



Australasian Study of Parliament Group

2018 National Conference

Queensland Parliament, George St Brisbane 18 – 20 July 2018

DAY 1: Wednesday 18 July 2018

2.00pm – 2.30pm	Early registration
2.30pm – 4.30pm	ASPG national executive meeting, <i>Speakers' Hall, level 4, parliamentary annexe</i>
4.30pm – 5.00pm	Transport to Government House, Paddington
5.00pm – 6.00pm	Welcome reception hosted by the Governor of Queensland

Conference delegates need to be at Parliament House by 4.30pm for departure to Government House. Conference registration opens from 2.00pm.

DAY 2: Thursday 19 July 2018

8.00am – 8.45am	Conference Registration, level 3, <i>parliamentary annexe</i> ; tea and coffee <i>Undumbi Room, level 5, parliamentary annexe</i>
8.45am – 9.15am	<p>Welcome and official conference opening</p> <p>Hon Curtis Pitt MP, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Adjunct Professor Colleen Lewis, National President of ASPG</p> <p>Welcome to Country by Queensland Parliament's Indigenous Liaison Officer, Brett Nutley</p> <p><i>Location of conference activities: Undumbi Room</i></p>
9.15am – 10.45am	<p>Session 1: A POST-TRUTH WORLD</p> <p>Nicholas Gruen, CEO Lateral Economics: Detoxing democracy in a post-truth world: a new role for ordinary people in politics.</p>

	<p>Colin James, political journalist: The madness of crowds vs the wisdom of crowds.</p> <p>Professor Matthew Hornsey, School of Psychology, UQ: Comparing the relationship between conservative world views and climate change scepticism across nations.</p>
10.45am – 11.00am	Break
11.00am – 12.30am	<p>Session 2: TRUST and CURRENT CHALLENGES</p> <p>Dr Travers McLeod, CEO Centre for Policy Development, What do Australians want? Active and effective government fit for the Ages.</p> <p>Adjunct Professor Colleen Lewis, National Centre for Australian Studies, Monash University and ASPG National President: The ‘trust’ deficit and the urgent need for change.</p> <p>Dr Jannine Williams, QUT Business School: Audience response to media representation of women politicians as legitimate leaders.</p> <p>Paul Grant, Deputy Clerk, and Rebecca Burton, Legislative Council, Parliament of WA: The level of trust in Australian Parliaments compared to other institutions and parliaments in other countries. Is parliament inherently trustworthy?</p>
12.30am – 2.00pm	Lunch, <i>River Deck, level 7, parliamentary annexe</i>
2.00pm – 3.00pm	<p>Session 3: FRINGE POLITICS</p> <p>Dr Frank Mols, School of Political Science and International Studies, UQ: The wealth paradox: economic prosperity and the hardening of attitudes.</p> <p>Casey Mazzeralla, Inquiry Secretary, House of Reps, Australian Parliament: A comparison of populism and trust in proportional and non-proportional democratic systems.</p> <p>Dr David Solomon AM: Public office as/is a public trust.</p>
3.00pm – 4.00pm	<p>Discussion panel with Pacific parliaments: social media’s political influence in the Pacific region</p> <p>Chair: Stefan Armbruster, SBS World News</p> <p>Panel: Lisa Martin, former AAP defence/diplomatic correspondent; finalist 2018 Walkley Mid-Year Awards, Dr Tess Newton Cain, TNC Pacific Consulting and Sean Dorney, journalist.</p>
4.15pm – 5.00pm	ASPG AGM
6.30pm – 10.00pm	Conference dinner at Parliament House, Speakers’ Hall

	<p>Guest entertainer: <i>Censors, Conscripts and Queensland</i>, a performance by John Thompson (musical narrator in Australian production of <i>Warhorse</i>).</p> <p>John will present an insightful and comical description of the drama when the Prime Minister Billy Hughes tried to convince Queenslanders to vote for the conscription referendum in 1917.</p>
DAY 3: Friday 20 July 2018	
8.00am – 8.45am	Conference Registration , <i>tea and coffee, Undumbi Room</i>
8.45am – 10.15am	<p>Session 4: TRUST and INSTITUTIONS</p> <p>Rt Hon Trevor Mallard, Speaker, New Zealand Parliament: Clear and proactive communications: how parliaments can build public trust.</p> <p>Jonathan O’Dea MP, Member for Davidson, NSW: Trust and political behaviour in parliaments, the media and the general community.</p> <p>Adjunct Professor Ken Coghill, Swinburne University: Enhancing conduct to enhance trust.</p> <p>Gabor Hellyer, Parliamentary Officer, Office of the Clerk, NZ House of Representatives: Trust and parliament: reviewing the evidence.</p> <p><i>Location of conference activities: Undumbi Room</i></p>
10.15am – 10.30pm	<p>Conference photograph</p> <p><i>Speaker’s Green</i></p>
10.30am – 12.30pm	<p>Session 5: COMMUNICATION and PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT</p> <p>Iain Walker, Executive Director, The newDemocracy Foundation: Citizens’ jury and deliberative democracy as model to improve public policy.</p> <p>Mike Price, Director of Information Services, NSW Department of Parliamentary Services: Using technology to expand the reach of parliament beyond the traditional modes of parliamentary information communication.</p> <p>Greg Cotmore, Parliamentary Officer, Office of the Clerk, NZ House of Representatives: Effective or Affectation: televising parliamentary proceedings and its influence on MPs’ behaviour.</p> <p>Dr Sarah Palmer, Principal Research Officer, Education and Health Standing Committee, WA Parliament: Building trust relationships in the context of parliamentary committee work.</p>

12.30pm – 1.00pm	Lunch , <i>on colonnade, level 5, parliamentary annexe</i>
1.00pm – 2.30pm	<p>Session 6: SOCIAL MEDIA, INNOVATION and the FUTURE</p> <p>Professor Stephen Bell, School of Political Science and International Studies, UQ: Fair share: Competing claims and Australia’s economic future.</p> <p>Mr Peter Russo MP, Member for Toohey, Qld: The role of the media in politics and the effect of social media on political reporting.</p> <p>Mr Gareth Ward MP, Member for Kiama, NSW and Sean O’Connor, Clerk Assistant Chamber and Serjeant at Arms, NT Legislative Assembly: The rise of the keyboard commando Member.</p> <p>Dr Paul Williams, School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science, Griffith University: The regional vote at the 2017 Queensland State Election: What it means for minor parties.</p>
2.30pm – 4.00pm	<p>DEBATE</p> <p>That Winston Churchill was correct when he claimed that “Democracy is the worst form of government except for all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.”</p> <p>Chair: Hon Enterprise Professor Maxine McKew, University of Melbourne</p> <p>Affirmative: Andrew Laming MP, Member for Bowman, and Rebecca Levingston, breakfast presenter, ABC Radio Brisbane</p> <p>Negative: Hon Stirling Hinchliffe MP, Minister for Local Government, Minister for Racing and Minister for Multicultural Affairs, and Lisa Martin, former AAP defence/diplomatic correspondent; finalist 2018 Walkley Mid-Year Awards</p>
4.00pm – 4.15pm	<p>Closing address</p> <p>David Fraser, ASPG-Q Chair and Adjunct Professor Colleen Lewis, National President of ASPG</p>
4.15pm – 6.15pm	Farewell function , <i>Green Deck, level 7, parliamentary annexe</i>