

Political Representation: Tensions between Parliament and the People from the Age of Revolutions to the 21st Century

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2021/6 Mining Parliamentary Data Seminar: Comparing National Parliaments

- Jun 14, 2021 from 05:00 PM to 09:00 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300), webinar
- 1st Methodological Workshop of "Political Representation" Academy of Finland Professor Project
- Moderator Paul Seaward

Session 1: Comparing national parliaments synchronically (15-minute presentations, 15-minute discussion), 16.00-17.30 CET (17.00-18.30 Finnish time, 9.00-10.30 Texas time)

- **Pasi Ihalainen**, Synchronic comparisons of conceptualisations of politics in national parliaments: The rationale of the project

- **Jani Marjanen & Jussi Kurunmäki**, Isms and ideology in parliaments: Conventional conceptual analysis and potential for quantification
- **Hugo Bonin**, Local appropriations of a transnational concept? 'Liberal democracy' in British, Canadian and French parliamentary debates in the 1980s
- Discussant **Mikko Tolonen**

Session 2: Comparing parliamentary discourse diachronically (15-minute presentations, 15-minute discussion), 18.00-20.00 CET (19.00-21.00 Finnish time, 11.00-13.00 Texas time)

- **Jo Guldi**, Topic-modelling a century of British parliamentary debates: What we find that is new?
- **Pasi Ihalainen**, The digital analysis of the long-term comparative history of parliamentary discourse on representation: Data and methods
- **Johan Jarlbrink & Fredrik Norén**, Exploring propaganda and information in Swedish parliament 1920–2019
- **Kimmo Elo**, Analysing long-term dynamics in Finnish parliamentary debates
- Discussant Marnix Beyen

2021/11 From the representation of estates to the representation of the nation: The state of the art

- Nov 04, 2021 12:00 PM to Nov 05, 2021 12:30 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC200), Webinar

Thursday afternoon 4 November 2021

Seventeenth-century English practices, theories and discourses of political representation, Chair: Pasi Ihalainen

- 11.10 CET Paul Seaward (History of Parliament, London), Representation and Personation in pre-Civil War English politics
- 11.40 CET Markku Peltonen (Helsinki), Democracy and representation in the English Revolution
- 12.10 CET Mark Knights (Warwick), Formal and informal representation in the later Stuart period, 1660-1720
- 12.40 CET General Discussion
- *13.00 CET Break*

Eighteenth-century British practices, theories and discourses of political representation, Chair: Jani Marjanen

- 13.30 CET Zachris Haaparinne (Jyväskylä), Negotiating representation: The case of mid-eighteenth century British petitions
- 14.00 CET Joanna Innes (Oxford), Methods of exploring legislative culture and practice in eighteenth and nineteenth-century Britain
- 14.30 CET General discussion
- *15.00 CET Break*

Early modern versus revolutionary practices, theories and discourses of political representation on the European continent, Chair: Pasi Ihalainen

- 15:30 CET Tim Neu (Vienna), The transformation of political representation in the German lands from early modern estates to the early modern parliaments
- 16:00 CET Pablo Sánchez León (Lisbon), Estates, people, nation: changing frameworks of political representation in Spain between the end of the Old Regime and early Liberalism, 1766-1812
- 16:30 CET Bert Drejer (European University Institute), The concept of political representation in the early modern Dutch Republic
- 17:00 CET Joris Oddens (Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam), Revolutionising representation in the Netherlands around 1800
- 17:30-18:00 CET General discussion

Friday morning 5 November 2021

Interdisciplinary approaches to the history of political representation since the French Revolution,
Chair: Jussi Kurunmäki

- 8.00 UTC / 9.00 CET / 10.00 EET Keynote: John Keane (Sydney (UTC+10) and Wissenschaftszentrum, Berlin), Post-1945 monitory democracy and representation in historical perspective
- 10:00 CET Break

Introductions to the subthemes of the Academy of Finland Professor Project “Political Representation: Tensions between Parliament and the People from the Age of Revolutions to the 21st Century”, Chair: Pasi Ihalainen

