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**September 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
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**  
(location TBA)

**September 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
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 Goitia** (University of the Basque Country)

**10:00-12:00. 1<sup>st</sup> session**

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

**Mikel Urquijo Goitia, 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** (UPV/University of the Basque Country), *Basque MPs & social networks*

**10:00-12:00. 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Klečacký** (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. 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 3<sup>rd</sup> 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), *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**  
(location TBA)

**September 4<sup>th</sup>**  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

**9:00-11:00. 4<sup>th</sup> session**

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

**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*

**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**, *The Emergence of "Public Integrity" in the Representative Assemblies of the Romanian Principalities, 1831-1848*

**Hans-Christof Kraus** (University of Passau, Germany), *A parliamentary debate on the recognition of the Kingdom of Italy in the Prussian House of Representatives (July 1862)*

**Gabriela Drîstaru** (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. 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

**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 dr. 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**

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

**20:30. Social dinner**  
(location TBA)

**September 5<sup>th</sup> 2025**  
Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities  
Victoriei 5-7, 1st floor

**9:00-11:00. 7<sup>th</sup> 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), *Parliamentary life in the Iași refugee press (1917)*

**Simion-Alexandru Gavriș** (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University of Iași), *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*

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

**Francesco Soddu** (University of Sassari), *Standing committees in the Italian Parliament (1968-1972): composition and functioning*

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

**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