

*International Research Conference on Occasion of the 100th Anniversary of the Adoption of
the First Rules of Procedure of the Albanian Parliament*

***Legitimation by Procedure: The Role of Parliaments
in Public Decision-Making in Past and Present Times***

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(ICHRPI)

Conference focus

The focus of this conference will be on the Albanian parliamentary system in a comparative and inter-disciplinary perspective. Within an international community of parliamentary researchers, the development and memory of Parliament, as well as parliamentary procedures and the main functions of Parliament will be discussed. Reflections on the role of women and transparency through involvement of civil society and academia will also be part of the work carried out by parliamentary scholars, experts and practitioners, who will unite in discussion and reflections on the concept and the reality of parliamentarism. These reflections will also include thoughts on the future development of the parliamentary system.

Background

When the Albanian Parliament, then called the National Assembly, came into being in 1920, one of its first acts was to adopt a set of rules of procedure, thus recognizing that parliamentary procedure distinguishes itself from other decision-making processes by following a high regulatory standard. Only if the formal rules of procedure are adhered to, the outcome of the legislative process may and will acquire the legitimacy that it needs, to gain the wide public acceptance required to make the laws an effective instrument to govern institutional and individual behaviour and interaction in the public sphere.

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On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of this memorable step in the history of the Albanian Parliament, an exhibition will document the development of its rules of procedure, from the first version of 1920 up to the most recent amendments of July 2019. The opening of this exhibition provides the opportunity to discuss, within the framework of an international conference, different aspects of the role of Parliament in public decision-making, in an interdisciplinary perspective.

Draft program:

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Introduction

Opening of the exhibition on the history of the rules of procedure of the Albanian Parliament

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Session I: Albanian Parliament – Development and Memory

Session II: Parliamentary Decision-making – Parliamentary procedure

Session III: Representation Function of Parliament – Women in Parliament

Session IV: Transparency of Parliament – Parliament and Civil Society

GENERAL INFORMATION

Conference languages: Albanian, English

Location of the conference: *(tbc)*

Instructions for the abstract:

Each abstract should be sent electronically in Albanian or English. The abstract should not contain more than 300 words, and it should include (1) the focus of work, (2) the methods used, (3) results/findings, and (4) conclusions and main recommendations as per the topics of the conference, as well as 4-5 key words.

Deadlines as follows:

22 February 2020 - Deadline for sending topics and abstracts;

02 March 2020 – Decision / final publication of the accepted abstracts;

15 March 2020 – Sending of the complete material/presentation;

20 March 2020 – Detailed program for the Conference, confirmation of speakers;

26 - 27 March in Tirana - Presentation of the Exhibition and Conference

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