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September 2nd
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

16:30-17:00. Arrival of the participants
Aula Avram Iancu

17:00-18.00. Opening session of the 77th Conference of the International Commission for the History of Representative and Parliamentary Institutions
Aula Avram Iancu

Jean Garrigues, President of the ICHRPI
Sorin Radu, Rector of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu
Astrid Fodor, Mayor of Sibiu

18:00-18:30. Opening conference (online presentation)
Aula Avram Iancu, Prof. Maria Sofia Corciulo (Honorary president of the ICHRPI), *Eminent Romanian Scholars in the ICHRPI (1968-1990)*

19:00. Reception dinner at Ramada Hotel

September 3rd
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

9:00-10:00. Opening speech

Aula Avram Iancu

Joseba Agirreazkuenaga (University of the Basque Country), *Contributions to the History and Stories of the ICHPRI: In Memoriam, Estevão Rezende de Martins (1998–2025)*

Chair: Mikel Urquijo (University of the Basque Country)

10:00-12:00. 1st session

Room 35, Chair: Daniela Stanciu-Păscărița (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Mikel Urquijo, Maria José Villa (University of the Basque Country), *The Change in Parliamentary Representation in Spain (1980-2024). An Analytical Model*

Elisabeth Ripoll Gil, Marina Castillo Fuentesal Empar, Isabel Bosch Sans (Universitat de les Illes Balears), *Pioneering women in the regional legislative chambers: historical approach in a comparative key*

Antoni Marimon Riutort, Juan Pedro Bover Sánchez (Universitat de les Illes Balears), *La consolidation de la démocratie en Espagne. Le profil biographique des députés de la communauté autonome des Îles Baléares (1983-2019)*

Unai Belaustegi, Eduardo Alonso Olea (University of the Basque Country), *Basque MPs & social networks*

10:00-12:00. 1st Session

Room 45, Chair: Judit Pál (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca)

Cristiana Senigaglia (Universität Passau), *Die charismatische Komponente und ihre Geltung: Max Weber und die parlamentarischen Institutionen seiner Zeit*

Zoltán Kok (Friedrich-Schiller-Nationalitäten-Gymnasium, Werischwar), *Die Abbildung der Grossmachtrivalität in der Legislative der Monarchie- vor allem im ungarischen Parlament*

Jonas Hirschi (Diplomatic Documents of Switzerland, University of Bern), *The "Shadow Foreign Ministers" in the Parliament of Switzerland (1848–1994)*

Martin Klečácký (Masaryk Institute and Archives, Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague), *A forgotten self-government elite? A corps of district mayors in Bohemia as recruitment pool for parliamentary deputies*

12:00 – 12:15. Coffee Break

12:15- 14:15. 2nd Session

Room 35, Chair: Ovidiu Iudean (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca)

Tamás Dobszay (Eötvös Loránd University), *From particular to general, from local to national Representation and regional self-government in the 1st half of the 19th century Hungary*

Piotr Kuligowski (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland), *“Even if everything were to be lost...”. National representation in Polish lands, 1831-48*

Quentin Schwanck, *How to “constitute” an independent state? The concept of national representation in Belgium, 1831-48*

Artur Kula (Tadeusz Manteuffel Institute of History at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, Poland), *Emmanuel-Joseph Sieyès and the puzzle of national representation*

Room 45, Chair: Andrei Sora (University of Bucharest)

Gerald Kohl (Institut fuer Rechts- und Verfassungsgeschichte, Wien), *Constitutional People’s Association for the Region above the Vienna Forest” and the electoral laws*

Xabier Zabaltza (University of the Basque Country), *Is democracy a Basque creation? Myth and reality of the relationship between the Fueros/Coutumes and Parliamentarism*

Serena Bonetti (Università degli Studi di Milano), *Female Representation in Spanish Lower Chamber during the UN Decade for Women (1976-85)*

Jean Garrigues, *Le Parlement des avocats. Léon Gambetta et Jules Ferry 1870-1900*

14:15-15:00. Lunch on site

15:00-18:00. Direction Meeting of the ICHRPI
Aula Avram Iancu

15:00-17:00. 3rd Session

Room 35, Chair: Anca Mândru

Mircea-Cristian Ghenghea (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *Echoes across the Carpathians: the activity of the Sibiu Diet reflected by the press of the Romanian United Principalities (1863-1864)*

