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Programme

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Dept. 3.2 – Research and Support in Parliamentary Matters

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Schedule and Programme

Note: The event will be held in English.

Time	Agenda	Venue
08:00 am	Doors open and Coffee	Elise Richter Lokal 2
09:00 am	<p>Welcome remarks</p> <p>Walter Rosenkranz (President of the National Council)</p> <p>Harald Dossi (Secretary General of the Austrian Parliament)</p> <p>Introduction</p>	
09:20 am	<p>Keynote speech: Parliament as an emotional space: Historical reflections</p> <p>Ute Frevert (Max Planck Institute for Human Development)</p>	
09:40 am	<p>Keynote speech: Emotions in the mechanics of politics and law: Between parliamentary lawmaking and judicial judgment</p> <p>Sabine Müller-Mall (Goethe University Frankfurt)</p>	
10:00 am	<p>Discussion with Ute Frevert and Sabine Müller-Mall</p> <p>Mod.: Christoph Konrath (Parliamentary Administration)</p>	
10:30 am	Coffee break	

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10:50 am	<p>Panel I: Why does democracy need emotions? Moderation: Anna Rathmair</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Emotions as privileges: On anger, hope, and democratic discourse Amani Abuzahra (CUAS Carinthia University of Applied Sciences)</p> <p>Can't we just all get along? Preferences regarding consensus, conflict and violence among German citizens Calixte Bloquet / Danny Schindler / Oliver Kannenberg (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p>The flavor of politics Arno Böhler / Susanne Valerie Granzer (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna / University of Vienna)</p> <p>The sentimental value of parliaments: How to take care for it Giovanni Rizzoni (Italian Chamber of deputies Research Service / LUISS University, Rome)</p>	Elise Richter Lokal 2

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10:50 am	<p>Panel II: How do we perceive differences in representation? Moderation: Julia Heiss</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Feeling under-represented? Intersectional differences in emotions toward the Austrian parliament and (mis)perceived representation Matilde Ceron / Ermela Gianna / Zoe Lefkofridi (University of Salzburg)</p> <p>How MPs understand representation: Reasoning, emotion, and responsiveness in the German Bundestag Christian Ignorek / Alexander Kühne (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p>Who participates? Demographic patterns in legislative crowdsourcing Sofia Serra-Silva (Université Libre de Bruxelles / University of Lisbon)</p> <p>“Experiencing Democracy” – The effectiveness of participatory spaces (Demokratiewerkstatt) in fostering democratic competence among children and young people Roland Trabe (University College of Teacher Education Vienna / Demokratiewerkstatt, Austrian Parliament)</p>	Theophil Hansen Lokal 3
12:05 pm	Lunch break	Säulenhalle

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01:00 pm	<p>Panel III: Evidence, rationality, knowledge and reasoning versus emotions? Moderation: Christoph Konrath</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Trust beyond evidence: Affective dynamics at the science-policy nexus Floortje Moes (Erasmus University Rotterdam)</p> <p>Why political behaviour is always logical, but rarely rational Greg Power (Global Partners Governance, London)</p> <p>Disentangling the sophistication-emotion link: Political interest and confidence-in-knowledge, but not knowledge, drive emotional responses Isabella Rebasso (University of Vienna) / Gijs Schumacher / Matthijs Rooduijn (University of Amsterdam)</p> <p>Performative reasoning: The strategic use of epistemic authority in parliamentary debates Daniel Wiesner / Jakob-Moritz Eberl / Sophie Lecheler (University of Vienna)</p>	Elise Richter Lokal 2

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01:00 pm	<p>Panel IV: Why is it so difficult for institutions to deal with emotions? Moderation: Franziska Bereuter</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p>Collective control of artificial intelligence: A social choice approach to democratic AI governance Paul Anton Bachmann (Vienna University of Technology) / Nicolas Böhmer (University of Potsdam) / Lukas Daniel Klausner / Martin Lackner (University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten)</p> <p>Do legislators fear judicial invalidation of their legislation? An empirical study on how the anticipation of judicial review impacts legislative debates on omnibus legislation Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov (Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv)</p> <p>From emotion to norm: Expert scrutiny as a rationalising scrutiny mechanism in parliamentary lawmaking in the context of European integration (the cases of Ukraine and Armenia) Anna Khvorostiankina (Eurasia International University, Armenia / UNESCO Chair Holder in Justice and Good Governance for Sustainable Peace and Development) / Khrystyna Bidonko (National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy)</p> <p>From minority protection to performative conflict? Emotionalised obstruction and social-media incentives in the Czech Chamber of Deputies Marie Zámečnicková (Masaryk University, Brno)</p>	Theophil Hansen Lokal 3

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02:15 pm	Coffee break	Elise Richter Lokal 2
02:30 pm	<p>Poster session</p> <p>Posters:</p> <p>Emotionalisation of political discourse: Sentiment and topic analysis of public comments on Austrian political parties Dmitry Erokhin (IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg)</p> <p>Coalition mood in times of crisis: Cooperation and conflict in contemporary governments Michael Imre (University of Vienna)</p> <p>Sporting emotions and values? Parliamentary debates on sport, gender, and education in the Nationalrat Jörg-Uwe Nieland / Thomas Neumann (University of Klagenfurt)</p> <p>ParLAT: Accessing open data of the Austrian Parliament in R Roland Schmidt (werk.statt.codes)</p> <p>Trust issues: When participation builds trust – and why it sometimes doesn't Kevin W. Settles (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p>Who refers to science? Understanding the salience of scientific evidence in parliamentary debates Daniel Wiesner (University of Vienna)</p>	Elise Richter Lokal 2

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03:00 pm	<p>“Research Year in Parliament”</p> <p>Presentation of the initiative "Research Year in Parliament"</p> <p>Susanne Janistyn-Novák (Head of the Scientific Advisory Board)</p> <p>Resonance spaces of democracy: The changing architecture of parliament in the 21st Century</p> <p>Julia Rüdiger (Independent researcher, affiliated with Catholic Private University Linz)</p> <p>Announcement of the newly selected project 2026</p> <p>Susanne Janistyn-Novák (Head of the Scientific Advisory Board)</p> <p>Presentation of the project 2026</p>	Elise Richter Lokal 2
03:40 pm	<p>Introducing the interactive exhibition „Democracy of the Senses“ by MUELLER-DIVJAK</p> <p>Christina Hainzl (University of Krems)</p>	
03:45 pm	<p>Panel discussion: How can we make democracy feel good?</p> <p>Panellists:</p> <p>Olga Kosanović (director, screenwriter and teacher)</p> <p>Georg Renner (journalist at Datum, Wiener Zeitung, Missing Link)</p> <p>Maria Stopfner (senior researcher at University of Innsbruck)</p> <p>Mod.: Daniela Ingruber</p>	
05:00 pm	Closing remarks	
<p style="text-align: center;">Interactive exhibition “Democracy of the Senses” by MUELLER-DIVJAK Jeanette Müller / Paul Divjak (University of Applied Arts Vienna)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Option of a special tour through the parliament building How spaces shape emotions – and how tour guides navigate them (Please register in advance!)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Alternatively: Drinks in the Säulenhalle</p>		
06:45 pm	End	