

The second section, *Parliaments and the Processes of Globalisation and Europeanisation*, concentrates on the changing role and position of national parliaments in the twin processes of transformation and globalisation. Petr Kolář and Jindřiška Syllová describe the role played by parliaments in the candidate countries during the process of EU enlargement. Drago Zajc presents a comparative analysis of the changing functions of national parliaments after the accession to the EU and the implications of enlargement for the development of Central and Eastern European parliaments in the near future. Edward Schneier offers a look at possible comparisons of the scope of legislative powers in post-communist parliaments and in parliaments with similar experience outside the CEE region.

The third section, *The Role of Political Parties in the Parliaments*, concentrates on re-establishing research on political parties and their role in parliaments. David M. Olson provides an overview of the role of political parties in the organisation of parliaments with special attention paid to the relationship between parliamentary party groups and committees in Central and Eastern European parliaments. Petra Rakušanová and Lukáš Linek introduce a case study of Czech parliamentary party groups with respect to party unity and party cohesion. Csaba Nikolenyi examines coalition stability in new democracies using rational choice theory. Werner J. Patzelt elaborates an explanatory model of party discipline in German parliaments and analyses its application to international comparative studies.

The last section, *Legislative Recruitment*, concentrates on changes in legislative recruitment and career patterns. William Crowther presents the results of his analysis of legislative recruitment in Romania and Moldova. Adéla Seidlová examines recruitment patterns among parliamentary elites in the Czech Republic over the course of the 1990s. Laurentiu Stefan presents the results of a survey on Romanian MPs, analysing

their career patterns and their career preferences. András Schwarz looks at experienced MPs in the Hungarian parliament and describes the core of the Hungarian parliament.

The concluding paper by D. M. Olson, titled 'Possibilities for the Cooperation and Coordination of Comparative Research' summarises the ideas and results of the round table, suggesting future priorities, and directions and strategies of parliamentary research in the coming years.

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Polish Parliamentary Research – Bibliographical Information

Introductory suggestions

For those interested in Polish parliamentary research probably the best place to start is Biblioteka Sejmowa (Sejm Library). It fulfils the combined role of a regular public library, a national archive, and a parliamentary museum. The main part of the collection contains nearly 500 000 volumes. The library's catalogue is available on-line at: <http://bib.sejm.gov.pl> – next to CATALOGUES. It can also be accessed through Sejm's main page – www.sejm.gov.pl – under 'Kancelaria Sejmu'. Regrettably, the library's catalogue is not very user friendly. There is an English menu on the main page, but the other pages and the entries are in Polish only.

Another of the Sejm's useful institutions is Biuro Studiów i Ekspertyz (Bureau of Research): <http://biurose.sejm.gov.pl>. The website is in Polish and English. By clicking on 'Bureau's Publications' the user is led to list of links for research reports and analyses and related materials, many of them available on-line in portable document format.

Wydawnictwo Sejmowe (Sejm Publishing) specialises in parliamentary history, legal analyses and information booklets with recent legislation and MPs' biographies. Its

catalogue of publications in Polish is available at: <http://wydawnictwo.sejm.gov.pl>.

The Public Opinion Research Center (Centrum Badania Opinii Społecznej – CBOS) is a leading polling institution in Poland. On its user-friendly website (www.cbos.pl) it publishes (in Polish, with titles translated into English) several reports each month, including survey findings on public attitudes towards parliament and MPs. The website also provides access to the *Polish Public Opinion Bulletin*, a monthly publication in English that summarises the most important reports of the month.

Selected bibliography

Below is a list of selected academic work in the field of Polish parliamentary research and published in Poland. Legal analyses and electoral studies are not included.

The bibliography is divided into three parts. The first is a list of books (authored and edited collections of papers) devoted entirely to the subject of parliament and MPs. The titles are translated here into English. Most of them present empirical findings, usually dealing with attitudes and values of parliamentarians. In most cases these are qualitative analyses. The second part shows a list of articles published in journals and chapters from scholarly books. The third part presents a list of books and articles that are partially or indirectly related to parliamentary research. In most cases these analyses focus on politicians, political elites, or the political class, and parliamentarians represent a part of the sample studied in the research.

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The Spring School of Science Studies – Prague, March 2005

In March 2005 the National Contact Centre – Women in Science organised the Spring School of Science Studies, a working colloquium that took strides towards fostering reflection on science and scientific enterprise as a social phenomenon in the Czech Republic. The National Contact Centre – Women in Science invited researchers from several departments and fields at the University of Lancaster (sociology, women's studies and social studies of science), all of whom are also engaged in the field of Science and Technology Studies (STS). This field is relatively new to the Czech Republic, so for the Czech academic community the event provided an excellent opportunity to become acquainted with critical approaches aimed at examining the social dimensions of the position, function, and impacts of science and the interaction between science and society. The event was organised by Alice Červínková and Kateřina Šaldová, both researchers at the Institute of Sociology AS CR. They invited researchers with a background ranging from doctoral student to full professor, which meant that participants had an opportunity not only to learn about concepts and completed studies in this field, but also to observe examples of STS doctoral work at an early stage of investigation, and to contribute to the discussions that inform and shape this work. The Spring School was organised under the auspices and with the financial support of the British Council.

Science and Technology Studies draws on and combines various methods and ideas from post-structuralism, the feminist critique of Foucauldian genealogy, material semiotics and other theoretical perspectives. This approach is not limited to reflecting on scientific paradigms in purely methodological terms, but instead also devotes attention to studying specific and everyday manifestations of concrete and localised scientific or technological praxis. The aim is to question and dis-

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