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Parliamentary Studies Course Guide

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(Co-Convenors)**

Welcome to Parliamentary Studies

Parliamentary Studies is an Honours level undergraduate course offered in Politics and International Relations, in association with the Houses of Parliament and the Scottish Parliament. The course is designed to develop expertise in the structures and processes of the UK and Scottish Parliaments and to provide a theoretically-informed and policy-relevant insight into the history, governance and future of legislatures and assemblies, within the UK and internationally. The course is intended to be of particular value to those students considering a career in politics.

Co-convened by Professors James Mitchell and Charlie Jeffery, the course will feature guest speakers, including professionals and practitioners from both the House of Commons and Scottish Parliament, as well as elected representatives of both Parliaments and specialist scholars within particular fields from across the University. The module will attract 20 credits.

Course related enquiries should be addressed in the first instance to Course Co-convenor, Professor James Mitchell: 58 George Square, University of Edinburgh, EH8 9JW; Email: James.Mitchell@ed.ac.uk. Office Hours (Semester 1): Tuesdays 10.00am – 12.00pm. Meetings outside of office hours may be arranged by email. Appointments with Professor Charlie Jeffery can be arranged by email. Professor Jeffery can be contacted at: 3.05 St John's Land, Holyrood Road, University of Edinburgh, EH8 8AQ; Email: Charlie.Jeffery@ed.ac.uk.

The Course Secretary is Lizzie Robertson; Email: lizzie.robertson@ed.ac.uk

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course, students should be able to:

- Demonstrate in-depth knowledge and understanding of the structures and processes of the UK and Scottish Parliaments
- Critically appraise key theoretical concepts and approaches used to analyse legislatures and legislative process
- Compare and contrast UK and Scottish variants of the 'Westminster' parliamentary tradition
- Understand and engage in contemporary debates surrounding the functioning of the UK and Scottish Parliaments, including the institutions' evolution and reform
- Develop research skills to allow navigation and robust research of the UK, Scottish and other legislatures
- Demonstrate appropriate communicative and transferable skills, including making effective oral and written presentations, utilising specialist primary and secondary resources, and confidence to enable critical thinking and debate on this topic
- Effectively apply knowledge and skills developed in the course to the contemporary work of either parliament

Course Structure, Venue and Time

This course adopts a seminar format. Seminars are on **Friday 11.10am-1.00pm**, in **21 George Square Rm G.01**. **Students will need their University matriculation card to access the front door of this building**. Parliamentary visits will take place on Friday 15 November to the Scottish Parliament and Wednesday 27 November to the UK Parliament.

Seminar Format

Seminars will take the form of a mix of lecturer/guest speaker-led discussion and break-out exercises conducted by smaller groups of students. All students are expected to participate in seminar discussions and take part in group exercises. Students are required to read at least three of the readings set for each seminar. Guest speakers may also recommend specific readings ahead of their lectures, of which students will be notified in advance.

Parliamentary Visits

Students will have the opportunity to visit both Parliaments during the course, to observe each institution in practice and apply their learning in this context. The visit to the House of Commons will take place on 27 November. The cost of this trip, including travel, accommodation and meals, will have to be met by each student. Lunch at the House of Commons will be provided. It is estimated that travel costs will not exceed £120, though this is a rough approximation. Students are advised to make travel arrangements as soon as possible for this trip, including making early bookings with trains or low cost air carriers to secure the most reasonable fares. Students may also wish to consider arranging a stay with friends or family in London. The visit to the Scottish Parliament will take place on 15 November from 1.30pm – 5.00pm. Whilst this visit is optional, it is considered central to the course and therefore highly recommended that students take part.

Course Material: Course Guide + Learn

The **Course Guide** is your first source of information: it provides a list of core, seminar, and further readings. Some of the core or seminar readings can be accessed as **e-journals or e-publications**. We will make some seminar readings available on **Learn**. Book chapters or books can be found in the Library (the most important books will be put on Reserve). Lecture handouts will be made available on **Learn** on the day of the lecture.

