

BIO NOTE: RICCARDO PELIZZO

Dr. Riccardo Pelizzo is a political scientist and a legislative studies specialist. After graduating from the University of Bologna (1995), he received a Graduate Diploma in International affairs from the Bologna Center of the Paul Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (1997), a certificate in quantitative methods from the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research of the University of Michigan, and a MA and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD.

Dr. Pelizzo is the author of 3 monographs, 14 book chapters and 30 peer reviewed articles. He edited volumes on the role of parliament in curbing corruption (2006) and Legislative Oversight and Budgeting (2008).

His recent work include being an editor of a volume entitled ``The `War on Terror` and the Growth of Executive Power`` (2010). This publication examines the extent to which terrorist threats and counter-terrorism policies led uniformly to the growth of executive or Government power at the expense of legislatures and parliaments in the the United States, the United Kingdom, Russia, Australia, Canada, Israel, Italy, and Indonesia. The research reported finds that democratic forces served to mitigate changes to the balance of legislative and executive power to varying degrees in different political systems.

Riccardo Pelizzo's work has been published or translated into 10 languages (Arabic, Bahasa Indonesian, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese). Riccardo Pelizzo is the winner of the Vincent Wright Memorial Award (2004) for his work on party manifestoes.

On the dividends of oversight and good governance and on the importance of Public Accounts Committees, he has engaged MPs from Angola, Fiji Islands, Ghana, Indonesia, Namibia,

Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, South Africa and Thailand.

His paper on Tools of Legislative Oversight was debated in the House of Representatives of the Philippines.



Dr. Pelizzo's paper on "Legislative ethics and codes of conduct" was endorsed by the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC), was discussed by the press of the Fiji Islands (before the coup) and inspired a Tanzanian MP to introduce a bill to enact some ethics reforms.

He appeared as an expert before the Honor Council of the DPD (Upper Chamber) of the Indonesian Parliament, and advised the Committee Chair on how such a code could be drafted. On these and related topics he ran a workshop for the members of the Ethics Council of the DPR (Lower Chamber) of the Indonesian Parliament.