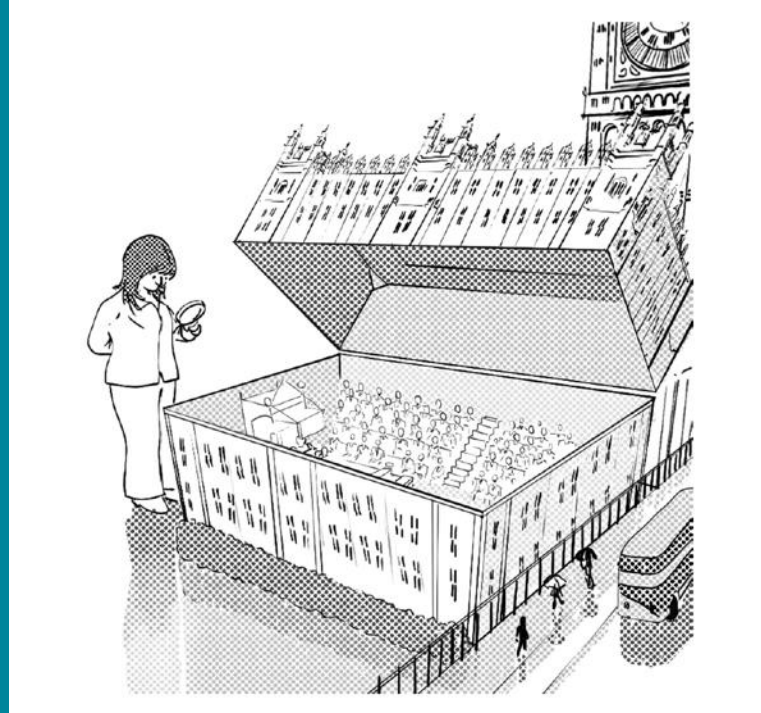


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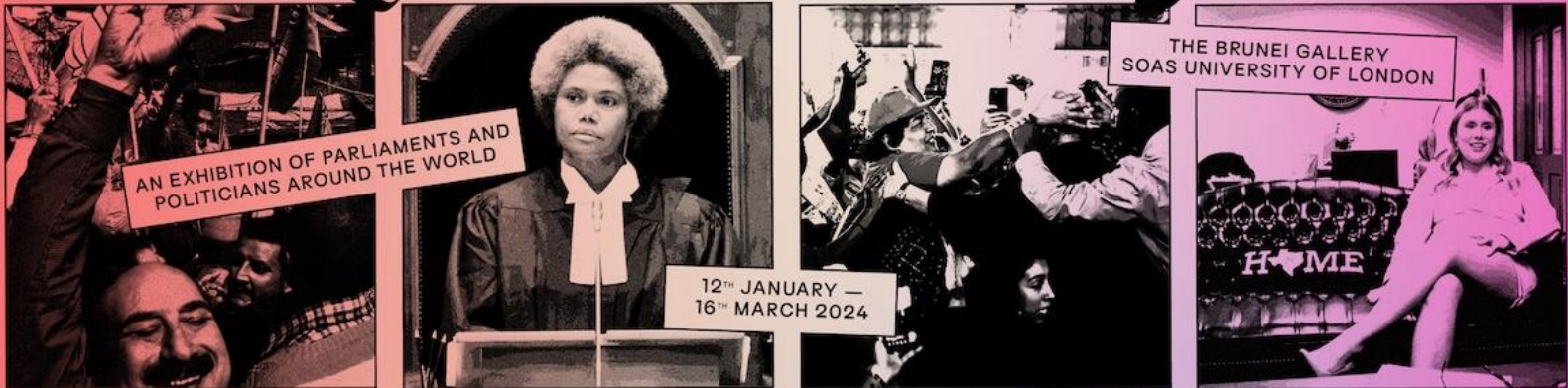
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Shapeshifting work of politicians



Rory Stewart , Former UK MP & Minister

‘As a British minister... I had to be at least three different things, in three places, at one time. I was an MP serving constituents in the Cumbrian-Scottish border; I was also paid to be a parliamentarian, voting 350 miles south in Westminster; and also a minister, often abroad, moving through five different positions in four years. How do you balance your obligation to visit a health project in Nigeria against being present in parliament to vote on assisted dying – when on the same day there is an event for a hospice in your constituency? When there is no time for such important things, how much time should you spend with your children?’

