Tamás Dobszay, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, "Digitization and studying the political language in the Hungarian context" (accepted)

9.30–10.00 Jure Gašparič, Institute of Contemporary History, Ljubljana, "From Comrade Delegate to Mister Member of Parliament: Parliamentary Culture of the Late Socialism and Transition in Slovenia" (accepted)

10.00–10.30 Carla Hoetink, Radboud University Nijmegen, "New answers or merely more illustration? Evaluation of the use of digitized parliamentary documents in research on the appreciation of parliamentary practice" (accepted)

10.30-11.00 Coffee

Session on Anthropological Approaches to Parliamentary History

Chair: Dr. Paul Seaward, History of Parliament Trust

11.00–11.45 Prof. Marc Abeles, École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, Paris, "Parliament, Politics and Ritual: The Anthropology of the National Parliaments and the European Parliament" (confirmed)

11.45–12.30 Prof. Shirin Rai, Warwick University, "Gendered Ceremony and Ritual in Parliament" (confirmed)

12.30–13.15 Dr. Emma Crewe, School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, "Anthropological Methods for Researching Parliament: The Links between Social Relations, Culture and Politics" (confirmed)

13.15-14.00 Lunch

Session on the Oral History of Parliaments

Chair: TBA

14.00–14.45 Historian of the United States Senate Donald A. Ritchie, "Doing Oral History of Representative Institutions"

14.45–15.15 Dr. Paul Seaward, The History of Parliament Trust, "British Plans for Oral History of Parliament" (confirmed)

15.15–15.45 Dr. Joni Krekola, The Finnish Parliament, "Interviews of Former Finnish Members of Parliament" (confirmed)

15.45-16.15 Coffee

Session I on Discourse-Oriented Approaches to Parliamentary History

Chair: Dr. Rinna Kullaa, University of Jyväskylä

16.00–16.30 Prof. Henk te Velde, Leiden University, "Parliament as a Theatre: Rhetoric, the Public and the Importance of Oral Culture in Nineteenth-Century Parliaments" (confirmed)

16.30–17.00 Information Expert Timo Turja, Finnish Parliamentary Library, "References to Literature in Finnish Parliamentary Discourse" (confirmed)

19.00 Conference Dinner

Saturday 14 June 2014

Session II on Discourse-Oriented Approaches to Parliamentary History

Chair: Prof. Carla van Baalen, Radboud University Nijmegen, Centrum voor Parlementaire Geschiedenis

9.00–9.30 Prof. Pasi Ihalainen, University of Jyväskylä, & Dr. Taina Saarinen, Centre of Language Studies, "Parliamentary Debates in the Network of Multisited Policy Discourse" (confirmed)

9.30–10.00 Prof. Ton van Haaften, Leiden University, "Manouvering Strategically in Dutch Parliamentary Debates" (confirmed)

10.00–10.30 Dr. Harm Kaal, Radboud University Nijmegen, "Constructing constituencies in the era of the 'volkspartij'. A comparison of parliamentary and electoral discourse, 1940s-1960s" (confirmed)

10.30-11.00 Coffee

Session III on Discourse-Oriented Approaches to Parliamentary History

Chair: Dr. Andreas Schulz, Kommission für Geschichte des Parlamentarismus und der politischen Parteien

11.00–11.30 Antonin Durand, École normale supérieure and the University of Bologna, "Mathematicians in Parliament in France and Italy (1860-1939): a comparative approach to scientific rhetorical strategies and foundation of parliamentary legitimacy" (accepted)

11.30–12.00 Teemu Häkkinen, University of Jyväskylä, "Analyzing the constitutional role of British Parliament through speaking: Going to war in 1982-2003 as a case study" (accepted)

12.00–12.30 Tobias Weidner, Georg-August-University Göttingen, "The History of the Political and new approaches to Parliamentary History: Common ground, differences and challenges" (confirmed)

12.30–13.00 Kristoffer Klammer, University of Bielefeld, "Economic Crisis Discourses and their Effects on Parliamentary Communication in the German Bundestag" (confirmed)

13.00-14.00 Lunch

Session I on Discourse-Oriented Approaches to Parliamentary Political Theory

Chair: Dr. Jonas Harvard, Mid-Sweden University

14.00–14.30 Prof. Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä, "The Parliamentarisation of Deliberative Rhetoric in Westminster" (confirmed)

14.30–15.00 Dr. Taru Haapala, University of Jyväskylä, "Transfers of Parliamentary Procedure and the Idea of Debate in the 19th-Century British Debating Culture: Towards a Typology of Political Activity of the Union Societies" (accepted)

15.00-15.30 Coffee

Session II on Discourse-Oriented Approaches to Parliamentary Political Theory

Chair: Prof. Kari Palonen, University of Jyväskylä

15.30–16.00 Dr. Claudia Wiesner, University of Marburg, "Conceptual approaches to the European Parliament: Methodological Reflections and Research Agenda" (confirmed)

16.00–16.30 Dr. Lorinc Redei, University of Texas, "The European Parliament's Double Normative Foreign Policy Discourse" (accepted)

Saturday evening: Summer evening cruise and dinner on Lake Päijänne

Sunday 15 June 2014

8.00 Return coach transport to Helsinki Airport and Helsinki City Centre

12.00 Estimated time of arrival at Helsinki Airport

12.30 Estimated time of arrival at Senate Square, Helsinki City Centre