Course Assessment

This course will be assessed through two pieces of coursework each designed to engage students with the practice of the Parliaments:

1. A **parliamentary research briefing** in the style of a House of Commons Library/Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) Research Briefing. This would be produced collaboratively as a team assignment. This assessment should not exceed **3000 words (40% of final assessment)**.
2. A **Submission of Evidence** to a committee. Each student will be assigned a Commons or Lords Select Committee, or Scottish Parliament Committee, to follow for the duration of the module and will be required to produce a mock Submission of Evidence to the Committee they have been following. This assessment should not exceed **2000 words (60% of final assessment)**.

This form of assessment is designed to help nurture team-working skills and to encourage students to apply their theoretical and practical learning throughout the course in ways relevant to 'real world' practice.

More detailed **Course Assessment Guidance** will be available to students on Learn.

DEADLINES:

Parliamentary research briefing deadline: Friday 1 November, 12:00pm

Submission of Evidence deadline: Friday 29 November, 12:00pm

Submitting your Coursework

Please see the 'Honours Handbook' for further information on submission of coursework; Late Penalty Waivers; plagiarism; learning disabilities, special circumstances; common marking descriptors, re-marking procedures and appeals.

GENERAL READINGS

There is no set textbook for this course, and students are encouraged to read widely on their own initiative, but you may find the following books or articles helpful:

Arter, D. (2004) *The Scottish Parliament: A Scandinavian-Style Assembly?* (London: Frank Cass) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE)

Blackburn, R. and Kennon, A. (2003) *Parliament: Functions, Practice and Procedures* (London: Sweet & Maxwell) (Law Library, STANDARD LOAN)

Childs, S. (2008) *Women and British Party Politics: Descriptive, Substantive and Symbolic Representation* (London: Routledge) (electronic resource & Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)

Copeland, G. & Patterson, S. (eds) (1994) *Parliaments in the Modern World* (Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Flinders, M. (2009). *Democratic Drift* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [electronic resource]

Grant, M. (2009) *The UK Parliament* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press) [electronic resource]

Greenstein, F.I. & Polsby, N.W. (eds) (1975) *Government, Institutions and Processes* (MA: Addison-Wesley) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE)

Heffernan, R. Cowley, P. & Hay, C. (eds) (2011) *Developments in British Politics 9* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan) (Shortly Available in Main Library)

Jeffery, C. & Mitchell, J. (eds) (2009) *The Scottish Parliament 1999-2009: the First Decade* (Edinburgh: Luath Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Jordan, A.G. & J.J. Richardson (1987) *British Politics and the Policy Process: An Arena Approach* (London: Unwin Hyman) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE)

Judge, D. (1993) *The Parliamentary State* (London: Sage) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Judge, D. (1999) *Representation: Theory and Practice in the UK* (London: Routledge) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Kelso, A. (2009) *Parliamentary Reform at Westminster* (Manchester: Manchester University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE)

Lovenduski, J. (2005) *Feminizing Politics* (Cambridge: Polity) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN, SHORT LOAN & HUB SHORT LOAN)

McFadden, J. & Lazarowicz, M. (2010) *The Scottish Parliament : An Introduction* (Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional) (Law & Europa Library, SHORT LOAN & RESERVE) (Shortly Available in Main Library)

Norton, P. (ed) (1990) *Legislatures* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE, STANDARD LOAN & SHORT LOAN)

Norton, P. (2005) *Parliament in British Politics* (Basingstoke, Palgrave) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Norton, P. (ed) (1998) *Parliaments and Governments in Western Europe* (London: Frank Cass) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Rhodes, R. A. W. et al (eds) (2006) *Oxford Handbook of Political Institutions* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & REFERENCE)

Rogers, R. & Walters, R. H. (2006) *How Parliament Works, 6th Edition* (Essex: Pearson Education) (Shortly Available from Main Library)

Rush, M. (2005) *Parliament Today* (Manchester: Manchester University Press) (Shortly Available from Main Library)

Russell, M. (2013) *The Contemporary House of Lords* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Shortly Available from Main Library)

