

2022 ASPG CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

PARLIAMENTARY TRANSPARENCY, CHECKS AND BALANCES

DAY ONE: TUESDAY, 26 APRIL 2022		
9.30 am – 10.45 am	ASPG NATIONAL EXECUTIVE MEETING (<i>INVITE ONLY</i>) CHAIR: ASPG NATIONAL PRESIDENT	
11.00 am – 11.05 am	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	
11.05 am – 11.15 am	OFFICIAL OPENING Colleen Lewis, ASPG National President Hon Nazih Elasmr MLC, President, Legislative Council, Parliament of Victoria	
11.15 am – 12.00 pm	KEYNOTE <i>Moderator: Colleen Lewis, ASPG National President</i> Dr Margaret Simons, Honorary Principal Fellow at the Centre for Advancing Journalism	
12.00 – 1.00 pm	BREAK	
1.00 to 2.00 pm	SESSION 1: IMPACTS OF COVID-19 <i>Moderator: Dr Isla Macphail, Sergeant-at-Arms, Parliament of Western Australia</i>	
	Dr Vaughn Koops, Assistant Clerk - Committees, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria	COVID procedural variants: experiences of the Victorian Legislative Assembly
	Ken Coghill, Adjunct Professor, Swinburne University of Technology	Parliaments, the pandemic, and accountability
2.00 – 3.00 pm	SESSION 2: COMMITTEES <i>Moderator: Dr Sarah Moulds, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of South Australia</i>	
	Gabor Hellyer, Principal Clerk of Committee Daryl Slatter, Principal Research Adviser	Library researchers and select committees
	Matthew Newington, Executive Officer, Pandemic Declaration Accountability and Oversight Committee	Establishing a pandemic oversight committee in Victoria
3.00 pm	WRAP-UP	

DAY TWO: WEDNESDAY, 27 APRIL 2022

11.00 am to 11.05 am	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	
11.05 am to 12.05 pm	SESSION 3: PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT <i>Moderator: Ken Coghill, Adjunct Professor, Swinburne University of Technology</i>	
	Dr Sarah Moulds, Senior Lecturer in Law, University of South Australia	Connected parliaments: a toolkit for evaluating the effectiveness of parliamentary public engagement
	Rachel Tan, Research Assistant, University of Waikato, New Zealand	Social media platforms duty of care — regulating online hate speech
12.05 pm to 1.00 pm	BREAK	
1.00 pm to 2.30 pm	SESSION 4: TRANSPARENCY <i>Moderator: Cheryl Samuels, National Secretary, Australasian Study of Parliament Group</i>	
	Assoc. Prof Julie Debeljak, Faculty of Law, Monash University Assoc. Prof Laura Grenfell, Adelaide Law School, University of Adelaide	Law making and human rights: executive and parliamentary scrutiny across Australian jurisdictions
	Raqeeb Bhuyan, Senior Research Officer, House of Representatives, Parliament of Australia	Welcoming (web) robots to parliament: realised benefits of open data
	Aleshia Westgate, Acting Committee Secretary, Department of the House of Representatives	Withdrawal of strangers — decision making in secret
2.30 pm to 3.00 pm	SESSION 5: VICTORIAN PARLIAMENTARY BUDGET OFFICE <i>Moderator: Jessica Strout, Executive Officer, Public Accounts and Estimates Committee, Parliament of Victoria</i>	
	Mr Anthony Close, Victorian Parliamentary Budget Officer	The Victorian Parliamentary Budget Office
3.00 pm	WRAP-UP	
3.00 pm to 4.30 pm	ASPG ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	

DAY THREE – THURSDAY, 28 APRIL 2022

11.00 am to 11.05 am	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY	
11.05 am to 12.05 pm	SESSION 6: ELECTIONS <i>Moderator: Warwick Gately AM, Electoral Commissioner, Victorian Electoral Commission</i>	
	Dr Damon Muller, Senior Researcher, Library, Parliament of Australia	Legislative and practice responses to elections during the COVID-19 pandemic
	Prof. John Phillimore, John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University Assoc. Prof. Martin Drum, University of Notre Dame, Fremantle WA	What happens ‘below the line’? An exploration of voting patterns in Australian upper houses
12.05 pm to 1.00 pm	BREAK	
1.00 to 2.00 pm	SESSION 7: CHECKS AND BALANCES <i>Moderator: Andrew Young, Clerk of the Legislative Council, Parliament of Victoria</i>	
	The Hon. Jonathan O’Dea MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, Parliament of New South Wales	Political donations reform
	Colleen Lewis, Honorary Professor, Australian Studies Institute, Australian National University	Adhering to democratic principles
2.00 to 3.00 pm	SESSION 8: PARLIAMENTARY PRIVILEGE AND PROCEDURE <i>Moderator: Bridget Noonan, Clerk of the Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria</i>	
	Jonathon King, Deputy Clerk of Tynwald and Clerk of the Legislative Council, Parliament of the Isle of Man	The Isle of Man’s legislative interaction between data protection and parliamentary privilege
	Allison Stowe, Principal Council Officer, Legislative Council, Parliament of New South Wales	The shake-up: new rules in play for the NSW Legislative Council
3.00 pm	WRAP-UP	

DAY FOUR – FRIDAY, 29 APRIL 2022

11.00 am to 11.05 am	WELCOME AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY
11.05 am to 12.30 pm	VICTORIAN INTEGRITY AND OVERSIGHT PANEL <i>Moderator: Dr Vaughn Koops, Assistant Clerk-Committees, Legislative Assembly, Parliament of Victoria</i> Mr Sven Bluemmel, Victorian Information Commissioner Ms. Deborah Glass OBE, Victorian Ombudsman The Hon Robert Redlich AM QC, Victorian IBAC Commissioner
12.30 pm to 1.30 pm	BREAK
1.30 to 2.30 pm	SESSION 9: EDUCATION INITIATIVES PANEL DISCUSSION <i>Moderator: Narelle Wood, Community Projects Coordinator, Community Engagement, Parliament of Victoria</i> PANEL MODERATOR: Angela Casey, Director, Parliamentary Education Office, Parliament of Australia Natalie Young, Community Education Officer, Parliament of South Australia Amanda Paroz, Education Manager, Parliamentary Education Office, Parliament of Australia Jeannie Douglass, Senior Manager — Parliamentary Education and Engagement, Parliament of New South Wales Caroline Wallis, Senior Education Adviser/Kaitohutohu Matua Mātauranga, New Zealand Parliament
2.30 pm to 3.00 pm	CLOSING REMARKS Colleen Lewis, ASPG National President Dr Isla Macphail, Secretary/Treasurer, Western Australia – Executive Committee Hon Nazih Elasmr MLC, President, Legislative Council, Parliament of Victoria