



Parliament Buildings Conference



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International Conference, Second Event Online Programme, 18-19 February 2021

Thursday 18 February 2021

09h00 **Introduction and Welcoming Address by Uta Staiger, Executive Director of UCL European Institute**

09h15 **Session: A Parliament Shaped by its Buildings: Innovation and Adaptation at Westminster c.1600-1870**

Moderator: Alexandra Meakin, University of Manchester

- Robin Eagles, History of Parliament
'Taking notice of Several Inconveniences': the Construction and Destruction of Galleries in the Old House of Lords

- Kathryn Rix, History of Parliament
Adapting Westminster's Architecture: the Division Lobbies in the Nineteenth-Century House of Commons

- Murray Tremellen and Kirsty Wright, University of York
A House in Parliament: The Official Residence of the Auditor and Speaker, 1572-1834

10h00 Discussion

10h15 Coffee break

10h30 **Session: Front stage and back stage politics**

Moderator: Sophia Psarra, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

- Kerstin Sailer, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL
Degrees of Opposition and Cooperation: How Seating Plans and Parliament Layouts Give Rise to Political Cultures

- François Dufaux, Université Laval
The Scene and its Backstage; the Parliament as a Theatre: The Evolution of the Political Spaces of the Quebec Parliament

11h00 Discussion

11h15 Coffee break

11h45 **Session: History and Contemporary Politics**

Moderator: Uta Staiger, European Institute, UCL

- Sam Griffiths, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL
Parliament and Political Practice in Disraeli's Young England Trilogy - Contemporary Resonances of a Crisis of Legitimacy

- Tommaso Zerbi, University of Edinburgh
The Forgotten Case of the First Italian Parliament: Medievalist Ephemerality, State Building, and Glorification of the House of Savoy

12h15 Discussion

12h30-
13h15 Lunch break

13h15- **Presentation by Professor Jane Rendell**

14h30 Moderator: Thanos Zartaloudis, University of Kent

Friday 19 February 2021

09h30 **Session: Political Transitions, Sovereignty and Scales of Representation**

Moderator: Claudia Sternberg, European Institute, UCL

- Tormod Otter Johansen, University of Gothenburg;
Secular liturgy in the Swedish Riksdag

- Amalia Kotsaki, Technical University of Crete
Versions of Parliamentarism in Modern Greece and Their Architectural - Spatial Reflections: Convergence, Debate, Imposition

- Samuel Singler, University of Oxford;
Sofia Singler, University of Cambridge
Peripheral Parliament: Sovereignty, Collective Rights, and Political Representation in the Sámi Parliament of Finland

10h15 Discussion

10h30 Coffee break

10h45 **Session: The Spatial Production of Assemblies and Representation**

Moderator: Marc Geddes, University of Edinburgh

- Harald Trapp, UAC Skopje
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- Naomi Gibson, Sophia Psarra and Gustavo Maldonado-Gil, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL
Shaping and Expressing Politics: A Comparative Study of National Parliament Buildings Within the European Union

- Gordana Fontana-Giusti, University of Kent
Debate as a Philosophical Category and the Question of Epistemological Need for Architectural Framing in the Contexts of Parliamentary Edifices

11h30 Discussion

11h45 Coffee break

12h00 **Session: Exhibiting Democracies - Religious and Colonial Assemblies**

Moderator: Sam Griffiths, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

- Ahmadrza Hakiminejad, Coventry University
The House of Tyranny: Thoughts on Iran's Pyramid of Power

- Andrew Borg and Michael Zerafa, University of Malta
Barra! (Get out!)

- Robin Skinner, Victoria University of Wellington
"The Empire at the Palace": The Parliamentary Pavilions of 1911

12h45 Discussion

13h00-
14h00 Lunch break

14h00- **Presentations and Architects Panel**

16h00 Moderator: Jeremy Melvin, Bartlett School of Architecture, UCL

Paul Monaghan - AHMM; David Nelson - Foster and Partners; Benedetta Tagliabue - Principal at Miralles Tagliabue EMBT; Ivan Harbour, Rogers, Stirk Harbour + Partners; and Jeremy Melvin.

Registration and link to conference: www.parliamentbuildings.org.uk

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