Loránd L. Mádly (George Barițiu Institute, Cluj Napoca), *Two Diets towards Dualism: the difficulties of representative assemblies of Transylvania between 1860 and 1867*

Cosmin Mihut (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *The Birth of Parliamentary Politics in Wallachia: Institutional Conflict under the Organic Regulation (1836–1837)*

Cristian Ploscaru (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *State Assemblies in the Romanian Principalities and the Origins of Romanian Parliamentarism (1831-1848)*

Room 45, Chair: Gabriel Moisa (University of Oradea)

Balázs Pálvölgyi (University of Győr/MCC), *The limits of freedom: the Hungarian parliamentary obstructionism, the Parliamentary Rules of Procedure's reforms and the peculiarities of the system of dualism (1867-1918)*

Ovidiu-Emil Iudean (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca), *Social Trajectories and Political Options of the Romanian Parliamentary Elite in Dualist Hungary. Case study – Iosif Gall, "the magnate from Lucareț"*

Judit Pál, Vlad Popovici (Babeș-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca), *Members of Parliament in Transylvanian financial and economic institutions before and after 1918 – a networked view*

Alexandru Nicolaescu (Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu), *Collaboration and divergences between Romanian and Saxon parliamentarians in dualist Transylvania (1867-1900)*

19:00. Reception at Cămara Boierului by HILTON

September 4th
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

9:00-11:00. 4th session

Room 35, Chair: Vlad Popovici (Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca)

Elena Vigilante (Sapienza University of Rome), *Vers un contrôle démocratique des services de renseignement : l'institution du comité parlementaire italien en perspective comparée*

Sandro Guerrieri (Sapienza University of Rome), *The Italian delegation to the European Parliament (1969-1994)*

Peter J. Aschenbrenner (National Convenor, US), *Technical competence in the service of democracy. The case of the Romanian Constitution (1923)*

Eva Christina Mueller-Praefcke, *The European Parliament's Campaign for Eastern Enlargement and the Political Leadership of Hans-Gert Pöttering*

Room 45, Chair: Mihaela Ivănescu (Ovidius University, Constanța)

Piero Gambale, Valentina Sapone (Luiss University – Italian Chamber of Deputies), *The new Italian State's port system in the parliamentary debate after the Unification of Italy*

Andreea Gușă, (University of Bucharest), *The Emergence of "Public Integrity" in the Representative Assemblies of the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1848*

Hans-Christof Kraus (University of Passau, Germany), *Eine Parlamentsdebatte über die Anerkennung des Königreichs Italien im preußischen Abgeordnetenhaus (Juli 1862)*

Gabriela Dristaru (Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Romanian Academy), *Fear of Revolution: The agrarian reform and the Parliament (1917)*

11:00-11:30. Coffee Break

11:30-13:30. 5th Session

Room 35, Chair: Alexandru Nicolaescu (Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu)

Coleman A. Dennehy (Dundalk Institute of Technology), *'Early modern Ireland, rural reform, and environmentalism'*

John R. Young (University of Strathclyde), *The Scottish Privy Council, the Scottish Parliament and inter- institutional co-operation in the economic life of Scotland, from the Revolution of 1688-90 to the abolition of the Privy Council in 1708*

Alastair Mann (University of Stirling), *Men of law and of government: the legal 'estate' in the Council and Parliament of pre-modern Scotland*

Marina Perruca Gracia (Rey Juan Carlos University), *Networks of Power: The General Parliament of Naples and Its Institutional Interactions in the Early Modern Period*

Maria Betlem Castellà i Pujols (Universitat Pompeu Fabra), *Entre mots et silences. Le peuple, les autorités locales et l'Assemblée nationale dans les premiers années de la Révolution française (1789-1791)*

Room 34, Chair: Anca Mândru (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Ilse Reiter-Zatloukal (Institut für Rechts- und Verfassungsgeschichte an der Rechtswiss. Fak. der Univ. Wien), *Estates as a substitute for parliament*

Alejandro Espejo, *The Francoist "Cortes" (Parliament) and the Spanish Nobility (1943-1977)*

Maciej Wojtacki (War Studies University), *From parliamentary republic to the authoritarian state. The conception of a new state in the Second Polish Republic*

Alin Burlec (Library of the Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu), *The Sunday Rest and the Debates in the Romanian Parliament*