- 10:30 CET Pasi Ihalainen, The project research design and first observations on the British data in relation to previous research
- 11:00 CET Jani Marjanen, The constitutional moment that happened abroad: Finnish public discourse on European constitutions, 1809 - 1830
- 11:15 CET Jussi Kurunmäki, Absence of Political Representation: The Case of Finland 1809 - 1863 in an International Perspective
- 11:30 CET Hugo Bonin, Re-evaluating the tensions between democracy and liberalism through parliamentary debates: First steps and the path ahead
- 11:45 CET General discussion
- 12:30 CET End of the webinar

2022/5 Text-Mining in Digital Humanities: An Intensive Course for Humanities and Social Sciences Doctoral Students

- May 03, 2022 12:00 AM to May 20, 2022 11:45 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Location: University of Jyväskylä campus
- **Responsible teacher:** Academy of Finland Professor Pasi Ihalainen. **Other teachers:** Professor Jo Guldi (Dallas, Texas), Docent Jani Marjanen (Helsinki / University of Eastern Finland), MA Ruben Ros (Luxemburg), MA Ville Vaara (Helsinki / Jyväskylä), PhD Hugo Bonin (Queen Mary University of London), PhD Risto Turunen (Tampere / Luxemburg)
- Amount of credit units: 3 ECTS
 - 28 hrs of contact teaching, 1 ECTS
 - 4 hrs of introductory lectures by Professor Jo Guldi (Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas)

- 4 hrs of thematic lectures by Professor Jo Guldi and 2 hrs by Docent Jani Marjanen
- 4 hrs of lecture by assistant teachers Hugo Bonin, Ruben Ros, Risto Turunen and Ville Vaara, all working/having finished DH-dissertations
- 4 hrs of lecture by visiting lecturers
- 10 hrs of hands-on workshop
- Reading: text book chapters / articles for each class, 1 ECTS
- An essay 5-7 pages (in English and with footnotes) on the application of some of the discussed DH approaches to the research theme of the student, 1 ECTS
- The course provides an opportunity to attend the Helsinki Digital Humanities Hackathon on 20 May 2022 and to hear the presentations of the event (with your own travel arrangements and at your own cost).
- **Description of the content of the course and study goals:** The course starts with a theoretical discussion on the relationship between distant and close reading in humanities and social scientific research. It then introduces state-of-the-art methods to text-mining in digital humanities with an emphasis on the effective use of analytical tools and interpretation of data provided by existing research interfaces. Basic programming will also be introduced with the help of notebooks and applied to the data. Word vectors, for instance, help to understand the changing profile of every word with focus on the changing context of the word through time. Word embeddings factor in grammar and sentence structure as well as lexicon and can produce models that are good at matching rhetorical style in text and getting at the nuances of grammatical meaning. Other DH methods to be discussed during the course include collocation analysis, relative word frequencies, network analysis and topic modelling. The course will also include an introduction to the prototype of the interface “People and Parliament” of the Academy of Finland Professor Project “Political Representation” which sponsors the course together with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences. After the course the doctoral student is familiar with current research interfaces and their applicability to DH research and is aware of the basics of coding.
- **Description of the methods of teaching:** introductory lectures, background reading, thematic lectures, visiting lectures, examples on the application of DH methods in doctoral dissertations, hands-on-workshops on the use and interpretation of data, an independent assignment

2022/9 Political Representation: Workshop with Willibald Steinmetz

- Sep 15, 2022 09:00 AM to Sep 16, 2022 04:30 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Location: University of Jyväskylä, Department of History and Ethnology and Zoom

15 September 2022 H306

- 9.00-12.00 Workshop on draft chapters for a methodological guidebook on writing conceptual history. Commentators: Zoé Kergomard, Kari Palonen & Willibald Steinmetz
 - 9.00 Pasi Ihalainen, Opening, practicalities and introduction
 - 9.10 Hugo Bonin, Pasi Ihalainen & Zachris Haaparinne, Writing digital conceptual history of democracy
 - 9.55 Jani Marjanen & Jussi Kurunmäki, Writing conceptual history of ideologies
 - 10.40 *Coffee break*