Russell, M. (2000) *Reforming the House of Lords: Lessons from Overseas* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Special Edition, *Parliamentary Affairs*, 2010, 63(1), on 'Devolution: Ten Years On'. [e-journals]

JOURNALS

Journal articles are also a valuable source of good quality academic research. Many social science journals carry articles of relevance to this course, especially *Parliamentary Affairs* and *The Journal of Legislative Studies*. Other journals which students may find useful to consult include: *British Politics*; *Scottish Affairs*; *Political Studies*; *Public Administration*; *Governance*; *Public*

Administration Review; British Journal of Political Science; British Journal of Politics and International Relations; Political Quarterly; West European Politics; and Government and Opposition. All of these are available as electronic journals via the Information Services website.

PARLIAMENTARY RESOURCES

Parliaments are living, breathing institutions, subject to on-going change and adaptation. The UK and Scottish Parliaments produce a great deal of information about their institutions, and this course will make considerable use of this material throughout the module. The specific reading for each seminar provides a wide range of specialist texts. However, as a starting point, you should familiarise yourself with the UK and Scottish parliament websites. In particular:

UK Parliament:

1. How Parliament Works pages
<http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/>
2. Parliamentary Research Papers [House of Commons Library/House of Lords Library]
<http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/>
3. Committee publications
<http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/committees/select-committee-publications/>

Scottish Parliament:

4. About the Parliament
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/70.aspx>
5. Parliamentary Business
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ParliamentaryBusiness.aspx>
6. Research Briefings and Fact Sheets [Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe)]
<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Research.aspx>

GOVERNMENT RESOURCES

It is vital to understand the difference and relationship between Parliament and Government. You should familiarise yourself with the current structures of Government at UK and Scottish level.

UK Government:

1. Departmental sites
<http://www.direct.gov.uk/en/index.htm>
2. Cabinet Office website
<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/>

Scottish Government:

1. Scottish Government site
<http://home.scotland.gov.uk/home>

In addition to academic analysis it is important that you keep up to day with Westminster and Holyrood politics through the media. In order to develop your understanding of contemporary politics it is recommended that you:

- Read a UK or Scottish broadsheet newspaper, ideally daily, but at least the weekend versions;
- Read *Holyrood Magazine* to keep abreast of developments at the Scottish Parliament (<http://www.holyrood.com/>)
- Watch quality television news and political programmes, such as: Newsnight; Newsnight Scotland; Channel 4 news; Scotland Tonight; The Andrew Marr show.
- Listen to quality radio programmes, such as: *Today, Radio 4* (Monday to Saturday 6-9pm), *Westminster Hour, Radio 4* (Sunday at 10.00 in the evening) and *The Week in Westminster* (Saturday) (all can be accessed via BBC iplayer).
- Read weekly and monthly political magazines: for example, *The New Statesman*, *The Spectator* and *Prospect*, *The Bagehot column in the Economist* (<http://www.economist.com/node/21553472>); *Holyrood Magazine* (<http://www.holyrood.com/>)
- You should visit regularly the following websites:
 - <http://www.parliament.uk> The official UK Parliament website: this contains information about Parliament, text of Hansard, select committee reports and much else.
 - <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/index.aspx> The official Scottish Parliament website: this contains information about the Parliament, text of the official report, committee reports and much else.
 - www.revolve.co.uk Philip Cowley's analysis of parliamentary votes.
 - <http://www.theyworkforyou.com> documents MPs' and MSPs' activities.
 - www.hansardsociety.org.uk/ provides extensive analysis of Parliament.
 - www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit a good source of academic analysis.
 - <http://www.studyofparliament.org.uk/> the Study of Parliament Group
 - <http://www.histparl.ac.uk/> History of Parliament Trust
 - <http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/lords-select/constitution-committee/> House of Lords Select Committee on the Constitution
 - <http://www.ipu.org/english/home.htm> Inter-Parliamentary Union
 - <http://www.cpahq.org/cpahq/mem/default.aspx> Commonwealth Parliamentary Union
 - <http://www.psa.ac.uk/spgrp/33/ParlLeg.aspx> PSA Specialist Group on Parliaments and Legislatures
 - <http://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/> Institute for Government
 - <http://www.wfd.org/> Westminster Foundation for Democracy

