

Ethnographies of Parliaments, Politicians and People
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Dissemination Activities, Knowledge Exchange & Impact
October 2019 to May 2022

Public engagement / events:

- Emma Crewe: Iain Dale's [Book club](#) with co-author Andrew Walker, talking about the expenses scandal, 13 November 2019.
- Emma Crewe: Study of Parliament Group presentation: 'the Anthropology of Parliaments' featuring the EoPPP programme, 10 January 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited to private meeting of the Sponsor Body of the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster programme about public engagement, January 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited written and oral evidence to the Standing Committee on environment and Public Affairs of the Parliament of Western Australia, inquiry into the functions, processes and procedures with a particular focus on petitions, January and May 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Closely advised the IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union) on the development of their Global Report on Public Engagement, January 2020 – present. Invited member of the Advisory Board to the report, January 2021- June 2021. Now working closely with IPU through the creation of a Public Engagement Hub that is hosted by IPEN, which was co-founded and is chaired by Leston-Bandeira (see below).
- Emma Crewe: [Booktalk](#) with Mark D'Arcy on BBC Parliament talking about The Extraordinary Scandal, 6 February 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited oral and supplementary written evidence to House of Lords Select Committee on Democracy and Digital technologies, March 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Guest speaker at various online seminars about parliaments and digital engagement, such as Global Partners and Governance seminar for the Parliament of Mongolia and the Asia Foundation (April 2020), Samara Centre for Democracy in Canada (April 2020), and Bússola Tech in Brazil (May and June 2020).
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Written evidence to the Restoration and Renewal of the Palace of Westminster Review, August 2020.
- Emma Crewe: Presentation at the SOAS-Oxford series 'Trying to be better partners: practical perspectives on navigating the tensions', 17 September 2020
- Emma Crewe: Podcast with Raphael Behr: '[The Political Animal – a breed apart?](#)', 8 October 2020.
- Emma Crewe: Westminster Foundation for Democracy, [webinar talk](#) about pressures on MPs, 13 October 2020
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Commissioned by INTERPARES (EU Commission & IDEA – International Democracy Elections Assistance) to develop an e-learning course on Representation, to be used in INTERPARES' work with partner parliaments (October 2020 – February 2021).
- Emma Crewe: Participant in a panel about challenging hierarchies of knowledge: '[Whose Knowledge Matters?](#)' SOAS festival 21 October 2020.

- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited oral evidence to the Standards, Procedures and Public Appointments Committee of the Scottish Parliament, inquiry into the resilience of the Parliament's practices and procedures, October 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Guest speaker at online course for parliamentary staff in Brazil about e-petitions, October 2020.
- Emma Crewe: [Conference talk](#): 'Rhythms of time and space', Parliamentary Buildings Conference, University College London, 12 November 2020.
- Emma Crewe: Podcast with former Clerk Paul Evans on the work of MPs as staff development for Treasury officials, confidential, 4 November 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Guest speaker at *Parliaments and Democratic Innovations* international conference organised by INTERPARES and hosted by the European Parliament, December 2020.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Keynote virtual seminar *Parliamentary Citizen Engagement*, invited by NDI (National Democratic Institute) Colombia, to officials in Latin America (over 30 officials from parliaments across Latin America), December 2020.
- Emma Crewe: Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local government seminar presentation: 'The anthropology of policy- and law-making: navigating evidence and relationships', 15 February 2021.
- Emma Crewe: Interview on the Know Show with Hussein Ayed, '[Power Dynamics in the Westminster Parliament](#)', 16 March 2021.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: [Bussola tech](#), Brazil, April 2021.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Guest speaker in programme about the effects of the pandemic on parliament, Minas Gerais State Legislature, Brazil, May 2021, [broadcast](#) on YouTube.
- Emma Crewe: Presentation at the Political Studies Association roundtable, 'Parliamentary Studies: politics with the people in it' 9 June 2021
- Emma Crewe: Participant in the '[Being Human Show](#)', with Jennifer Cearn, June 2021.
- Emma Crewe: Presentation at the European Centre for Parliamentary Research and Documentation conference in House of Commons/online, 'An anthropology of MPs' work, knowledge and communication' 18-19 November 2021.
- Emma Crewe: Presentation at Lithuanian National Library within Parliament conference, 22-26 November 2021.
- Emma Crewe: Keynote talk at the International Conference on Human Dignity and Mental Health in the New Normal, Utkal University, Orissa: 'the mental health of UK MPs', 17 December 2021.
- Emma Crewe: Seminar presentation: 'The Anthropology of Parliaments', Anthropology Department, Merton College, 28 January 2022.
- Emma Crewe: Participant in the [New statesman podcast](#) Westminster Re-imagined with Armando Iannucci, Ailbhe Rea and Anum Qaisar (MP): 'Is it time to reform Parliament's arcane rules and rituals?', 17 March 2022.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited oral evidence to private meeting of the Scottish Parliament's new Committee on Citizen Participation and Public Petitions, March 2022.
- Emma Crewe: Gave the [Bingham Lecture](#), 'Parliament under strain: culture, norms and rule-breaking in the House of Commons', at Balliol College, University of Oxford, 17 May 2022.

External professional activity:

- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited Member of INTERPARES' Working Group on Parliaments and Deliberative Democracy, March 2021 – present.
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited Member of the Advisory Board of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Global Report on Public Engagement, January – October 2021
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Invited Member of the INTERPARES Scholar-Practitioner Group, May 2020 – present.
- Emma Crewe: Founding chair of the Royal Anthropological Institute's Anthropology of Policy and Practice Committee, chairing several of the 'Anthropology Communicates' series (including with a session on select committees with the head of Social Science in the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, Abbi Hobbs; with two MPs who were trained as anthropologists; and with an anthropologist and MP discussing the Equality Act).
- Cristina Leston-Bandeira: Co-Founder and Chair of the International Parliament Engagement Network (IPEN), 2020 – present. Founded, led and developed an international network that brings together practitioners from parliaments and the third sector, together with academics, specialising in public engagement, to share experiences and contribute towards the development of best practice. As of April 2022, it included 250 members from over 30 countries around the world. Led the implementation of the [pioneering global online conference](#) on public engagement and its impact, which started in Australia, carried on Europe and finished in Brazil. This included the collaborative co-creation between participants of the [Public Engagement Toolkit](#). To officially become the Hub for Public engagement of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU – the international organisation of national parliaments, with 178 parliament members), and act as a pathway for knowledge exchange on public engagement for parliaments, disseminate and implement the Global Parliamentary Report on Public Engagement.
- Emma Crewe: Chair of the SOAS Senate, a forum for academics to deliberate on academic issues within the university.