

# A World Parliament: Governance and Democracy in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

By Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel, 2018

## ENDORSEMENTS

‘This outstanding and comprehensive study by Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel is the new standard work on the history, relevance and practical implementation of the idea of a world parliament, one that has been lacking for a long time. This book is a milestone in the debate on the democratisation of global governance.’

—**Frank Biermann**, Research Professor of Global Sustainability Governance at the University of Utrecht and Chair of the Earth System Governance Project

‘An important and excellent book. The efforts for a world parliament enjoy my full support.’

—**Jean Ziegler**, former Professor at the University of Geneva and the Sorbonne, Paris

‘An illuminating contribution to the evolving literature on global politics, *A World Parliament* offers a challenging new vision on global governance for future leaders and diplomats to follow.’

—**Shashi Tharoor**, Member of Parliament and former diplomat, currently serving as Chairman of the Committee on External Affairs of the Lok Sabha, India

‘The vision of a cosmopolitan world order as outlined in this recommendable book is vital for a world in which all people are closely connected and in which fundamental decisions are made for future generations.’

—**Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul**, former Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany

‘Our globalized world is heading for disaster as long as it is based solely on national institutions. This extraordinary book is a valuable contribution to the literature on the global institutions we need to face the challenges of the 21st century.’

—**Fernando Iglesias**, Member of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina and Council Chair of the World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy

‘In a time of dangerous and regressive political forces, Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel have given us an outstanding atlas of hope - and a roadmap for the survival of humanity and democracy.’

—**William R. Pace**, Executive Director, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy and Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

‘A scholarly tour de force bringing together an extraordinary and multidisciplinary range of perspectives - from antiquity to the present day - on the need for, evolution of, and prospects for a democratic world order. This persuasively reasoned work provides a welcome antidote to the toxic, anti-globalist movements that have recently increased their following in Europe and the United States.’

—**Joseph E. Schwartzberg**, Distinguished International Professor Emeritus, University of Minnesota, and Director Emeritus, The Workable World Trust

‘This timely book charts an alternative pathway for humanity as we increasingly confront global challenges that transcend national borders. It outlines a logical roadmap towards a framework for global dialogue, deliberation, and decision-making which is now more urgent than ever.’

—**Tim Murithi**, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, Cape Town, and Extraordinary Professor of African Studies at the University of the Free State, Bloemfontein

‘Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel have provided us with a seminal contribution to the discussion on a world parliament and world governance. Grounded in the past, their comprehensive and bold work points to a future where the forces of human solidarity can prevail.’

—**Andrew Strauss**, Dean and Professor of Law at the University of Dayton School of Law

‘Congratulations to both authors on this great book! It is an impressive overview of the international challenges of our time, their historical roots, and approaches for a better future of the world. A world parliament is an important catalyst for this.’

—**Franz Josef Radermacher**, Professor at the University of Ulm

‘A bold, articulate, competent and courageous view on the evolution of world politics and, more importantly, what is needed to achieve humane governance.’

—**Daniele Archibugi**, Italian National Research Council, Rome, and Birkbeck College, University of London

‘In this clear, precise and comprehensive book, Andreas Bummel and Jo Leinen discuss the history, rationale and possible implementation of a democratic constitution of the world. Everybody who cares about the big issues that confront humanity – war, climate, poverty, injustice, rule of law – will be presented with a promising and well-conceived approach to finding solutions.’

—**Thomas Pogge**, Professor of Philosophy and International Affairs at Yale University

‘This is a truly visionary book that should be read by all concerned by the lack of direction of global politics. Maybe a global democratic transformation will be called utopian but it is a very realisable utopia it paints. Based on solid research, well presented and very readable.’

—**Ronaldo Munck**, Professor at Dublin City University and author of ‘Globalisation and Contestation: the new great counter-movement’

‘A comprehensive, informative, well-researched and insightful study of a subject of momentous importance to the future of humanity.’

—**Garry Jacobs**, CEO of the World Academy of Art & Science

‘This book is utopian in the best sense. At a time when politics is increasingly reduced to short-term reactions to previously neglected problems that have now become threatening, this book presents long-term thinking on the only adequate form of political organization for our planet in light of the various global threats.’