Bogdan Gheorghită (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu), *Legislative Performance and Parliamentary Group Dynamics in Post-Communist Romania*

13:30-15:00. Lunch on site

15:00-17:00. 6th Session

Room 35, Chair: Alexandru Nicolaescu (Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities Sibiu)

László Komáromi (Pázmány Péter Catholic University), *Top-Down Referendums in Modern Constitutional History. When Cannot They Be Considered an Abuse?*

Antonio Chiavistelli (Università di Torino - Dipartimento di Studi Storici), *Between monarchy and republic Constitutional experiences and parliamentary practices in Rome (1848-1849)*

Andrea Magnolo (University of Salento, Italy), *LEADER(s) of representation in the rural world: a case study of a Local Action Group from Puglia, Italy*

María Magdalena Martínez Almira (Universidad de Alicante), *Parliamentary policies for the development of the Agrarian Law. Management and resources administration for the distribution of irrigation water in the Cortes and Parliament building (1795-1932)*

Room 45, Chair: Bogdan Gheorghită (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Benjáminné Szigeti Magdolna (Katholische Universität Pázmány Péter, Budapest, Fakultät für Rechts- und Staatswissenschaften), *Die Rákosi-Ära, die totale Diktatur des ungarischen stalinistischen Regimes*

Anna Kociolek–Peksa, Wladyslaw Peksa (Warsaw School of Economics, Cracow University of Economics), *The redefinition of the parliaments' and assemblies' position as legislators and the political system of European states - the law-making in the Jean Domat's concepts and its consequences*

Mihaela Ivănescu, Luiza-Maria Filimon (Ovidius University of Constanța), *Why European Elections (Don't) Matter? A Cross-Electoral Analysis of the European People's Party's Hegemony in the European Parliament over Five Electoral Cycles*

Csaba Gergely Tamás, Péter Pázmány (Catholic University, Faculty of Law and Political Science, Budapest), *The road to the adoption of the universal suffrage law in Japan in 1925*

17:30-18:30. Assembly of the ICHRPI Statutory Business Meeting
Aula Avram Iancu

18:30-20:15. Sibiu guided tour. Meeting in the hall of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

20:30. Social dinner at Ramada Hotel

September 5th 2025
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

9:00-11:00. 7th session

Room 34, Chair: Alin Burlec (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Andrei Florin Sora (University of Bucharest), *“Representing” Peasants? The Deputies from the Third College in the Romanian Parliament (1884–1914)*

Andrei Chirilă (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *Chestiunea Basarabiei în Parlamentului de la Iași (1918) - Conținutul discursurilor și amploarea dezbaterii*

Simion-Alexandru Gavriș (A.D. Xenopol Institute of History, Romanian Academy, Iasi Branch, Romania), *Parliamentary stability and its limits: the structure of the Romanian Senate (1870-1876)*

Sorin Radu, Daniela Stanciu-Păscărița (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu), *Conquered or granted? Why did political elites extend suffrage in Romania, 1859-1917?*

Room 35, Chair: Vlad Popovici

Astrid Zei (Sapienza University of Rome), *The Election of the Executive by the Legislative Assemblies of the German Länder: Long-rooted Traditions, Ruptures, Circulation of Models and Challenging Experiments*

Lothar Höbelt, *The Ironclads, the Archduke and the Liberals, 1861-1863*

Daniela Mârza (Center for Transylvanian Studies / Romanian Academy), *The Anatomy of Influence: Kinship and Power Dynamics among Interwar Transylvanian MPs*

Francesco Soddu (University of Sassari), *Standing committees in the Italian Parliament (1968-1994): composition and functioning*

Room 45, Chair: Bogdan Vătavu (Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu)

Valentin Maier (Museum of the Romanian Peasant, Bucharest), *Freemasons in the Romanian Parliament*

Roland Kleinhenz, *111 years ago: Parliamentary rhetoric in August 1914 for going to war compared: Germany, Great Britain and France*

István Szabó (Katholische Universität Pázmány Péter), *Die Frage des Autoritarismus im ungarischen Staatssystem in der Zwischenkriegszeit*

Tomasz Wiecech (Jagiellonian University, Kraków), *House of merit or partisanship in disguise? The new composition of the Canadian Senate*

11:30-12:00. Closing session
Aula Avram Iancu

Jean Garrigues, President of the ICHRPI
Daniel Mara, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

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