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## The Legislative Yuan in International Parliamentary Relations: Irrelevant or an Opportunity to be Explored?

**Speaker:** Dr. Zlatko Šabič, International Visiting Fellow, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy; Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Ljubljana

**Date:** Wednesday, December 20, 2017

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 3:40 pm

**Venue:** Department of Diplomacy, National Cheng-Chi University  
Room 270914, 9th Floor, General Building of Colleges (North), No. 64, Sec. 2, Zhinan Rd., Wenshan District, Taipei

**Moderator:** Dr. Hong-Yi Lien (連弘宜博士), Chair, Department of Diplomacy, National Cheng-Chi University

**Discussant:** Dr. Wei-Feng Huang (黃偉峰博士), Associate Research Fellow, Institute of European and American Studies, Academia Sinica / Associate Professor, College of Social Sciences, National Taiwan University

**Co-Host:** Department of Diplomacy, National Cheng-Chi University

### Agenda:

2:00 – 2:10 Opening remarks by Dr. Hong-Yi Lien

2:10 – 2:50 Presentation by Dr. Zlatko Šabič

2:50 – 3:10 Comments by Dr. Wei-Feng Huang

3:10 – 3:40 Open discussion

※ Please note that this event will be conducted in English.

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#### Abstract

Parliamentarians have a long history of meetings with their colleagues from different countries, but it was only recently that their activities began to be studied in a more systematic way, in the context of International Parliamentary Relations. This new research field analyses (inter)actions and processes in the international community that parliamentarians are or may be involved in; as

members of international parliamentary institutions, and/or as actors involved in international affairs, acting on behalf of their constituents.

Research in this field focuses on two questions. First, how can parliamentarians make use of domestic and international institutions for promoting their own values abroad, and/or advocate interests of their constituents with colleagues active in international parliamentary institutions and those in other national parliaments? Second, how does such an involvement ‘make a difference’ domestically and/or internationally? In other words, how do we ‘know’ that activities of parliamentarians in international parliamentary institutions have made an impact in a given issue area, how do international activities of parliamentarians matter in the pursuit of interests of their constituents, and (when relevant) how do they contribute to conduct of foreign policies of their respective states?

The presentation will discuss these questions by looking at Taiwan, which recently has become more attentive to members of Legislative Yuan and their potentials to conduct the so-called parliamentary diplomacy as a means for increasing Taiwan’s presence in the international arena.

—by Dr. Zlatko Šabič

### **Speaker Biography**

Zlatko Šabič is a Professor of International Relations. Besides his research and teaching at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the University of Ljubljana, with a record of over 250 entries in his academic record ([www.sicris.si](http://www.sicris.si)), he was also active in its governing structures.

His most recent book project was on “International Relations in Central Europe” (published by Palgrave in 2012).

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## RSVP

**Please RSVP by Monday, December 18, 2017**

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