The Guardian, 6 June 2024

Continuities & discontinuities: rhythms, riffs, and rituals



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Measuring performance

- Performativity – Judith Butler’s idea of making the world, and the relationships within it, through language, gesture and playing roles as if on a stage
- Performance management – doing well or badly as individuals in the eyes of others, to be assessed, managed and corrected
- High performance – as a system or machine, often measured in terms of activities, outputs, and impact

Brazilian politicians



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Politicians representing themselves on X and Facebook



Political performance failure in Tigray and Ethiopia



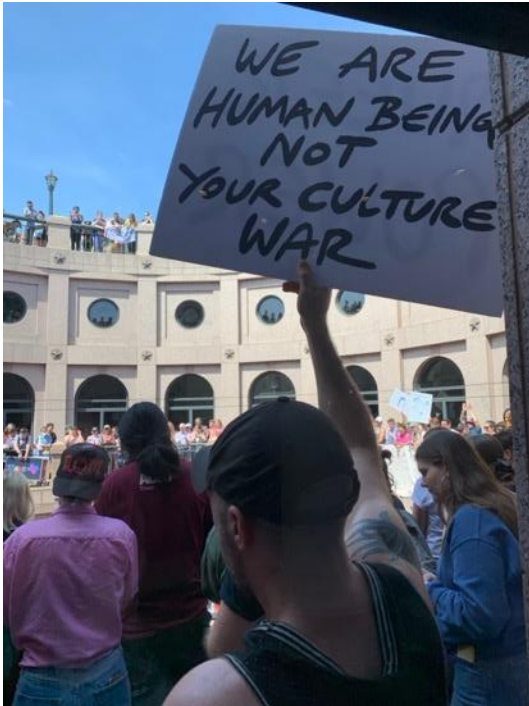


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The Capitol – Day 1, 10th January 2023

The gallery in the House of Representatives: a polarized society



The issue of the 88th session of the Texas state legislature: trans rights



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Entire 2023 Legislature



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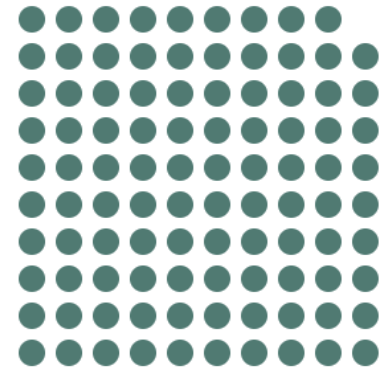
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If the Legislature accurately reflected Texas, it would look like this ...



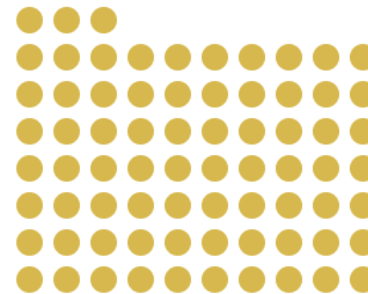
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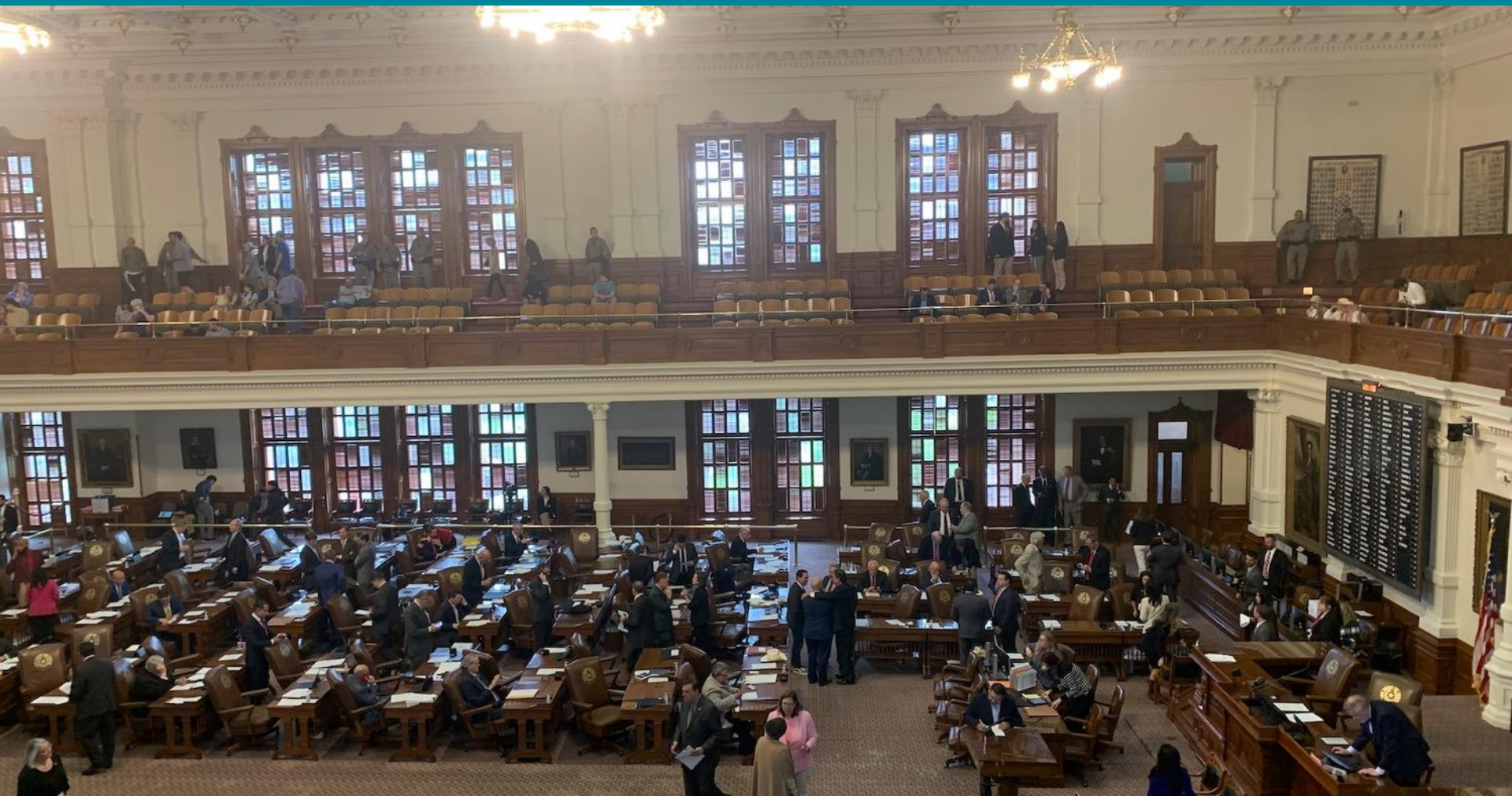
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Studying co-operation and bipartisanship among Texas Representatives