- 11.00 Pasi Ihalainen, Miina Kaarkoski (absent), Jani Marjanen & Risto-Matti Matero, Writing multi-sited conceptual history of the warming planet (oral presentation)
- 11.45 General discussion on the prospective volume Writing Conceptual Histories
- 12.00 Lunch
- 14.15-15.45 Keynote and departmental guest lecture by Willibald Steinmetz (Bielefeld), Outrageous Comparisons in Modern History and Contemporary Politics (hybrid)
- 16.00-17.00 Planning meeting of the AP Project “Political Representation”: future meetings and events for late 2022 and 2023 (hybrid)
- 18.00-20.00 Webinar with the Text Mining Parliamentary Data Group (Zoom only). Host: Pelle Snickars (Lund)
 - 18.10 Steph Buongiorno (Dallas), Introduction to Hansard Viewer
 - 18.45 Pasi Ihalainen (Jyväskylä) & Berit Janssen (Utrecht), Update on People & Parliament – Tool for Writing Long-Term Comparative Conceptual History of Representative Democracy
- 20.30 Dinner

16 September 2022 H105

- 9.00-11.30 Work-in-progress session on parliamentary studies. Commentators: Zoé Kergomard, Kari Palonen & Willibald Steinmetz
 - 9.00 Zachris Haaparinne, Atomisation of Parliamentary Representation
 - 9.30 Hugo Bonin, A Liberal Democratic Age: France & the UK, 1967-1997 (hybrid)
 - 10.00 Pasi Ihalainen, Plans for a monograph on the long-term comparative history of parliamentary democracy based on parliamentary speaking
 - 10.30 Hanna-Mari Kivistö, Refugee parliaments and politics of representation
 - 11.00 Emilia Lakka, Friction in the Swedish labour market model: the issue of seasonal migrant workers in the Swedish parliament, 2000-2018
- 11.30 Lunch
- 12.30-14.00 Keynote by Zoe Kergomard, «Well-ordered» or «constrained» democracies? Questioning the centrality of voting in postwar Western European democracies (hybrid)
- 14.00 Coffee break
- 14.30-17.00 Work-in-progress session on depoliticization. Commentators: Zoé Kergomard, Kari Palonen & Willibald Steinmetz
 - 14.30 Zachris Haaparinne, Depoliticisation – A Theoretical Approach
 - 15.00 Jussi Kurunmäki & Jani Marjanen, Ideology, politicization and depoliticization
 - 15.30 Frederik Oerskov, Nordic writers’ unions, the German-Nordic Authors’ House in Travemünde, and the (unsuccessful) attempts at depoliticizing cultural relations with the Third Reich
 - 16.00 Zoé Kergomard, “Don’t go fishing this Sunday”: The paradoxes of depoliticizing non-voting in the early years of the French 5th Republic (1958–1969)
 - 16.30 General discussion on the workshop

2023/4 Textbook workshop: Writing Conceptual Histories

- Apr 21, 2023 10:00 AM to Apr 22, 2023 01:30 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Textbook workshop on contracted chapters. Commentator: Stefan Berger (Bochum), Editor of the Writing History series of Bloomsbury Academic.
- Location: University of Helsinki, Political History Seminar Room, Snellmaninkatu 14 A

Friday 21 April 2023

- 10.00 Editors' meeting: Stefan Berger, Pasi Ihalainen & Jani Marjanen
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch at Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19.*
- 13.00-13.30 Pasi Ihalainen & Jani Marjanen, Opening, draft introduction, the Publisher and guidelines
- 13.30-14.00 Discussion on the book as a whole
- 14.00-14.15 *Coffee*
- 14.15-15.45 **Session I**, chair: Pasi Ihalainen
 - Hugo Bonin, Zachris Haaparinne & Pasi Ihalainen, Writing digital conceptual history of democracy
 - Jussi Kurunmäki & Jani Marjanen, Writing conceptual history of ideologies
- 15.45-16.00 *Coffee*
- 16.00-18.30 **Session II**, chair: Jani Marjanen
 - Johan Strang, Writing conceptual histories of human rights
 - Pasi Ihalainen, Miina Kaarkoski, Jani Marjanen & Risto-Matti Matero, Politicisation and depoliticisation of the warming planet: Writing interdiscursive conceptual history
- General discussion
- 19.30 *Dinner at Restaurant Kuurna, Meritullinkatu 6*

