

## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

# Recombining Representation During the Transformation from Empires to Nation-States 1905-1923

15-16th of June 2026, Warsaw

Second Conference on Parliamentary Junctures in Continental Europe.

Organizers: Piotr Kuligowski, Wiktor Marzec, Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska, Naum Trajanovski

## DAY 1, 15<sup>th</sup> of June 2025

### Venue: German Historical Institute

Al. Ujazdowskie 39, 00-540 Warszawa

10:00–10:10 Greetings from the Director  
Magdalena Saryusz-Wolska

10:10-10:30 Workshop introduction  
Wiktor Marzec, Parliamentary Bricolage: A Toolbox for Researching Morphing Representations

### 10:30–11:30 KEYNOTE LECTURE 1

Heidi HEIN-KIRCHER | Director of Martin Opitz Library, Herne  
The Challenges of Multilayered Transformations: Democratization as a Far-Reaching Task  
Chair: Piotr Kuligowski

11-30-12.00 Coffee break

### 12:00–14:00 PANEL I

#### Regional Diets and Claims

*Chair: Heidi Hein-Kircher*

*David Smrček*

Politics as a Catalyst of Destruction: Habsburg Austrian Parliament and Diets as Sources and Recipients of Popular Claim-Making in an Age of Political Modernization

*Sebastian Elsbach, Piotr Kuligowski*

Between National and Local Representation: Greater Poland and Grenzmark  
Posen-Westpreussen Province, 1918-1922

*Bert Becker*

Transforming Provincial Parliaments in Germany's Weimar Republic: The Case of Pomerania,  
1920-21

### **14.00-15.30 Lunch break**

### **15:30–17.30 PANEL II**

### **Russian (post) Imperial Assemblies**

*Chair: Ivan Sablin*

*Darius Staliūnas*

When Symbolic Victory Matters More Than Practical Results: Elections to the Russian Duma in  
Lithuania

*Ekaterina Vasilik*

Failing to Liquidate the Empire: The History of the Liquidation Commission for the Kingdom of  
Poland under the Provisional Government of Russia (1917)

*Oliver Rowe*

After Godot Arrives: The Idea of the All-Russian Constituent Assembly after its Dissolution,  
1918-1921

17.30-17.45 Coffee break

### **17.45- 18.45 BOOK TALK**

*Ivan Sablin*

Legislative chambers of the Russian Empire: The State Duma and the State Council, 1907–1917

Chair: Edina Gal

### **19.30 Dinner (Restauracja Buffo)**

## **DAY 2 16<sup>th</sup> of June 2025**

**Venue: Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History of the Polish Academy of Sciences**  
Rynek Starego Miasta 31

9:00–9:15

Welcome note: Maciej Janowski

### **9:15–10:15 KEYNOTE LECTURE II**

Jakub Beneš | University College London  
East Europe's Forgotten Peasant Revolution: The Era of World Wars Reconsidered

Chair: Naum Trajanovski

### **10.15-10.45 Coffee break**

### **10.45-12.45 Panel III Cultural heterogeneity**

*Chair: Jakub Beneš*

*Lucija Balikić*

Principles of Minority Rights Advocacy and Representation: The Case of Josip Vilfan and the Congress of European Nationalities

*Naum Trajanovski*

Education and Elite Formation in Patchwork Parliaments: The New Republic of Poland, Greater Romania and The Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes

*Sorin Radu, Daniela Stanciu-Păscărița*

From resistance to integration? The Transylvanian Saxon case at the juncture between empire and postimperial state

### **12.45-14.15 Lunch break**

### **14.15–16.15 PANEL IV Representative practices in transition**

*Chair: Andrei Florin Sora*

*Tamas Nyirkos*

Fictions of representation: parliamentarism and its substitutes in Hungary from 1918 to 1920

*Zsolt Szabó*

Representation and Legacy of Imperial Peripheries: The Parliamentary Elite of Maramureş County in Dualist Hungary and Interwar Romania

*Raluca-Sorina Rus, Vlad Popovici*

Social Mobility, Economic Involvement, and Civic Engagement among Members of the Romanian Parliament Elected in Transylvania (1919–1926)

**16.15-16.45 Coffee break**

**16.45-19.15 PANEL V**

New national assemblies

*Chair: Izabela Mrzygłód*

*Andrei Florin Sora*

The Peasant Movement and Peasant Representatives in the First Parliament of Greater Romania (1919-1920)

*Edina Gal*

The Imperial Past in the Romanian Parliamentary Debates (1919–1923)

*Mari-Leen Tammela*

Reflections of Parliamentary Culture in the Estonian Constituent Assembly, 1919–1920

*Martin Klečacký*

Forging a New Elite: Electoral Engineering and Political Rupture in the First Czechoslovak Republic

**20.00 Dinner** (self-arranged, details to follow)

The conference is organized by:

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