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## **Save the Date**

**SPP ICA**

Section for Archives of Parliaments and Political Parties  
Section des Archives des Parlements et Partis Politiques

### **SPP JERUSALEM CONFERENCE 2023**

## **"The First Sketch of History: Audio-visual Collections in Parliamentary and Political Archives"**

30 May–1 June 2023

The Knesset, Jerusalem

The Annual Meeting of the ICA Section of Archives of Parliaments and Political Parties (SPP) will be held in the Knesset, the Israeli Parliament, in conjunction with the SPP Conference that will take place from 30 May to 1 June 2023.

This will be the first face-to-face conference since the pandemic and the first in-person event for all SPP members since 2015.

Iconic Israeli photographer, David Rubinger (1924–2017), once told an interviewer that “a picture is the first sketch of history,” and added that “the less important it is, the more important it is.” Audio-visual collections in parliamentary and political archives are an essential part of the history of our institutions. The visual documentation tells us a story beyond the particular moment captured in the photograph—it sheds light on the place, the time period, the trends, and the zeitgeist.

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The conference will focus on the use of audio-visual collections as well as the maintenance and management of physical and digital collections. Additional subjects will include the work of staff photographers, the operation of parliamentary television channels, and the role of technology and artificial intelligence in sustaining collections.

The annual meeting of the SPP Plenary Assembly will be held following the conference.

**While the precise details of the program are still in preparation, we would appreciate a confirmation of your interest in participating in the meeting as soon as possible. We kindly request your confirmation by email to Inda Novominsky - Director of Knesset Archives - [indan@knesset.gov.il](mailto:indan@knesset.gov.il)**

We hope this meeting will be a forum for fruitful discussion as well as valuable exchange on best practices and experiences.

We look forward to meeting you in Jerusalem.

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