Saturday 22 April 2023

- 9.00-11.15 Session III, chair: Jani Marjanen
 - Désirée Schauz, Science and technology in the light of conceptual history
 - Irène Herrmann, Caring for Others? Concepts of Compassion in Politics
 - Sébastien Tremblay, Symbols and concepts of sexual identity
- 11.15-11.30 *Coffee*
- 11.30-12.30 Session IV, chair: Pasi Ihalainen
 - Glossary
 - Cross-references and division of labour between chapters
 - General feedback from the commentator and contributors
 - The next steps
- 12.30 *Sandwich lunch*
- Editors' meeting in Zoom in the following week

2023/4 PhD workshop for History students

- Apr 24, 2023 from 09:00 AM to 06:00 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300), H404/501 (Map Room in the attic of Historica Building) and Zoom
- Keynotes and presentations by PhD students. Commentators:
 - Jussi Kurunmäki (Stockholm/Jyväskylä)
 - Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg)
 - Henk te Velde (Leiden)
- 9.00-10.00 Methodological keynote by Jörn Leonhard, Writing a Global History of Europe: Concepts, Methods, and Controversies (45+15 minutes), chair: Pasi Ihalainen
- 10.00-10.15 *Coffee*
- 10.15-11.45 Circulated student papers, Chair: Pertti Ahonen
 - Joel Nyman, United States Foreign Policymaking in the Age of Normalcy: Debates on the Role of the United States in International Community, 1921-1924

- Mikko Ville Puttonen, The Spring 1945 – the ‘postwar moment’ and awakening political activity in Trentino-Alto Adige/South Tyrol
- 11.45-12.30 *Lunch*
- 12.30-13.30 Methodological keynote by Henk te Velde on studying parliamentary rhetoric (45+15 minutes), chair: Pasi Ihalainen
- 13.30-13.45 *Coffee*
- 13.45-16.00 Circulated student papers, Chair: Pasi Ihalainen
 - Joanna Mäki-Valkama, Reception of the representative government of the United States in the British and Swedish parliaments during the 19th and early 20th centuries
 - Lauri Niemistö, Signs and portents: a comparative study of strengthening national politicians’ image in early 20th-century British and German cartoons
 - Milla Virolainen, Parliamentarians Debating Democracy in a Time of Crisis: How was Democracy Viewed and Defined by French Politicians 1927–1940
- 16.00-16.15 *Break*
- 16.15-17.45 Circulated student papers, Chair: Pertti Ahonen
 - Emilia Lakka, Picking and choosing workers' rights: discourses on foreign wild berry pickers in the Finnish Eduskunta 2005-2020
 - Martin Pettersson, Therapeutic rhetoric: Empathy as a political concept in Finland since the 1950s
- 17.45 *Pizza and beer*

2023/5 Guest lecture by Jörn Leonhard (Freiburg University): The Crisis of the World? Expectation and Experience of Nationalism and Internationalism after 1918

- May 11, 2023 from 09:00 AM to 09:45 AM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Room H320 (Historica)
- Abstract: The First World War marked a fundamental watershed in the relation between nationalism and internationalism, reaching from aggressive war nationalisms after 1914 to high hopes for a new culture of international cooperation and collective security after 1917. The key-concept of “self-determination”, as interpreted by the American president Woodrow Wilson and liberal internationalism as well as by the Bolsheviks, provoked high and very different expectations in many world regions, while the Paris Peace Conference led to contradictory results. Against this background the lecture focuses on the changing nature of nationalism and internationalism in the crucial transition from war to peace and during the war’s long aftermath.