You are advised to set aside at least two hours in the first week of this course to spend time on the Parliament websites, which we will use extensively throughout the semester. The websites contains substantial introductory information about parliament, which you should examine and learn, particularly if you have had little or no exposure to parliament in the past. The empirical/primary documents we will use through the parliament website should not be considered supplementary, but as essential, key materials chosen to help you better understand the contemporary Westminster and Holyrood parliaments. Many of the research papers we will find here are written by knowledgeable and experienced parliamentary clerks, and are of much use to students on this module.

COURSE OVERVIEW

Please note that the seminar schedule below is subject to change in the event of changes to parliamentary business.

WEEK	DATE	LECTURE	LECTURER / GUEST SPEAKER
1	20 Sept	Introduction: Parliamentary Research Skills	Alan Convery
2	27 Sept	The Westminster model and the three functions of Parliaments	Prof. James Mitchell
3	4 Oct	The doctrine of parliamentary sovereignty	Alan Convery / Prof. Neil Walker, Regius Professor of Public Law and the Law of Nature and Nations, University of Edinburgh
4	11 Oct	The Role and Reform of the House of Lords	Prof. James Mitchell / Dr Philippa Tudor, Clerk of Committees, House of Lords
5	18 Oct	Linkage I: The electorate and civil society	Prof. Charlie Jeffery / Guest MP/MSP
6	25 Oct	<i>Reading Week - no seminar</i>	
7	1 Nov	Women in Parliament	Prof. Fiona Mackay / Rt Hon John Bercow MP, Speaker of the House of Commons
8	8 Nov	Decision-Making: The Legislative Process in Westminster and Holyrood	Prof. James Mitchell / David Natzler, Clerk Assistant, House of Commons
9	15 Nov	The Role and Reform of Select Committees and Scottish Parliament Committees VISIT TO HOLYROOD	Prof. Charlie Jeffery / Dr Anna Dickson, Second Clerk, Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
10	22 Nov	Linkage II: Executive-Legislative Relations	Prof. James Mitchell / Malcolm Chisholm MSP
11	27 Nov	VISIT TO WESTMINSTER	Prof. Charlie Jeffery / Prof. James Mitchell

Detailed Course programme

Friday 20 September Seminar 1: Introduction: Parliamentary Research Skills

The seminar will provide an introduction to the aims of the course and the academic and career development skills it will help to develop. It will outline the research skills and resources which students should use for the module, including an introduction to resources on the UK and Scottish Parliament websites and in Edinburgh libraries, along with an explanation of primary documents produced by the UK and Scottish Parliaments.

Core Reading

For this seminar students should familiarise themselves with the official UK and Scottish Parliament websites:

- <http://www.parliament.uk> The official UK Parliament website: this contains information about Parliament, text of Hansard, select committee reports and much else.
- <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/index.aspx> The official Scottish Parliament website: this contains information about the Parliament, text of the official report, committee reports and much else.

Further Reading

Students should pay particular attention to the following web pages:

- House of Commons Hansard: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/hansard/commons/>
- House of Lords Hansard: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/lords/work-of-the-house-of-lords/lords-hansard/>
- Scottish Parliament 'About the Parliament' pages: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/70.aspx>
- Scottish Parliament Parliamentary Business: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/ParliamentaryBusiness.aspx>
- Scottish Parliament Official Report: <http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/OfficialReport.aspx>
- Scottish Parliament Research Briefings and Fact Sheets [Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe)]
- UK Parliament Committee publications: <http://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/committees/select-committee-publications/>
- UK Parliament 'How Parliament Works' pages: <http://www.parliament.uk/about/how/>
- UK Parliament Parliamentary Research Papers [House of Commons Library/House of Lords Library] <http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/>

Friday 27 September

Seminar 2: The Westminster Model and the Three Functions of Parliaments (Legitimation; Linkage; Decision-Making)

This seminar will provide an overview to the module, using Copeland and Patterson's (1994) classic functions of legislatures, considering the development of Parliament at Westminster in historical and comparative contexts. The three functions outlined in this seminar will inform the structure of this module. This topic will consider the key features of the 'Westminster model', evident in Parliamentary practice in Westminster and in other Westminster-style legislatures, whilst also noting departures from the Westminster model. Particular attention will be paid to the extent to which the Scottish Parliament is part of the 'Westminster family of Parliaments'.

