


Scholarly History on Parliamentarism

The “International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions” since 1936



Lousse

History

1933: Roots in CISH

- VIIth CISH Conference (Comité International des Sciences Historiques)
- Émile Lousse (1905–1986)
- François Olivier-Martin (1879–1952)
- Comparative project:

Analysis of the beginnings of state assemblies

- Resolution: problem to be researched with comparative methods
- Commission to organize permanent international cooperation

1936: Foundation

- *Comm. Internationale pour l' Histoire des Assemblées d' États*
- Comparative approach – Olivier-Martin, co-founder of Société Jean Bodin (1937)

1949/50: Re-Establishment

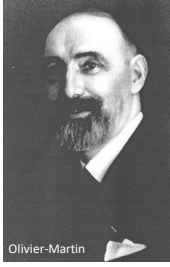
- UK section – Helen Maud Cam (1885–1868)
- “It might be well to group parliaments with assemblies of estates...”
- Early Mod. Assemblies & Modern Parliaments – Continental historians: topics wide apart – English historians: interests coinciding
- “...alternative title readily intelligible in English speaking countries is desirable” → ICHRPI

1995: Statutes


2021: Affiliation to the American Historical Association

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Membership growth

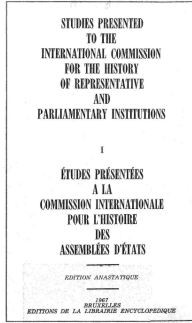
1955: 40 → today: ca. 200 in 19 countries



Olivier-Martin



Cam



Parliaments, Estates & Representation

- Journal, established 1980
- Different publishers
- Publication frequency varied – 2 issues/year, 1 vol/year, today: 3 issues/year – special issues since 2017

Publications


Studies presented to the ICHRPI

- series of single volumes
 - Monographs
 - Collections
- 103 volumes 1936–2022 – to be continued...

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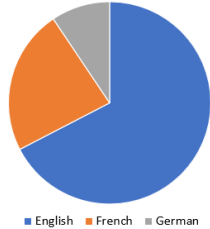
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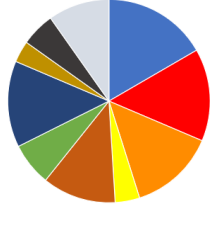
Research

Languages of Papers



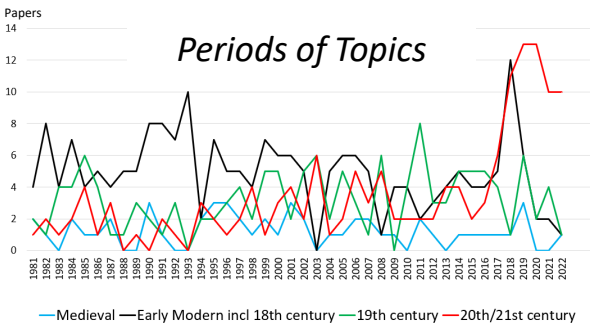
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Regions of Topics



- UK/IRL
- DACH
- France
- Benelux
- Iberic States
- Italy
- East- & Southeast Eur.
- Baltic & Scand. States
- America
- Others

Periods of Topics



— Medieval — Early Modern incl 18th century — 19th century — 20th/21st century

Activities

- Grants and Prizes
 - Emile Lousse Essay Prize: 600 Swiss Francs, for best article accepted for publication in *Parliaments, Estates & Representation* by a scholar aged under 40
 - Helen Maud Cam Travel Grants: Costs of attending conference and membership for a year
- Annual Conferences
 - initially not as independent conferences
 - within CISH or Société Jean Bodin
 - 75 annual conferences 1937–2023:



14 France, 8 Italy (Rome & Naples 2023), 7 UK, 6 Austria, 6 Spain, 5 Germany, 4 Poland, 3 Switzerland, 3 Hungary, 2 Belgium, 2 Ireland, 2 Portugal, & 11 other countries

President of the Austrian Nationalrat Wolfgang Sobotka (l) and ICHRPI-President Joseba Agirreazkuenaga (r) at the Reception for the participants of the 70th ICHRPI-Conference, September 2018
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