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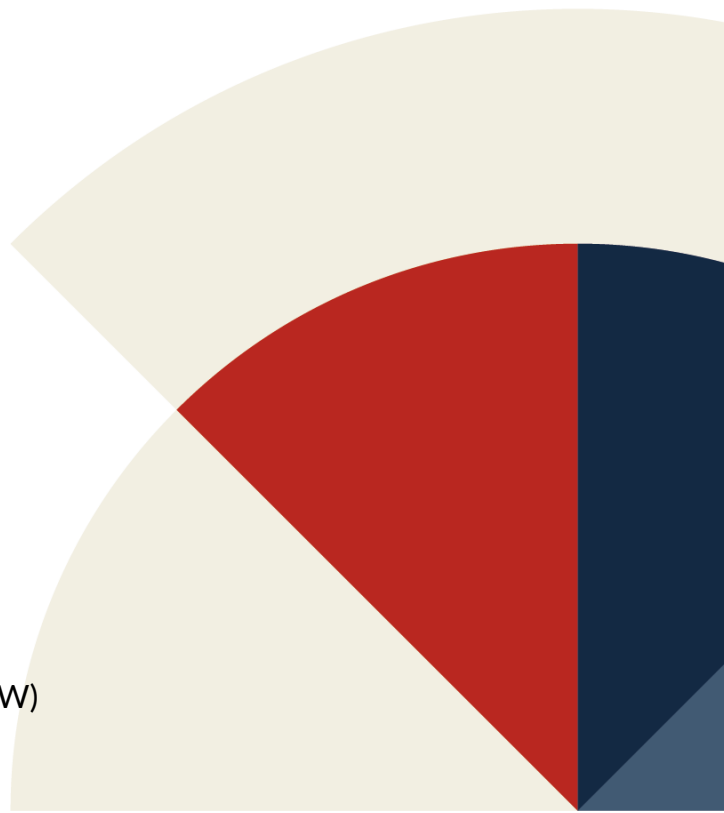
## Programme

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

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10:50 am	<p>Panel I: <b>Why does democracy need emotions?</b>  Discussant: Aron Buzogany (BOKU University, Vienna)  Chair: Anna Rathmair</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p><b>Emotions as privileges: On anger, hope, and democratic discourse</b>  Amani Abuzahra (CUAS Carinthia University of Applied Sciences)</p> <p><b>Can't we just all get along? Preferences regarding consensus, conflict and violence among German citizens</b>  Calixte Bloquet / Danny Schindler / Oliver Kannenberg  (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p><b>The flavor of politics</b>  Arno Böhler / Susanne Valerie Granzer (University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna / University of Vienna)</p> <p><b>The sentimental value of parliaments: How to take care for it</b>  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: <b>How do we perceive differences in representation?</b>  Discussant: Jakob-Moritz Eberl (University of Vienna)  Chair: Julia Heiss</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p><b>Feeling under-represented? Intersectional differences in emotions toward the Austrian Parliament and (mis)perceived representation</b>  Matilde Ceron / Ermela Gianna / Zoe Lefkofridi (University of Salzburg)</p> <p><b>How MPs understand representation: Reasoning, emotion, and responsiveness in the German Bundestag</b>  Christian Ignorek / Alexander Kühne (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p><b>Who participates? Demographic patterns in legislative crowdsourcing</b>  Sofia Serra-Silva (Université Libre de Bruxelles / University of Lisbon)</p> <p><b>“Experiencing Democracy” – The effectiveness of participatory spaces (Demokratiewerkstatt) in fostering democratic competence among children and young people</b>  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: <b>Evidence, rationality, knowledge and reasoning versus emotions?</b></p> <p>Discussant: Zoe Lefkofridi (University of Salzburg)</p> <p>Chair: Christoph Konrath</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p><b>Trust beyond evidence: Affective dynamics at the science-policy nexus</b>  Floortje Moes (Erasmus University Rotterdam)</p> <p><b>Why political behaviour is always logical, but rarely rational</b>  Greg Power (Global Partners Governance, London) (unable to attend)</p> <p><b>Disentangling the sophistication-emotion link: Political interest and confidence-in-knowledge, but not knowledge, drive emotional responses</b>  Isabella Rebasso (University of Vienna) / Gijs Schumacher / Matthijs Rooduijn (University of Amsterdam)</p> <p><b>Performative reasoning: The strategic use of epistemic authority in parliamentary debates</b>  Daniel Wiesner / Jakob-Moritz Eberl / Sophie Lecheler (University of Vienna)</p>	<p>Elise Richter  Lokal 2</p>

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01:00 pm	<p>Panel IV: <b>Why is it so difficult for institutions to deal with emotions?</b></p> <p>Discussant: Laurenz Ennsner-Jedenastik (University of Vienna) Chair: Franziska Bereuter</p> <p>Presentations:</p> <p><b>Collective control of artificial intelligence: A social choice approach to democratic AI governance</b> Paul Anton Bachmann (Vienna University of Technology) / Niclas Böhmer (University of Potsdam) / Lukas Daniel Klausner / Martin Lackner (University of Applied Sciences St. Pölten)</p> <p><b>Do legislators fear judicial invalidation of their legislation? An empirical study on how the anticipation of judicial review impacts legislative debates on omnibus legislation</b> Ittai Bar-Siman-Tov (Bar-Ilan University, Tel Aviv)</p> <p><b>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)</b> 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><b>From minority protection to performative conflict? Emotionalised obstruction and social-media incentives in the Czech Chamber of Deputies</b> Marie Zámečníková (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><b>Emotionalisation of political discourse: Sentiment and topic analysis of public comments on Austrian political parties</b> Dmitry Erokhin (IIASA International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, Laxenburg)</p> <p><b>Coalition mood in times of crisis: Cooperation and conflict in contemporary governments</b> Michael Imre (University of Vienna)</p> <p><b>Sporting emotions and values? Parliamentary debates on sport, gender, and education in the Nationalrat</b> Jörg-Uwe Nieland / Thomas Neumann (University of Klagenfurt)</p> <p><b>ParLAT: Accessing open data of the Austrian Parliament in R</b> Roland Schmidt (werk.statt.codes)</p> <p><b>Trust issues: When participation builds trust – and why it sometimes doesn't</b> Kevin W. Settles (Institute for Parliamentary Research, Berlin)</p> <p><b>Who refers to science? Understanding the salience of scientific evidence in parliamentary debates</b> Daniel Wiesner (University of Vienna)</p>	Elise Richter Lokal 2

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