Representatives' desks

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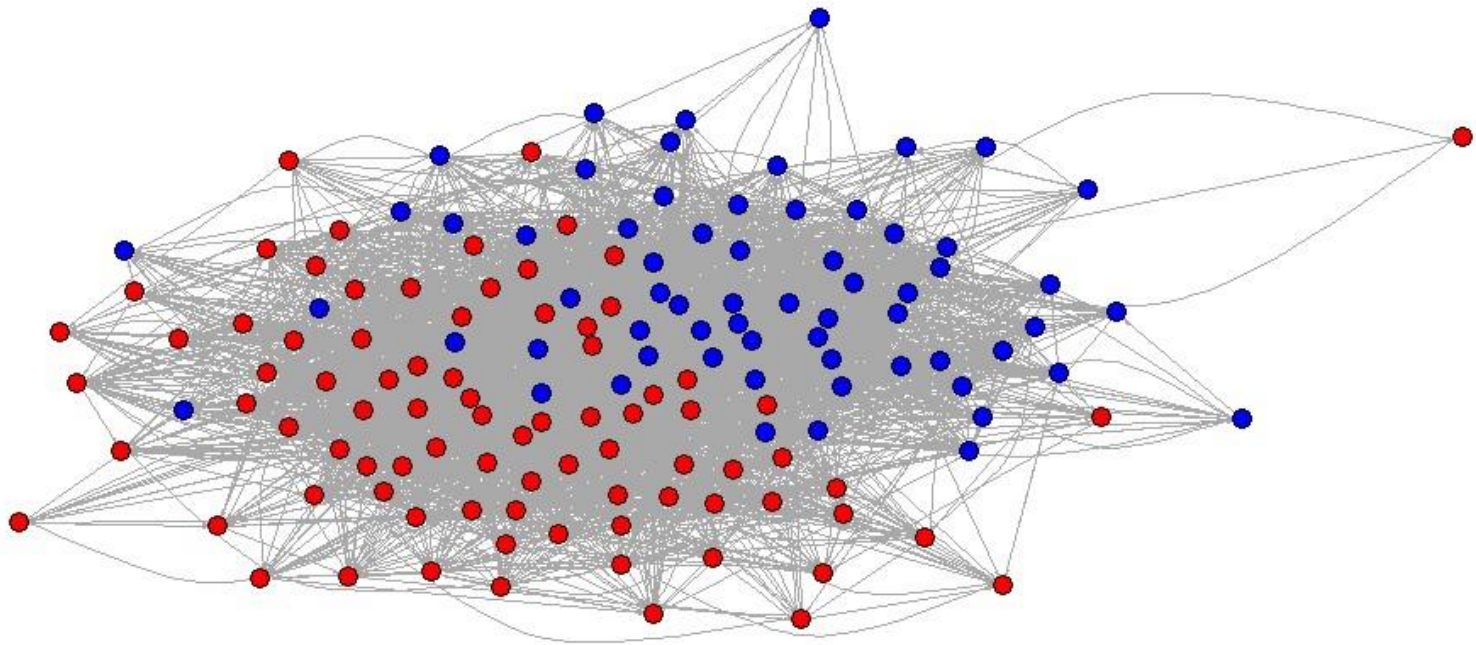
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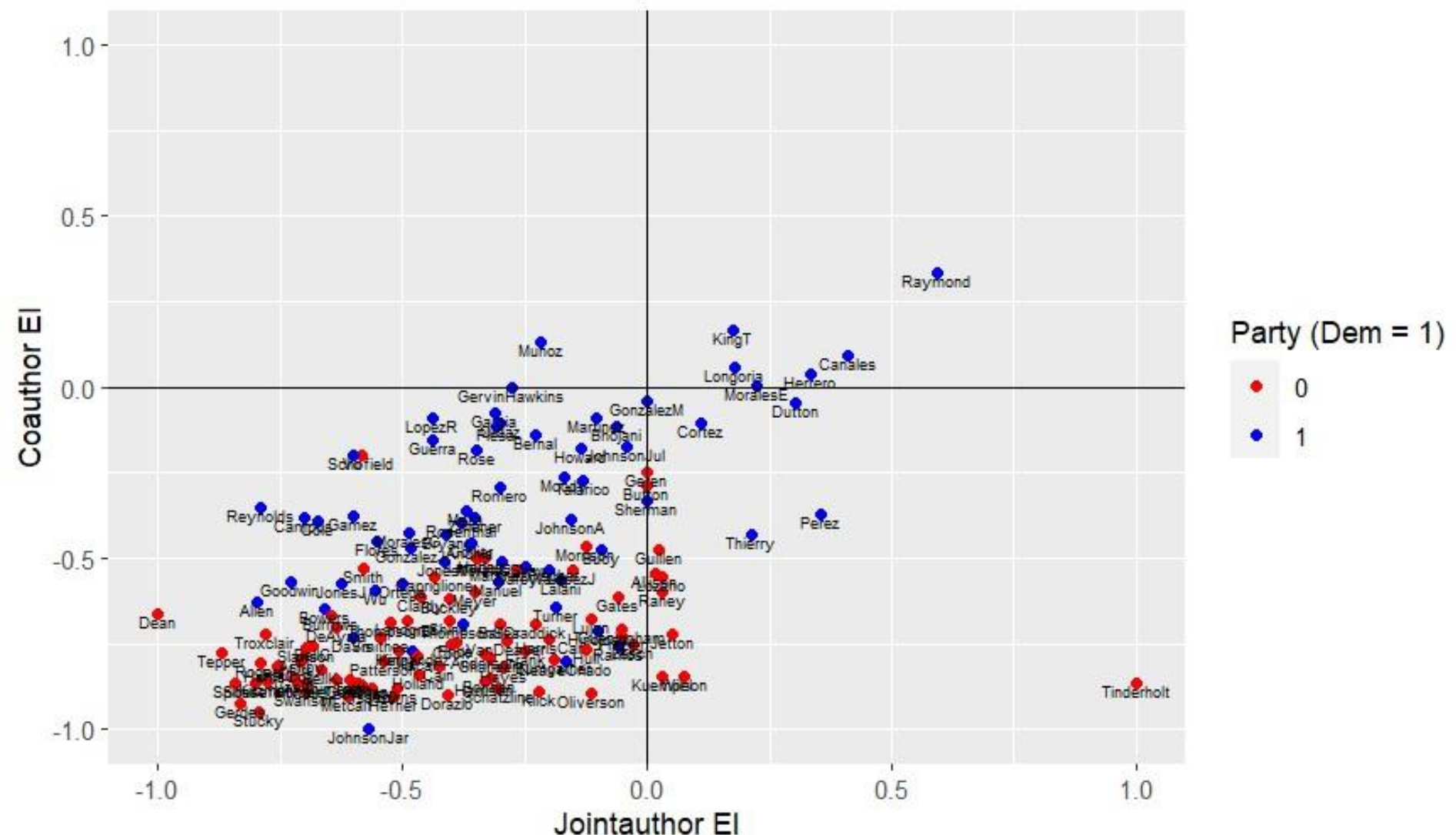
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Representatives joint authoring on bills



Joint authorship and co-authorship in the House

Joint and Coauthor EI



Speaker Dade Phelan



Collaboration in politics and research



Michelle Taylor-Robinson,
political scientist

- Ethnography is *always* collaborative. Brings ideas, contacts, methods that are new to the other person/people, and deepen insight
- Interdisciplinary ethnography is even more powerful – high standard of rigour & accountability in understanding the everyday practice of political work.
- You get a far richer understanding of what goes on in political worlds if you consider three critical entanglements: (a) relationships, (b) context, (c) alliances/conflicts