2023/5 Workshop: Representative Democracy as a Contested Concept: Parliaments after the French, Russian and Digital Revolutions

- May 16, 2023 to May 17, 2023 (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300), Vienna
- Workshop (Writing digital conceptual history) and guest lecture in the series Gerald Stourzh-Vorlesungen zur Geschichte der Menschenrechte und der Demokratie: Pasi Ihalainen, “Representative Democracy as a Contested Concept: Parliaments after the French, Russian and Digital Revolutions”

2023/5 Book workshop: The Figure of the Politician in Modern and Contemporary Europe

- May 25, 2023 09:00 AM to May 26, 2023 01:15 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Berlin, Friedrichstr. 153 a (3. OG), 10117 Berlin-Mitte
- Book workshop on contracted chapters at the Finnish Institute in Berlin, Friedrichstr. 153 a (3. OG), 10117 Berlin-Mitte, Commentators: Wiktor Marzec (Warsaw), Rieke Trimçev (Greifswald) and Thomas Werneke (Berlin)

Thursday 25 May

- 9.00 Editors' meeting at Hotel Albrechtshof
- 12.00-13.00 *Lunch buffet in Finnland-Institut*
- 13.00-13.05 Mikko Fritze / Suvi Wartiovaara, Welcome to Finnland-Institut
- 13.05-13.45 Kari Palonen and Co-editors, Opening, introductions, draft introduction, the Publisher and guidelines
- 13.45-14.00 Questions and answers
- 14.00-14.15 *Coffee*
- 14.15-16.30 Session I, chair: Kari Palonen
 - Pasi Ihalainen & Joris Oddens, Contending connotations: The meaning and usage of 'politician' and 'statesman' in Sweden, the Netherlands, France and Britain during the Age of Revolutions
 - Henk te Velde & Anne Heyer, The professionalisation of politicians
 - Rosario López, Politicians of principle
- 16.30-16.45 *Coffee (Rieke Trimçev joins us)*
- 16.45-19.00 Session II, chair: Henk te Velde
 - Kari Palonen, Studies on the Politician as a Controversial Figure
 - Ido de Haan, The interests of politicians
 - Kari Palonen, What are politicians doing? Parliamentarians on politicians
- 20.00 *Dinner at Weinkultur Habel*

Friday 26 May 2023

- 9.00-10.30 Session III, chair: Rosario Lopez
 - Pasi Ihalainen, Teemu Häkkinen, Anna Kronlund & Olivier Rozenberg, International 'politicians' from the League of Nations to the European Union
 - Harm Kaal and Carla Hoetink, The activist/politician binary
- 10.30-10.45 *Coffee*
- 10.45-12.15 Session IV, chair: Pasi Ihalainen
 - Kari Palonen, Four types of politicians
 - Kari Palonen, Pasi Ihalainen, Rosario López & Henk te Velde, Reflections on conceptual historical reading of debates on politicians
- 12.15-13.15 The next steps. Lunch buffet and discussion: General feedback from the commentators and contributors
- Editors' meeting in Zoom in the following week

2023/6 Guest lecture by Henk te Velde: The Figure of the Politician as a Cultural Phenomenon

- Jun 01, 2023 from 09:00 AM to 09:45 AM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- Room Musica (M) M106 Boombox Fermaatti & Zoom

2023/6 Political representation: Modernisation of estates and parliaments, 1789-1870

- Jun 20, 2023 10:00 AM to Jun 21, 2023 09:00 PM (Europe/Helsinki / UTC300)
- University of Jyväskylä, Main Library Lähde (B)

Tuesday 20 June 2023

- 10.00 Opening by Pasi Ihalainen
- 10.15-11.00 Joanna Innes, Introduction to the overall problematic
- Session 1: Changing political representation in Britain I
 - 11.00-11.45 Mark Philp, Reading Switzerland's transition from democracy to representation 1750-1848
 - 11.45-12.30 Joanna Innes & Zachris Haaparinne, Changes in the functioning of parliamentary representation in Britain
- 12.30-13.30 *Lunch*
- Session 2: Changing political representation in Britain II
 - 13.30-14.15 Hugo Bonin, Relationship between democracy and liberalism in nineteenth-century Britain
 - 14.15-15.00 Pasi Ihalainen, The contested concepts of political representation between revolution, restoration and reform, 1815-1866: The case of Britain from a long-term comparative European perspective
 - 15.00-15.45 Zachris Haaparinne, Atomisation of parliamentary representation in Britain
- 15.45 *Coffee*
- Session 3: Changing political representation in Northern Europe
 - 16.00-16.45 Anne Engelst Nørgaard, Absence of representation in absolutist Denmark/Norway before 1830/1814 and the assembly of estates in Denmark in 1830-1848
 - 16.45-17.30 Jesper Lundsby Skov, The emergence and development of parliamentary political culture in Scandinavia in the 19th century – a pathway to sustainable democracy?
 - 17.30-18.15 Jussi Kurunmäki & Jani Marjanen, Political representation in nineteenth-century Sweden and Finland
- 19.00 *Dinner at Hotel Alba*