Readings:

- Copeland, G. & Patterson, S. 'Parliaments in the Twenty-first Century' in Copeland, G. & Patterson, S. (eds) (1994) *Parliaments in the Modern World* (Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press) [Chapter 1] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Crawford, B. (2010) 'Ten Years of Devolution', *Parliamentary Affairs*, 63(1), 89-97.
- Goldworthy, J. (2001) *The Sovereignty of Parliament: History and Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [electronic resource]
- Jones, C. 2009. *A Short History of Parliament* (Boydell) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Mitchell, J. (2010) 'The Narcissism of Small Differences: Scotland and Westminster', *Parliamentary Affairs*, 63(1), 98-116. [e-journal]
- Mitchell, J. (2010) 'The Westminster Model and the State of Unions', *Parliamentary Affairs*, 63(1), 85-88.
- Norton, P. (2005) *Parliament in British Politics* (Basingstoke, Palgrave) [Chapters 1&2] (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Norton, P. 'Representations of Interests: The Case of the British House of Commons' in Copeland, G. & Patterson, S. (eds) (1994) *Parliaments in the Modern World* (Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press) [Chapter 2] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Polsby, N. W. 'Legislatures' in Greenstein, F.I. & Polsby, N.W. (eds) (1975) *Government, Institutions and Processes* (MA: Addison-Wesley) [Chapter 4] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE) (**Learn**)

Reports and Briefings:

- [Traditions and Customs of the House](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Websites:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/>
<http://www.histparl.ac.uk/>

Friday 4 October
Seminar 3: The Doctrine of Parliamentary Sovereignty

This seminar will consider the role of Parliamentary sovereignty in the Westminster model, discussing historical and theoretical views on how Parliament has evolved. It will also consider challenges to Parliamentary sovereignty including critiques offered in Scottish legal and political traditions, and how membership of the European Union affects parliamentary sovereignty.

Readings:

- Bagehot, W (1867) *The English Constitution* (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN & SHORT LOAN)
- Dicey A. V. (1885) *Introduction to the Study of Law and the Constitution* (Law & Europa Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Evans, P & Oliver, D. (2005) 'Judges, Lawyers and Parliament' in Giddings, P. (ed) *The Future of Parliament* (London: Palgrave) (Shortly available in Main Library)
- Flinders, M. (2009) *Democratic Drift*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [electronic resource]
- Goldworthy, J. (2001) *The Sovereignty of Parliament: History and Philosophy* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [electronic resource]
- Judge, D. 'Origins and Development of the British Parliamentary State' in Judge, D. (1993) *The Parliamentary State* (London: Sage) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN) (**Learn**)
- Marshall, G. (2003) 'The Constitution: Its Theory and Interpretation' in Bogdanor, V. (ed) *The British Constitution in the Twentieth Century* (Oxford: British Academy), 29-69. (Law & Europa Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Palmer, G. (1979) *Unbridled Power* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Palmer, G. & Palmer, M. (2004) *Bridled Power* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)

Reports and Briefings:

- [Constitutional change: timeline from 1911](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Bill of Rights 1689](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Parliamentary privilege and qualified privilege](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Websites:

<http://www.historyofparliamentonline.org/>
<http://www.histparl.ac.uk/>

Friday 11 October
Seminar 4: The Role and Reform of the House of Lords

Bicameralism is a key feature of the Westminster system. This seminar will consider debates on unicameral *versus* bicameral systems and focus on House of Lords reform. It will give an overview of the role and membership of the House of Lords and explore the practical and constitutional challenges of Lords Reforms

Readings:

- Blackburn, R. & Kennon A. (2003) *Parliament: Functions, Practice and Procedures* (London: Sweet & Maxwell) [Chapter 12] (Law Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Parkinson, J. (2007) 'The House of Lords: A Deliberative Democratic Defence' *Political Quarterly*, 78 (3). [e-journal]
- Russell, M. (2000) *Reform of the House of Lords* (Oxford: Oxford University Press) [Chapter 1] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN) (**Learn**)
- Russell, M. (2008) 'The Policy Impact of Defeats in the House of Lords', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 10(4), 571-589. [e-journal]
- Shell, D. (2000) 'Labour and the House of Lords', *Parliamentary Affairs*, 53, 290-310. [e-journal]

Reports and Briefings:

- [Conventions on the relationship between the House of Commons and House of Lords](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- Cm 4534 (2000) *A House for the Future*, Report of the Royal Commission on the Reform of the House of Lords.
- [The House of Lords Appointments Commission](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Ministers in the House of Lords](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Bibliography on Lords Reform](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [House of Lords Reform: Chronology 1900-2010](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Select Committees in the House of Lords](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Possible implications of House of Lords reform](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Websites:

www.houseoflordsreform.com

Friday 18 October
Seminar 5: Linkage I: The Electorate and Civil Society

This seminar will consider the role of the elected member as representative and how Parliament interacts with the wider public and societal and economic stakeholders. It will consider the practice of representation against competing theoretical understandings of representation: microcosmic; trusteeship; party. This will incorporate discussion of Burkean notions of representation and the Salisbury doctrine as well as petitioning Parliament. It will also consider the different roles performed by MPs and MSPs.

Readings:

- Cairney, P. Haplin, D. & Jordan G. 'New Scottish Parliament, Same Old Interest Group Politics?' in Jeffery, C. & Mitchell, J. (eds) (2009) *The Scottish Parliament 1999-2009: the First Decade* (Edinburgh: Luath Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Carman, C. J. (2006) 'Public Preferences for Parliamentary Representation in the UK: An Overlooked Link?' *Political Studies*, 54(1), 103–122. [e-journal]
- Ezrow, L. (2010) *Linking citizens and parties: how electoral systems matter for political representation* (Oxford : Oxford University Press) [electronic resource]
- Jordan, A.G. & J.J. Richardson (1987) *British Politics and the Policy Process: An Arena Approach* (London: Unwin Hyman) [Chapters 3 & 8] (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Judge, D. (1999) *Representation: Theory and Practice in the UK* (London: Routledge) [Chapter 1] (Main Library HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Lynch, P. (2001) *Scottish Government and Politics: An Introduction* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press) [Chapter 7] (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN & HUB SHORT LOAN)
- Norton, P. (1993) *Back from Westminster : British Members of Parliament and their Constituents* (KY: University Press of Kentucky) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Norton, P. (2005) *Parliament in British Politics* (Basingstoke, Palgrave) [Part II, particularly Chapter 8] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN) (**Learn**)
- Norton, P. 'Representation of Interests: The Case of the British House of Commons' in Copeland, G. & Patterson, S. (eds) (1994) *Parliaments in the Modern World* (Ann Arbor: Michigan University Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Paterson, L. 'Civil Society and the Scottish Parliament' in Jeffery, C. & Mitchell, J. (eds) (2009) *The Scottish Parliament 1999-2009: the First Decade* (Edinburgh: Luath Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Przeworski, A., Stokes, S. C. & Manin, B. (eds) (1999) *Democracy, Accountability, and Representation* (Cambridge: Cambridge U.P.) (Main Library, STANDARD LOAN & HUB SHORT LOAN)
- Rehfeld, A. (2005) *The Concept of Constituency: Political Representation, Democratic Legitimacy, and Institutional Design* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press) [electronic resource]
- Thomson, B. 'Access and Participation: Aiming High' in Jeffery, C. & Mitchell, J. (eds) (2009) *The Scottish Parliament 1999-2009: the First Decade* (Edinburgh: Luath Press) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)

Reports and Briefings:

- [Public Engagement in the UK Parliament](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Week commencing 21 October
Reading Week

Friday 1 November
Seminar 7: Women in Parliament

This seminar will consider the role of women in Parliament: why so few women have been elected; whether women perform different roles or bring different substantive concerns to parliamentary processes than men; and how and with what effect the Scottish Parliament set out to improve on Westminster's record.

