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**Eurasian Parliamentary Practices and Political Mythologies:
Imperial Legacies, Diversities, and Representations in the 20th and 21st Century**

June 17–18, 2019

European Research Council (ERC) Project “Entangled Parliamentarisms: Constitutional Practices in Russia, Ukraine, China and Mongolia, 1905–2005,” University of Heidelberg

Conveners: Ivan Sablin (Heidelberg) and Egas Moniz Bandeira (Madrid)

Day 1 (Mon, June 17, 2019)

08:30–09:00 *Welcome Coffee*

09:00–09:30 *Introduction*

09:30–11:15 *Session 1. (Post-)Imperial Entanglements*

Chair: **Joachim Kurtz** (University of Heidelberg)

Egas Moniz Bandeira (Autonomous University of Madrid) – “Frail Like Piles of Eggs?” China and the Transition from Absolute to Representative Government in the Russian, Persian, and Ottoman Empires

Şener Aktürk (Koç University) – Democracy and Multiculturalism: Political Representation of Ethnic and Religious Groups in the Ottoman and Tsarist Russian Parliaments

Olimpia Dragouni (Humboldt University of Berlin) – (Dis)continuities of Ottoman Religious Self-Government: Political Institutions (*sabor, vijeće, skupština*) for Bosnia-Herzegovina from the Late Ottoman State to Yugoslavia

11:15–11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45–13:30 *Session 2. Political Practices in One-Party Regimes*

Chair: **Marina Shcherbakova** (University of Heidelberg)

Olga Velikanova (University of North Texas) – Soviet Constitution of 1936: Sham Democracy in Stalinism

Henrike Rudolph (Friedrich–Alexander University of Erlangen–Nürnberg) – Founding the Myths of a Republic: The First Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference and its Transfiguration

Clemens Büttner (Goethe University of Frankfurt) – “The Whole People in Arms:” Communist State- and Nation-Building during the Great Leap Forward Campaign

13:30–14:30 *Lunch*

14:30–16:15 *Session 3. Rural and Religious Governance in Eurasia*

Chair: **Tanja Pentler** (University of Heidelberg)

René Trappel (University of Freiburg) – Optimizing People and the Ways to Govern Them: The Transformation of Governance in Rural China

Rustamjon Urinbojev (University of Helsinki) – Community-Based Parliamentary Practices in Post-Soviet Muslim Societies: Case Study of *Mahalla* Institutions in Uzbekistan

Nikolay Tsyrempilov (Nazarbayev University) – The Cradle of Nation: The Role of Buddhist Monasticism in Buryat-Mongol Self-Organization

16:15–16:45 *Coffee Break*

16:45–18:15 *Keynote Speech*

Chair: **Aurel Croissant** (University of Heidelberg)

John Fuh-sheng Hsieh (University of South Carolina) – Institutional Change in an Emerging Democracy: The Case of the Legislative Yuan in Taiwan

19:00–20:30 *Dinner*

Day 2 (Tue, June 18, 2019)

09:00–09:30 *Coffee*

09:30–11:15 *Session 4. The Concepts of Parliamentarism and Anti-Parliamentarism*

Chair: **Maria Ukhvatova** (Saint Petersburg State University)

Olga Sevastyanova (Orthodox Research Institute of St. John Chrysostom) – Novgorod *Veche* as a Political Mythology

Kuzma Kukushkin (Peter the Great Polytechnic University, Saint Petersburg) – *Zemskii Sobor*: Historiographies and Mythologies of a Russian “Parliament”

Ivan Sablin (University of Heidelberg) – Was *Duma* a Parliament, and What Were the Alternatives? Russia in the Global Parliamentary Moment, 1905–1917

11:15–11:45 *Coffee Break*

11:45–13:15 *Keynote Speech*

Chair: **Jargal Badagarov** (University of Heidelberg)

Christopher Atwood (University of Pennsylvania) – Assembly and Autocracy: Mongolia’s Consultative Polity from Empire to Post-Colonial Modernity

13:15–14:15 *Lunch*

14:15–16:00 *Session 5. (Post-)Imperial Regimes and Representation*

Chair: **Henning Sievert** (University of Heidelberg)

Ellinor Morack (University of Bamberg) – Parliamentary Practice in the Turkish Great National Assembly (*Türkiye Büyük Millet Meclisi*) in the 1920s

Joshua Hill (University of Ohio) – Elections and Historical Analogies in Late Qing and Early Republican China

Alexander Balistreri (University of Basel) – Parliaments and Quasi-Parliaments in Anatolia, 1918–1920

16:00–16:30 *Coffee Break*

16:30–18:45 *Session 6. Multilevel Self-Organization in and after Empire*

Chair: **Aysegül Argit** (University of Heidelberg)

Kyonghee Lee (University of Heidelberg) – Autonomy and Governance: Village-Compact (*hyang'yak*) and Self-Governance Narratives in Colonial Korea

Oleksandr Polianichev (Centre for Advanced Study, Sofia) – The Rada of Empire: Invented Traditions and a Cossack Experiment in Self-Governance in the Kuban Region, 1906–1907

Ivan Peshkov (Adam Mickiewicz University of Poznan) – Between Tradition and Invention: Discourses and Practices of Cossack Self-Government in Inner Asia (Siberia and Northern China)

Martin Dorn (University of Heidelberg) – Crimea in the Imperial Crisis of 1917: The Muslim Executive Committee between Liberalization, Secularization, and Modernization

18:45–19:00 *Concluding Remarks*

19:00–20:30 *Dinner*