Wednesday 21 June 2023

- Session 4: Changing political representation in Central Europe
 - 9.00-9.45 Piotr Kuligowski & Wiktor Marzec, Polish early nineteenth-century parliamentarism: Polish-speaking representative assemblies in the 1830s
 - 9.45-10.30 Markus Prutsch, Political representation between monarch and parliament: (Southern) Germany in the first half of the nineteenth century
- 10.30 *Coffee*
- Session 5: Political Representation: Tensions between parliament and the people from the Age of Revolutions to the 21st century

- 11.00-11.45 Jani Marjanen, Jussi Kurunmäki & Pasi Ihalainen, Parliamentarism in Sweden and comparatively
- 11.45-12.30 Pasi Ihalainen, Presentation of the People & Parliament interface and the Academy of Finland Professor "Political Representation" Project
- 12.30-13.00 Discussion
- 14.00-17.00 *Lunch cruise by s/s Suomi.*
- 19.00 *Midsummer get-together in Pasi's garden.*

2023/8 Guest lecture: Joanna Innes (University of Oxford): Publishing articles and books with English-language publishers: Some insights and suggestions.

- Aug 08, 2023 10.15 AM – 11.45 AM / H501.

2023/9 Guest lecture: Joanna Innes (University of Oxford): "Histories of process: one way of modelling the past"

- Sept 01, 2023 10.15 AM – 11.45 AM / Lyhty, Philologica
- Abstract: In this lecture I will try to conceptualize an approach to history which I don't think has usually been conceptualized as such, though it is widely applicable and widely practiced. It involves considering certain sequences of actions of interest to historians as a 'process'. Potential content includes the creation of historical evidence; past administrative processes; 'labour process' (this is a recognized term of analysis), and scientific investigative process. To give a rather different example, approaches to history through the life-cycle could also be conceptualized as a kind of history of process. Finally, historians sometimes incorporate into their publications accounts of their own work processes. I will talk about what historians can gain from thinking about processes, and how they have figured in my own work. I'll also invite those attending to reflect on how they figure in theirs, and to join with me in thinking about what conceptualizing processes is useful for.

2023/9 Guest lecture: Anne Engelst Norgaard (NTNU, Trondheim): "The modern concept of Democracy: Denmark, 19th and 20th Century"

- Sept 07, 2023 9.00 AM – 10.00 AM / H306
- Abstract: This talk will explore the modern history of the Danish concept of Democracy. In recent years, Danish historians have challenged long-held ideas about the Danish history of democracy as a history of gradual democratization. Instead, several studies in the last ten years suggest democracy has been a much-contested idea throughout modern history. The talk will introduce the history of Danish democracy with an emphasis on conceptualizations of democracy. The talk will explore how the concept has affected and been affected by different social and political circumstances and how the concept has been used differently by opposing political parties and movements. The talk will further introduce scholarly debates on the Danish concept of Democracy. The talk will put emphasis on the much-contested "birth of modern democracy" in Denmark in the 1840s.

2023/9 Book proposal workshop of the Academy of Finland Professor Project “Political Representation”

- Sept 15, 2023 9.00 - 12.00 (8.00 CEST) B349 Suvanto (Main Library)
- 9.00 Zachris Haaparinne, Language of Scale: Parliament, Petitions, and the Changing Perceptions on Participation (1688 - 1832)
- 9.40 Pasi Ihalainen, Representative Democracy: A History of Claims, Tensions and Parliamentary Self-Definitions in Northwest Europe
- 10.20 *Break*
- 10.30 Laura Stark, Gender identity and the sexual economy: position logic as a new concept to describe ‘geis’ in urban Tanzania
- 11.10 Hugo Bonin, ‘The Final Form’: A Shorter History of Liberal Democracy
- 11.50 Final discussion