

**Abstract: Parliamentarism and Members of Parliament in the Habsburg Monarchy. A new seminal publication and research instrument**

This short review essay introduces the discussion on the two volume biographical encyclopedia of the members of the Austrian central parliaments between 1848 and 1918, published by Franz Adlgasser in 2014. The main protagonists of this debate are Birgitta Bader-Zaar and Harald Binder, who position Adlgasser's seminal work within the debates on parliamentarism in the Habsburg Monarchy and on the conceptual and methodological challenges of collective biographies. This introduction presents the biographical encyclopedia from the point of view of a researcher who is interested in the politics, economy, society and culture of the Habsburg Monarchy and has waited a long time for such a research tool.

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