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What is your time? Different actors, different temporalities, different languages

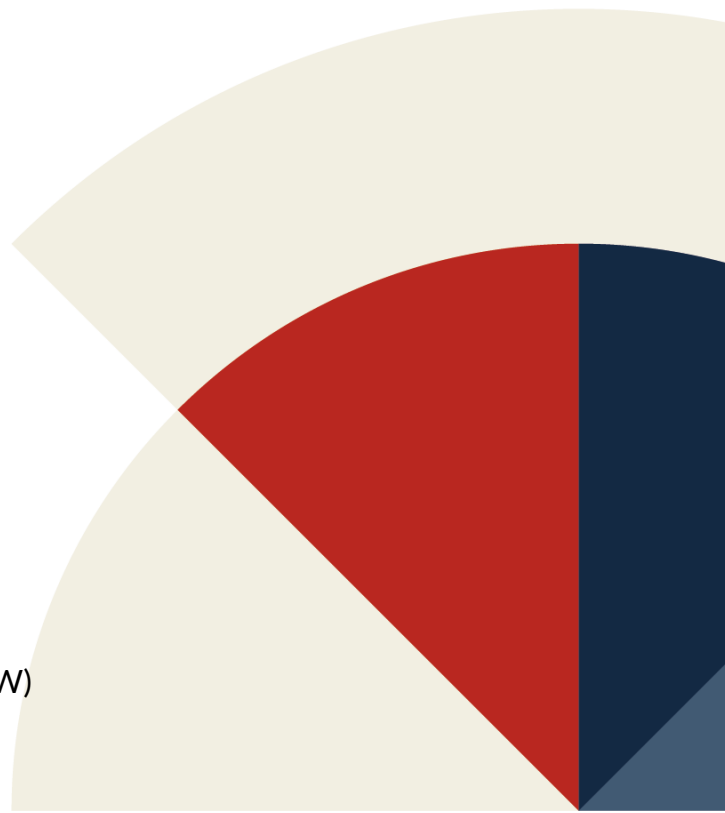
Call for Contributions to the Day of Parliamentary Research – June 11, 2025

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Day of Parliamentary Research 2025

For the third time, the Parliamentary Administration of the Austrian Parliament invites scholars from all disciplinary backgrounds to present and discuss their parliament-related research at the Day of Parliamentary Research – in the Austrian Parliament on June 11, 2025.

The first day, which took place in 2023, provided an overview of parliamentary research in order to increase its visibility. The second day took place in 2024 and focused on the performance of parliaments. It was proof of how fruitful the confrontation of different perspectives on what appears to be the same phenomenon can be.

The upcoming event aims to bring together researchers, experts and practitioners to discuss the component of time – and everything in the area of parliamentary research and practice that is connected to it.

Thematic Focus

Political debates on e.g. climate change, artificial intelligence, neo-authoritarianism or pandemics show that decision-making processes are characterised by different time horizons. For example, the production of knowledge on which possible political solutions are based is subject to different temporal constraints (e.g. research funding or publication processes) than their implementation (e.g. the enactment of laws). Likewise, decision-makers are subject to different temporal conditions (e.g. election cycles) than those affected by their decisions. These differences can lead to procedural as well as communication problems, which pose major challenges for democratic processes and institutions.

In view of this focus, we invite representatives of all disciplines to present their research and discuss questions such as (but not restricted to):

- ◆ What are the challenges resulting from different temporalities (time horizons, concepts of time, etc.) of politics, research and science, different social groups, etc.?
- ◆ What are the challenges resulting from different temporalities in various state institutions and in the interplay of politics, administration and law?
- ◆ How do temporal elements of institutionalised framework conditions, such as legal requirements or rules of procedures, determine political participation and confrontation (e. g. the delay or acceleration of legislative processes)?
- ◆ How do different temporalities challenge the communication between different groups, different actors and different institutions (e.g. the media and politics or committees and experts)?
- ◆ How can different temporalities be translated, for instance from one group of actors to another? Who can take on the role of a mediator? How can a common language be found and established (e.g. between politics and science), so that each side can adapt to the other? How can exchange be promoted (e.g. through the creation of particular spaces)?
- ◆ How can parliamentary processes keep pace with technological and societal developments in a digitalised world?
- ◆ What are effects on the political legitimacy of decisions if they are made now for the (distant) future (other voters, other target groups, other decision-makers, other conditions, etc.)?
- ◆ How do we take the relevance and political legitimacy of decisions made in the (distant) past into consideration? To what extent do past experiences, data and processes impede current actions? Conversely, how do past experiences, data

and processes enable future decision-making?

- ◆ How and where are political procedures, relationships, processes, etc. inscribed in such a way that they determine future and/or present processes (e.g. in parliamentary workflows, but also in parliament buildings or other spatial contexts)?
- ◆ How can an analytical understanding of temporalities help foster debates on necessary transition? How can political institutions open up spaces for imagining democratic futures?
- ◆ What role can projects or networks of interparliamentary cooperation play in making different temporalities visible (e.g. EU-Twinning projects, IPU, ECPRD)?

Submission of Abstracts

We invite you to submit an abstract until March 31, 2025 to the e-mail address parlament@parlamentsforschung.gv.at that fulfils ...

... the following formal criteria:

- ◆ English language
- ◆ PDF-format
- ◆ Maximum of 400 words
- ◆ Contains the name(s), institution(s)/organization(s), and contact details of the author(s) (not included in the 400 words)

... the following information about your research:

- ◆ Research question/research interest
- ◆ Methodology and progress of the research

- ◆ (Expected) research findings
- ◆ Innovative potential of the research and links to other disciplines (if available)
- ◆ (Potential) relevance to parliamentary practice

The contributions will be discussed as part of either a panel session or a poster session. Therefore please indicate whether you prefer to present in one of the two ways. The final decision is up to the organizing team but will of course be discussed with the submitting author(s).

The authors of the submitted proposals will be notified by April 15, 2025.

Further Information

For organisational reasons, we kindly ask you to take note of the following information in preparation of the event:

- The event, including all presentations, will be held in English. Individual program items that are held in German will be translated synchronously into English.
- By being included in the program of the Day of Parliamentary Research, you agree that the submitted abstract, including the name(s) and institution(s)/organization(s) of the author(s), may be published on the Parliament's website and in an abstract booklet.
- If your proposal is accepted for a panel session at the Day of Parliamentary Research, we kindly ask you to prepare a PowerPoint presentation and send it until May 28, 2025 to parlamentsforschung@parlament.gv.at.
- If your proposal is accepted for the poster session at the Day of Parliamentary Research, we kindly ask you to bring your printed poster to the event. You will be provided with everything you need to present your poster.
- For the participants there will be no conference fees. However, the Parliamentary Administration cannot reimburse any costs incurred for participation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the organizing team by e-mail or phone. Contact details can be found on the cover page of this document.