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## “PARLIAMENTS, YOUTH, AND INTERGENERATIONAL JUSTICE”

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**22 June 2022,  
09:30 – 13:00 CEST**

### CONCEPT NOTE & PROGRAMME

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**Hybrid: International IDEA HQ / Zoom Webinars**

Parliaments and democracies face many long-term policy challenges, including climate change, budget deficits, infrastructure maintenance, migration, and nuclear waste disposal. Paradoxically, however, parliamentary decision-making seem notoriously ill-equipped to deal with such long-term policy challenges (Boston et al. 2014; Jacobs 2011; MacKenzie 2013; Saunders 2014; Thompson 2011). After all, political systems based on elections and parliamentary representation are often unresponsive to the needs of future generations because the electoral cycle forces members of parliament to respond to the predominantly short-term interests of citizens. Elected members of parliament therefore fail to take into account the needs of younger and future generations who cannot hold current generations of politicians accountable for the long-term impact of their decisions.

In response to these challenges, this workshop aims to take stock of potential solutions to the alleged short-termism of electoral democracies and parliamentary institutions. It aims to map existing practices for long-term policy-making both inside and outside parliaments. More specifically, the workshop will be centered around three complementary themes. These are:

- How to engage current generations of young people in parliamentary policy-making?
- How to include the perspectives of future generations in parliamentary policy-making?
- How to include the perspectives of future generations in policy-making outside of parliaments?

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<b>OPENING REMARKS</b>  “How can parliaments and democracies deal with the long term?”  - <b>Prof. Didier Caluwaerts</b> , <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussels</i>
<b>10:00 – 10:45</b>	<b>SESSION I</b>  “Bridging the gap between parliament and young people”  <b>Moderator: Ingrid Walker</b> , Senior Programme Officer, INTER PARES  <b>Panelists:</b>  - <b>Karl Hendrik Pallo</b> , <i>Expert in the field of democracy at Eesti Koostöö Kogu</i> (virtually) - <b>Sara Nyman</b> , <i>Member of the Board of Finnish Youth Council Allianssi and Vice President of Finland Climate Round Table</i> - <b>Nika Aghajani</b> , <i>Project Manager &amp; Head Organiser, European Youth Parliament Sweden</i>
<b>10:45 – 11.00</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>

<p><b>11:00 – 11.45</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SESSION II</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Representing future generations in parliament”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Cristina Leston-Bandeira, <i>University of Leeds</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Dr. Michael Rose</b>, <i>Leuphana University Lüneburg</i></li> <li>- <b>Prof. Didier Caluwaerts</b>, <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussels</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>11:45 – 12.30</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Session III</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Including young and future generations beyond parliament”</b></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Didier Caluwaerts, <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussels</i></p> <p><b>Panelists:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Prof. Diarmuid Torney</b>, <i>Dublin City University (virtually)</i></li> <li>- <b>Yves Dejaeghere</b>, <i>Federation for Innovation in Democracy</i></li> </ul>
<p><b>12:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Taking stock and looking forward</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>“Parliaments, young people and future generations: creating ties that last”</b></p> <p><b>Speakers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Gonzalo Jorro-Martinez</b>, <i>Policy Officer – Democracy – Parliaments and Political Parties, European Commission</i></li> <li>- <b>Didier Caluwaerts</b>, <i>Vrije Universiteit Brussels</i></li> <li>- <b>Jonathan Murphy</b>, <i>Head of Programme, INTER PARES</i></li> </ul>