

LAW AND DEMOCRACY WEEK

Course n°6: The Legislative Process and the Life-Cycle of Legislation (Maryse Forget)



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Parliament is a representative, deliberative and legislative body. In order to understand this fully, we must ask: how extensive is the concept of "the legislative process"? Within the overall legislative process, what does the work of parliamentarians as legislators actually comprise? How do they make the laws of the country and how do they fulfill the other aspects of the mandate to which they are elected? This class will look at the parliamentary phase of the general legislative process within the context of the overall process of making rules of law. There will also be discussion of the other work of parliamentarians. It will also examine the question of the linkage between politics and legislation, one of the fundamental issues of political law. Are laws made for the purpose of developing and improving the country through better binding rules, do they represent an expression of political and / or partisan perspective seeking power and status, or is the reality an inseparable and perhaps even indefinable combination of the two?