

## WHAT IS SW&D?

Stiftung Wissenschaft und Demokratie (SW&D), the “**Foundation Science and Democracy**” was founded in 1992 by Prof. Dr. Eberhard Schütt-Wetschky with the aim of promoting practical political science as a non-profit foundation under civil law. The Foundation Science and Democracy supports academic projects which are suited to promote democracy and democratic values as enshrined in the Grundgesetz, the German Constitution. This applies primarily to political science and its related fields of research, but also to the so-called “policy sciences”.

Together with its founder the Foundation Science and Democracy understands political science as a partner of democracy. We aim at supporting political science where it contributes to solutions of practical and normative problems of democracies.

Next to the **IParl**, also the **Portal for Political Science (pw-portal)** is an institution of the Foundation Science and Democracy. Furthermore, the Foundation publishes **SIRIUS – Journal for Strategic Analysis** and funds the **Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK)**.

The **Institute for Parliamentary Research (IParl)** is dedicated to theoretical and empirical investigations that focus on both the underlying principles and the details of democratic representation and legitimation. Special attention is placed on the close relation to political reality.

**iparl**

Institute for  
Parliamentary  
Research

Mauerstraße 83/84  
10117 Berlin  
info@iparl.de  
www.iparl.de/en/  
@i\_parl



phone + 49 30 403 634 430  
fax + 49 30 403 634 440

The IParl is an institution of:

FOUNDATION  
Science &  
Democracy



info@swud.org  
www.swud.org/en/  
@swud\_org



**iparl**

Institute for  
Parliamentary  
Research

fundamental.

realistic.

practice-oriented.

## WHO WE ARE

**Promoting research on parliamentarism**, bringing together theoretical reflections on democratic representation, studying parliaments with all adequate methods, having impacts on the political practice – these were the driving forces behind the efforts to establish the **Institute for Parliamentary Research, IParl**.

The founder of Stiftung Wissenschaft und Demokratie (SW&D), the "Foundation Science and Democracy" – Prof. Dr. Eberhard Schütt-Wetschky – and Prof. Dr. Suzanne S. Schüttemeyer had followed such goals in their academic lives, and this unison in interest materialised when the foundation wanted to engage in the study of parliamentarism. Thus, in 2016 Suzanne Schüttemeyer became founding director of the IParl as an institution of the SW&D and developed it as an independent research centre in Berlin.

Its main focuses of interest are **parliament and parties in Germany and in other countries**, subnational parliaments and second chambers. The methods used are comparative, quantitative and qualitative. Advancing **theories of representation, democracy and parliamentarism** is as much the aim as creating knowledge in close contact with, and useable for, political actors and institutions.

## CURRENT RESEARCH

- Candidate Selection for the German Bundestag – Who selects whom, why and how?
- Standing Orders of Parties in Parliament (SOPiP) – How (in)formal rules structure and govern Parliamentary Party Groups?
- Second Chambers – What are Second Chambers for and why do they (still) exist?
- Parliaments in the Pandemic (PiP) – How have parliaments been affected by the Covid crisis and have power shifts occurred?
- Candidates in Multi-Level Elections (CandiData) – Who competes for which election in the German multi-level system?
- Longitudinal Surveys of MPs in International Comparison (COMPARE) – How does behaviour of MPs change? How do parliamentary structures and procedures develop?



## OUR FOUR AREAS OF EXPERTISE

1. **research** on parliamentarism understood as democratic representation, its relevant forms and functions, its institutions and actors, and its rules and processes
2. **forum** for all actors in parliamentary democracy
3. **projects** on best parliamentary practices
4. **advice** to parliaments and parties

For more information about the IParl, its research and publications:



or meet us in Berlin.

