

# PARLIAMENTS, ESTATES & REPRESENTATION

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## EDITOR'S REPORT 2017

### *PER, November 2017 issue*

The November 2017 is complete for articles and reviews and is at press with the publisher. The only material that is required for the full issue is:

- (a) The annual Commission newsletter
- (b) Minutes of the Business meeting (Orléans and Paris)
- (c) The advert/call for papers for the 2018 ICHRPI conference in Vienna

This material is submitted after the annual ICHRPI conference – this year in Orléans and Paris.

### *Themed/Special issues*

1. *Congresses versus Caudillos: The Untold History of Democracy in Latin America, 1810-1910.* This was published in the July 2017 issue of *PER*.
2. *Parliamentary debates: a style of democratic politics*, Professor Kari Palonen, Director of the Finnish Centre of Excellence in Political Thought and Conceptual Change, of the University of Jyväskylä, Finland, and Dr Marion Löffler, Institute of Political Science, University of Vienna, Austria. This special issue has been submitted to the editor and is now undergoing the editorial process. It will be published as the first issue of *PER* in 2018.
3. *Political Petitioning and Public Engagement in Early Modern Scotland, Britain and Northern Europe*, Professor Thomas Munck and Dr Karin Bowie, University of Glasgow. This is based on two specialised research workshops held in April 2017 and a forthcoming one in September 2017. Submission guidelines and deadlines have been distributed to contributors.
4. *Working Commissions of Parliamentary and Representative Institutions, 14<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> centuries*, Maria Betlem Castellà, University of Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Marcella Aglietti and Alessandro Breccia, University of Pisa, Esther Martí, Institute of European History of the Mediterranean, Cagliari, John R. Young, University of Strathclyde. This is based on a specialised research workshop held at the University of Pompeu Fabra in June 2017. Contributors have been provided with submission details.

### *Emile Lousse Prize*

#### *2017 prize*

The submission date for the 2017 prize was Friday 20 May 2017. The judging committee, chaired by the President, and consisting of the Editor of PER, the Director of Publications, and the Secretary General, awarded the 2017 prize to Dr Umberto Tulli, University of Trento, Italy, for his article entitled 'Which democracy for the European Economic Community ? Fernand Dehousse versus Charles de Gaulle'. Dr Tulli's winning article will be published in the November 2017 issue of *PER*.

### ***2018 prize***

The deadline for the submission of articles for the 2018 prize is Friday 18 May 2018. Senior officers, national convenors and ICHRPI members are encouraged to advertise and promote the prize in addition to the journal and website adverts.

### ***General trends***

As per previous years:

- (i) Low number of entries for the Emile Lousse prize
- (ii) Relatively low number of article submissions from ICHRPI members
- (iii) Most article submissions would appear to be from non-ICHRPI members (which is intellectually healthy and a good sign)
- (iv) Several articles are in the pipeline for 2018
- (v) Without the initiative of the editor and other individual commission members, the journal would be unlikely to have enough material for three issues a year.

### ***Book reviews***

There is still room for improvement here. Currently, most of the book reviews are commissioned on the initiative of the editor. Individual ICHRPI colleagues have been proactive in sending me reviews, but national convenors will have to be more proactive in forwarding book reviews or recommending books for review. At the moment the book reviews section is healthy for future issues, but it would be good to have a greater geographical coverage, especially from continental Europe, in the reviews section.

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