

Abstract: Research on Austrian parliamentarism in the Habsburg Monarchy: Focuses until now and prospects of research on norms and practices of eligibility

Past studies and prospects of future research on the history of parliamentarism in the Austrian half of the Habsburg Monarchy are the topics of this paper. Until recently, interest in research on parliamentarism has been more or less moderate, and has concentrated mostly on the history of electoral reform, clubs and parties in the Reichsrat's House of Representatives, and the problem of representation of the Empire's national minorities. Particularly the latter topic has found attention in the light of revisionist analyses taking up Rogers Brubaker's concept of „de-ethnicization“. This paper argues in favour of a closer study of the elected parliamentarians themselves, not only taking norms of eligibility into account, but especially practices. It specifically calls for more research on the political culture of elections on the local level.

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