

‘This outstanding and comprehensive study by Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel is now established as the 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. While the basic arguments remain valid, the second edition adds important material, in particular on current events.’

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

‘*A World Parliament* achieves several things. First, it shows how the campaign to create a people’s assembly at the UN carries the baton forward in a long history of efforts to overcome nationalist and racist hatred, discrimination and oppression. Second, it demonstrates why the world’s multiple challenges and crises cannot be addressed effectively and legitimately without a democratic body where everyone on the planet is represented as free and equal. Third, it offers a stirring vision of such a world parliament and a realistic plan of action for bringing it about. Each of these is a major accomplishment. Achieving them all in one book is a triumph.’

—**Mathias Koenig-Archibugi**, Associate Professor of Global Politics in the Departments of Government and International Relations, London School of Economics and Political Sciences

‘Freedom in authoritarian countries has narrowed to the size of a prison cell. Even in developed democracies there are now setbacks. This important book shows that the struggle for freedom and democracy is a global struggle. In order to succeed, we need to build a global democratic order which offers no space to authoritarian regimes and puts the people first.’

—**Oleksandra Matviichuk**, Ukrainian human rights activist and Head of the Centre for Civil Liberties, recipient of the 2022 Nobel Peace Prize

‘The authors of this 2nd edition of *A World Parliament* should be warmly congratulated for producing a highly readable and fascinating study. The new edition presents even more clearly ideas and vantage points that are urgently needed in rethinking the global order. The challenges we as a human species are confronted with are immense. This book explores the institutions and collective mechanisms, based on fairness, inclusivity and legitimacy, that are needed to ensure a safe and prosperous future for all.’

—**Maja Groff**, Esq., co-winner of the New Shape Prize, international lawyer, Senior Treaty Advisor, Integrity Initiatives International and Co-Founder, Global Governance Forum

‘This wonderful book achieves the rare combination of realism and hope in charting a way forward for humanity. We simply need to reorient the global decision-making process from defending the national interest to serving the common good. This study explains why and shows how—by creating a Parliamentary Assembly to complement the General Assembly at the United Nations.’

—**John Vlasto**, Chair of the Board, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy

‘In the 2nd edition of *A World Parliament*, Jo Leinen and Andreas Bummel strengthen the case for an approach to global governance commensurate with the needs of humanity today. They should be commended for producing a thoughtful and well-reasoned must-read.’

—**Daniel Perell**, Representative for the United Nations of the Baha’i International Community and Co-Chair, Coalition for the UN We Need

‘This seminal work provides a comprehensive review of past measures to promote a world parliament and a guide to making the global parliamentary vision a reality. It is a vital resource for anyone interested in democratizing global governance.’

—**Andrew L. Strauss**, Professor of Law at the University of Dayton

‘This book elaborates on how global governance must evolve based on humanity’s centuries-old endeavour to create more democratic, just and peaceful societies. It shows that an international system built solely on relations between governments is no longer adequate. Creating a world parliamentary assembly to include citizens is long overdue. Essential reading for anyone who is concerned about our planet.’

—**Lysa John**, Secretary-General, CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation

‘The planetary crisis and the democratic deficit in global governance require humanity to establish and operationalize a world parliament. This timely book outlines a doable pathway towards this goal and addresses the persistent problem of achieving effective global cooperation. The second edition makes sure it is up to date in light of recent developments and adds new material throughout.’

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

‘*A World Parliament* is an innovative and inspiring work. Its deep insights into the history, aspirations and, above all, the implementation of an elected universal assembly make it an indispensable resource for scholars, forward-thinking parliamentarians and decision-makers (yes, they do exist!) as well as anyone concerned with the future of democracy.’

—**George Katrougalos**, Professor of Public Law at the Democritus University of Thrace, UN Independent Expert on the promotion of a democratic and equitable international order, former Foreign Minister of Greece and former Member of the European Parliament

‘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**, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Commission of the Chamber of Deputies of Argentina and Co-President, 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**, former Executive Director, World Federalist Movement-Institute for Global Policy and Convenor, Coalition for the International Criminal Court

‘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

‘An excellent inspiration in the search for a sustainably better global governance.’

—**Yves Leterme**, former Prime Minister of Belgium and former Secretary-General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance