



THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS AND THE SCHOOL OF LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ANNOUNCE THEIR

CALL FOR PAPERS

ON

THE INSTITUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES (1960-2020)

The House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus and the School of Law of the University of Nicosia co-organise a two-day scientific conference on the occasion of the completion of sixty years of operation of the Cypriot House of Representatives, in Nicosia, Cyprus, **Monday and Tuesday**, 23-24 November 2020.

The conference aims to assess the institutional, regulatory, and legal dimensions of the House of Representatives, in a manner that would enable the carrying of primary and multidisciplinary research and dialogue on these issues. The organisers openly invite all researchers and practitioners from Cyprus and abroad to submit proposals (abstracts) for presenting papers or interventions to the conference. Indicative topics are set out below:

- The Institution of Political Representation:
 The Constitution of the National Parliament.
- Electoral Process and Parliamentarianism: Normative Interactions between the Will of the People and the Parliament.
- The Principle of Independent Mandate and the Conduct of Parliamentary Affairs.
- 4. Parliamentary Autonomy.
- **5.** The Institution of the President of the House of Representatives.
- 6. Comparative Approaches to the Institutional Functions of Parliament: Lessons Learnt from the Commonwealth, the Continent, and the Americas.
- 7. The Supremacy of Parliament in Context.
- **8.** The House of Representatives as the Bearer of the Legislative Competence.
- 9. The Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives: Historical Evolution, Legal Nature, Amendments, Interpretation, and Application.
- **10.** Principles of Better Regulation and Parliamentary Praxis: Legislative Process, Debates, Amendments.
- 11. The Legislative Function of the Parliament and Civil Society: From Pressure Groups to Horizontal Institutionalised Dialogues and Parallel Parliaments.
- 12. Parliamentary Practice.

- **13.** The Parliamentary Process: Daily Agenda, Speeches, and Limitations.
- **14.** Parliamentary Committees:
 Lessons Learnt from their First Sixty Years.
- 15. The House of Representatives as a Foreign Policy Actor.
- 16. Parliamentary Diplomacy.
- National Parliament qua Supervisory Authority: Instruments and Means of Parliamentary Scrutiny.
- **18.** The Separation of Powers in the Parliamentary Arena: The Relations between the House of Representatives and the Executive of the Republic.
- 19. The House of Representatives and the Constitution.
- 20. The Parliamentary Archives: Legal, Historical, and Political Aspects.
- 21. Resolutions, Declarations, and Secondary Regulations.
- 22. Transparency, Interpretation, and Political Contest: The Minutes of Parliamentary Debates in the House of Representatives.
- **23.** The House of Representatives and the European Union: Institutional and Political Perspectives.
- 24. The Relations between the House of Representatives and the Judiciary.
- **25.** House of Representatives, Electronic Governance, and Digital Self-Determination





Interested researchers and practitioners should submit their proposal (presentation or intervention) in the form of an abstract not exceeding 400 words, accompanied by a short bio, and their contact information (name and surname, email, affiliation). Panel proposals are also welcome.

All submissions should be made via email to the following address emilianides.a@unic.ac.cy by 10 September 2020.

Proposals (presentations, interventions, panels) may be submitted in either English or Greek.

Researchers and practitioners, whose abstracts have been accepted, will be notified no later than 20 September 2020.

There are no fees to participate in this Conference. Participants are responsible, however, for securing their own funding for travel and lodging. Selected papers from the conference will be published in an edited volume of conference proceedings and/or a special issue of *The Cyprus Review*.

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