



## Call for Papers

### LEGISLATURES AND LAWS IN EUROPE Conference on the “Day of Parliamentarism”

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Legislation neither begins nor ends in Parliament, and parliaments are not merely legislative organs. But the most important parliamentary function is legislation, and the most important and democratic phase of legislation takes place in parliament. The conference highlight this interconnection: it looks to the historical origins of parliament as legislatures and their current activities in lawmaking. Legislatures with rich traditions nowadays often face with new challenges including lack of information or time pressure by political agendas. Legislation is often unable to meet new challenges like new technologies or increasing number of administrative tasks.

The Centre for Parliamentary Research (based on the István Széchenyi University of Győr) regularly commemorates the constituent session of the first free elected parliament (2<sup>nd</sup> May, 1990) with the annual event. This year the National University of the Public Service (NUPS) and the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church (KGURC) co-organize the event. The working language is English (with simultaneous translation into Hungarian on the first day).

The Conference will run for two days. On the 2 May, the opening part “Parliaments, chambers, legislatures” will take place in the afternoon. The programme will be concluded by a reception, to which all participants are invited. On the second day, 3 May the conference will continue in the morning at NUPS under the motto “Laws, statutes, acts”, with the keynote speech of Prof. Helen XANTHAKI (University College London). The organizers envision one panel for the first, and at least two panels for the second day, with a coffee break in between. All presentations are to be followed by a short discussion.

The conveners invite abstract submissions from researchers (PhD students and post-docs) and scholars interested in exploring the historical and current traditions of legislation and legislatures from all countries of Europe, with an emphasis on Central and Eastern Europe. Paper proposals welcome on any topics related to the conference subject, from all scholarly fields, especially law, political science and history. A thematic section will focus on matter related to current challenges of statutory legislation and the concept of statutes/acts/laws, scholars active on this field are encouraged to contribute to this part.

Proposals should be submitted by 15 March, 2019 to: [akk.international@uni-nke.hu](mailto:akk.international@uni-nke.hu). Each submission should include an abstract of the proposed presentation of no more than 500 words and a short CV, both in English. Accepted participants will be notified by 25 March; they will then have to submit a full conference paper by April 26. Papers should be no shorter than 25.000 and no longer than 50,000 characters (footnotes included). The conveners intend to seek publication of all conference papers in an international law journal.

There is no entrance fee for the event, participants are responsible for their travel and accommodation costs. The conveners are grateful to the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for the generous donation on the local costs.