Readings:

- Campbell, R & Childs, S. (2010) '“Wags”, “Wives” and “Mothers”...But What About Women Politicians?', *Parliamentary Affairs* 63(4):760-777. [e-journal]
- Chaney, P. (2012) 'Critical Actors versus Critical Mass: The Substantive Representation of Women in the Scottish Parliament', *British Journal of Politics and International Relations*, 14 (3):441–457. [e-journal]
- Childs, S & Krook, M.L.(2008) 'The Substantive Representation of Women', in S. Childs, *Women and British Party Politics: Descriptive, Substantive and Symbolic Representation* (London: Routledge) [Chapter 5, pp.108-139] (electronic resource & Main Library, STANDARD LOAN) (**Learn**)
- Childs, S. (2008) *Women and British Party Politics: Descriptive, Substantive and Symbolic Representation* (London: Routledge) (electronic resource & Main Library, STANDARD LOAN)
- Childs, S. & Webb, P. (2011) *Sex, Gender and the Conservative Party: From Iron Lady to Kitten Heels*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan [electronic resource]
- Kenny, M. and Mackay, F. (2013) 'When is Contagion not very contagious? Dynamics of Women's Political Representation in Scotland', *Parliamentary Affairs*. (Published online in advance of print issue doi10.1093/pa/gss109)
- Lovenduski, J. (2005) 'Feminism and Political Representation: Ideas and Struggles' in J. Lovenduski *Feminizing Politics* (Cambridge: Polity) [Chapter 2] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN) (**Learn**)
- Lovenduski, Joni (2005) *Feminizing Politics* (Cambridge: Polity) (Main Library, HUB RESERVE & STANDARD LOAN)
- Mackay, F. (2004) 'Gender and Political Representation in the UK: The State of the 'Discipline'', *The British Journal of Politics & International Relations*, 6(1), 99–120. [e-journal]
- Lovenduski, J. ed. (2012) Special Section, 'Feminism', *Political Quarterly* 83 (3): 697-753 [in particular, essays by: Lovenduski; Campbell; Annesley and Gains; Mackay and McAllister; Murray; Childs and Evans] [e-journal]
- White, L. & Maer, L. (2012) *Speaker's Conference on Parliamentary Representation*. Commons Library Standard Note, SN06181. [Download from <http://www.parliament.uk/briefing-papers/SN06181>]

Reports and Briefings

- Counting Women In (2013) *Sex and Power 2013: Who Runs Britain?* Download from: <http://www.countingwomenin.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/02/Sex-and-Power-2013-FINALv2.-pdf.pdf>
- Hansard Society (2012) *Women at the Top* (updated and revised). London: Hansard Society Briefing. Download from: <http://www.hansardsociety.org.uk/blogs/publications/archive/2012/01/12/representation-of-women-in-politics.aspx>
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Websites:

- Centre for Women and Democracy: <http://www.cfwd.org.uk/>
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Friday 8 November

Seminar 8: Decision-Making: The Legislative Process in Westminster and Holyrood

This seminar will entail a detailed description of the legislative process and exploration of the practicalities of programming and passing legislation at Westminster, including the relationship between the two houses. It will focus on the different legislative stages and how these have changed over time. The system used at Westminster will be compared with that adopted in the Scottish Parliament.

