

# WEBINAR

## Virtual Work of the Parliament: Remote Voting System

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### *How could a virtual Parliament work?*



**Dr Andy WILLIAMSON**

Dr Williamson has extensive experience in participatory research, political campaigning, digital communication, and social and tech innovation. He worked with large corporates (such as Volvo and numerous banks), governments and parliaments around the world (including Brazil, Chile, Moldova, Serbia, UK, US and the European Parliament) and local government and civil society groups (in Sweden, the UK, Germany, New Zealand and Australia).

Globally, his work includes the United Nations, Inter-parliamentary Union and the Council of Europe. Dr Williamson is an engaging public speaker and as a well-known writer and commentator for a wide range of media, including the Guardian, BBC, Al Jazeera and TedX.

He holds a PhD in digital democracy from Monash University, Melbourne, have held senior leadership and governance positions in the private, public and charity sectors and a fellowship of the Royal Society of Arts. Alongside democracy and innovation, he is an active creative and writer of prose and poetry, with a number of published volumes.

### *The UK's virtual Parliament*



**Dr Hannah WHITE**

Dr White has strategic oversight of the Institute for Government's programme of work on government, parliament and the civil service, focusing on external relationships and impact.

She has extensive knowledge of Westminster and Whitehall based on over a decade of experience in Parliament and the civil service. Before running the Committee on Standards in Public Life in the Cabinet Office, she was a clerk in the House of Commons managing select and legislative committees and advising on parliamentary procedure.

Dr White is a commentator for radio and television and has appeared on Radio 4's Westminster Hour, World at One, the Today programme, Newsnight, BBC News and Sky News. She is a regular contributor to the Institute's comment pages and writes for a range of media including The Guardian, The Times, The Telegraph and Civil Service World.

Dr White joined the Institute for Government in May 2014 and leads the Institute's work on Parliament.

### *Remote activities of the Parliamentary Assembly: new mechanism and methods*



**Ms Yeva SUSHKO**

Ms Sushko is a lawyer with years of experience in the field of human rights. Currently, she is serving as a Co-secretary of the PACE Committee on Rules of Procedure, Immunities, and Institutional Affairs. Ms Sushko graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees with honours in Law from the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv and later with a master's degree in European Human Rights Law from the University of Strasbourg.

She started working at the Council of Europe in 2009. She also worked at the European Court of Human Rights.

## *Remote voting system in the Parliament of Spain*



### **Mr Luis Manuel MIRANDA**

Mr Miranda is a legal advisor of the Cortes Generales of Spain. He is the head of the Congreso de los Diputados' Legal Advisory Department and the Spokespeople's Board of the Parliament of Spain.

Apart from his work for the Parliament, Mr Miranda authored a book in 2018 titled "Parlamento y Control Judicial" ("Parliament and Judicial Control"), which includes the analysis of the role of the Cortes Generales in the constitutional process, particularly in the context of its relations with the Constitutional Court.