—**Vittorio Hösle**, Professor at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana

‘Climate, oceans, world trade – all this requires global rules. We need a parliament at the world level – at the United Nations – that allows the people to exercise oversight. The present book is an excellent work on this subject, in particular with regard to its history and the logical approach.’

—**Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**, Co-President, Club of Rome

‘This recommendable book succeeds in reconciling the opposites: it is, at the same time, analytic and holistic, rooted in history and futuristic, realistic and visionary.’

—**Susanna Cafaro**, Professor of EU Law, Università del Salento

‘Future generations will wonder why it took so long to establish democracy at the global level as well. A debate on global democracy is long overdue. This important book provides indispensable arguments and perspectives.’

—**Peter Spiegel**, Director, WeQ Institute, Berlin

‘Congratulations on this epic achievement. All advocates of world peace, human security and justice for all should read this terrific new book.’

—**Tad Daley**, author of ‘Apocalypse Never’, United States

‘A remarkable book that could trigger the long overdue discussion on the future of humankind based on a humane world civilization.’

—**Richard Saage**, Professor Emeritus of Political Theory and the History of Ideas, Germany

‘With the global challenges we face today we need to start embracing new ideas. I encourage you to read *A World Parliament* by Andreas Bummel and Jo Leinen. It’s a fascinating look at governance and democracy in the 21st century and the implementation of a world parliament.’

—**Kumi Naidoo**, civil society activist and Secretary-General of Amnesty International, South Africa

‘A great and courageous book which proves that even if a world parliament may seem an utopian idea, it’s also a practical one!’

—**Maria João Rodrigues**, Member of the European Parliament and President of the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, Portugal

‘Is global democracy and a world parliament just a dream, too far-fetched to be worth thinking about? Here’s a new book that says it’s worth trying to work towards it.’

—**Peter Singer**, moral philosopher and Professor of Bioethics at Princeton University

‘A very readable, extensive and well-researched study. All those who, in times of globalisation, wish to oppose an erosion of democracy and strengthen democracy at all levels - from local to planetary - are recommended to follow this roadmap.’

—**Uwe Holtz**, former Member of Parliament and Lecturer at the Institute for Political Science and Sociology at the University of Bonn

‘The book is a tremendous achievement and adds an important advocacy perspective to the existing literature in this area.’

—**Tim Wöffen**, Global Policy Journal

‘This book a great gift to humanity at a time of global emergency. I strongly recommend this book as a source of wisdom, thought, and the fashioning of a positive vision of the human future.’

—**Richard Falk**, Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University

‘*A World Parliament* is a remarkable book for its breadth, its timeliness, and the accessibility of its presentation. This is a must-read for those interested in all aspects of global political integration.’

—**Luis Cabrera**, Associate Professor of Political Science at Griffith University in Brisbane, Australia, and co-covener, World Government Research Network

‘This is an excellent and important book that may now become the standard introduction to the case for world federalism.’

—**Ian Crawford**, Professor of Planetary Science and Astrobiology, University of London

‘A key handbook and roadmap for global citizens and activists, *A World Parliament* collates all important research and background relevant to this evolutionary step toward our common future on Earth.’

—**Hazel Henderson**, futurist and author, CEO, Ethical Markets Media, USA & Brazil

‘This is the book for anyone attuned to the core conundrum of our global moment: we share existential risks but lack the institutional capacity to shape our common destiny. With scholarly rigor, political vision, and pragmatic wisdom, Leinen and Bummel show how to close this gap, offering direction for readers searching for a pathway to a livable future.’

—**Paul Raskin**, President of Tellus Institute and founder, Great Transition Initiative, USA

‘There have been many books on why we must democratize our global institutions, but very few have wrestled with how. This book engages that question with stunning precision, and is a must-read for anyone who cares about securing the blessings of democracy in this century of accelerated climate change, economic instability, and resurgent nationalism.’

—**Richard S. Deese**, Boston University, author of ‘Climate Change and the Future of Democracy’, USA

‘An excellent history of efforts to bring the world together & an astute analysis of the collective issues we will need to solve. I recommend it highly.’

—**Jamie Metz**, founder of OneShared.World, USA