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- McFadden, J. & Lazarowicz, M. (2010) *The Scottish Parliament : An Introduction* (Haywards Heath: Bloomsbury Professional) [Chapter 5] (Law & Europa Library, SHORT LOAN & RESERVE) (Shortly Available in Main Library) (**Learn**)
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- Smookler, J. (2006) 'Assessing the Effectiveness of Pre-legislative Scrutiny', *Parliamentary Affairs*, 59:3, 522-535. [e-journal]

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- HC1097 *The Legislative Process*, First Report of the Select Committee on the Modernisation of the House of Commons, Session 2005-2006.
- [Modernisation: Programming of legislation](#) , House of Commons Library Paper
- [Parliament Acts](#) , House of Commons Library Paper
- [Drafting Legislation and the Parliamentary Counsel Office](#) , House of Commons Library Paper
- [Modernisation: Public Bill Committees](#) , House of Commons Library Paper
- [Post-Legislative Scrutiny](#) , House of Commons Library Paper
- [Pre-legislative scrutiny](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Websites:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/bills-and-legislation/>
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Friday 15 November
Seminar 9: The Role and Reform of Select Committees and Scottish Parliament Committees

This seminar will provide an introduction to the role and power of the Select Committees, including differentiation of types of Select Committee, the process of an enquiry, and discussion of the impact of changes to the Select Committee system. It will compare the committee system in Westminster with that of Holyrood, noting particularly the absence of distinction between legislative and select committees in Holyrood.

Readings:

- Arter, D. (2004) *The Scottish Parliament: A Scandinavian-Style Assembly?* (London: Frank Cass) [Part I, particularly Chapter 1] (Main Library, HUB RESERVE) (**Learn**)
- Auel, K. (2007) 'Democratic Accountability and National Parliaments', *European Law Review*, 13(4), 487-504. [e-journal]

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- Brazier, A. & Fox, R. (2011) 'Reviewing Select Committee Tasks and Modes of Operation' *Parliamentary Affairs*, 64(2), 354-369. [e-journal]
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- Wehner, J. (2003) 'Principles and Patterns of Financial Scrutiny', *Commonwealth & Comparative Politics*, 41(3), 21-36. [e-journal]

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- HC 300 *Shifting the Balance: Select Committees and the Executive*, First Report of the Liaison Committee, Session 1999-2000, HMSO, London.
- HC 301 *Shifting the Balance: Unfinished Business*, First Report of the Liaison Committee, Session 2000-2001, HMSO, London.
- Russell, M & M. Benton (2011) *Selective Influence: The Policy Impact of House of Commons Select Committees* (London: The Constitution Unit, UCL) [\[http://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/publications/tabs/unit-publications/153.pdf\]](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/constitution-unit/publications/tabs/unit-publications/153.pdf)
- [The Departmental Select Committee System](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [The Report of the Select Committee on Reform of the House of Commons, Rebuilding the House](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Select Committees: evidence and witnesses](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Nominations to Select Committees](#), House of Commons Library Paper
- [Modernisation: Select Committees - core tasks](#), House of Commons Library Paper

Websites:

<http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/>

<http://www.scottish.parliament.uk/parliamentarybusiness/Committees.aspx>

Friday 15 November
Visit to Holyrood

The visit to the Scottish Parliament will take place in the afternoon of 15 November. Details of the visit will be confirmed nearer the date but it is anticipated that the visit will follow the schedule below:

1.45	Arrive
2.00	Welcome from parliamentary clerk
2.05	Briefing: Scottish Parliament Engagement
2.30	Tour
3.00	Break
3.15	Briefing: The Legislative Process
3.45	Meeting with MSP
4.30	End, depart

Friday 22 November
Seminar 10: Linkage II: Executive-Legislative Relations

This seminar will consider the relationship between legislative and executive branches of government at Westminster and Holyrood, including discussion of the roles of MPs and MSPs, along with the scrutiny function of the two Parliaments.

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- HC 321. *Shifting the Balance: Unfinished Business*. First Report of the Liaison Committee, Session 2000-2001.
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<p>Wednesday 27 November Visit to Westminster</p>

The visit to the UK Parliament will take place on the 27 November. Details of the visit will be confirmed nearer the date but it is anticipated that the visit will follow the schedule below:

11.00	Arrive
11.30	Observe committee business
12.30	Lunch
1.30	Briefing: Submitting Evidence to a Committee
2.30	Briefing: Careers at Parliament
3.30	Observe chamber business
5.00	End, depart