



Trust in members of parliaments

The role and limits of law

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A parliamentary constitutional monarchy



1831

I. Belgian constitutional system: a quick overview

A federal State since 1970

Federal level

Federated level



II. Trust and representation

The general research project: "Les institutions en quête de confiance"



Les institutions en quête de confiance

- L'évolution des contours juridiques du mandat parlementaire et de la responsabilité politique -



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II. Trust and representation

Common characteristics of trust

Relationnal

Relationship between a trustor and a trustee

Certain object

Certain expectations of behaviours of the trustee

Vulnerability

Induced by a situation of uncertainty

II. Trust and representation

Characteristics of trust in members of parliaments

Relationnal

Relationship between
citizen (trustor) and
representative (trustee)

Certain object

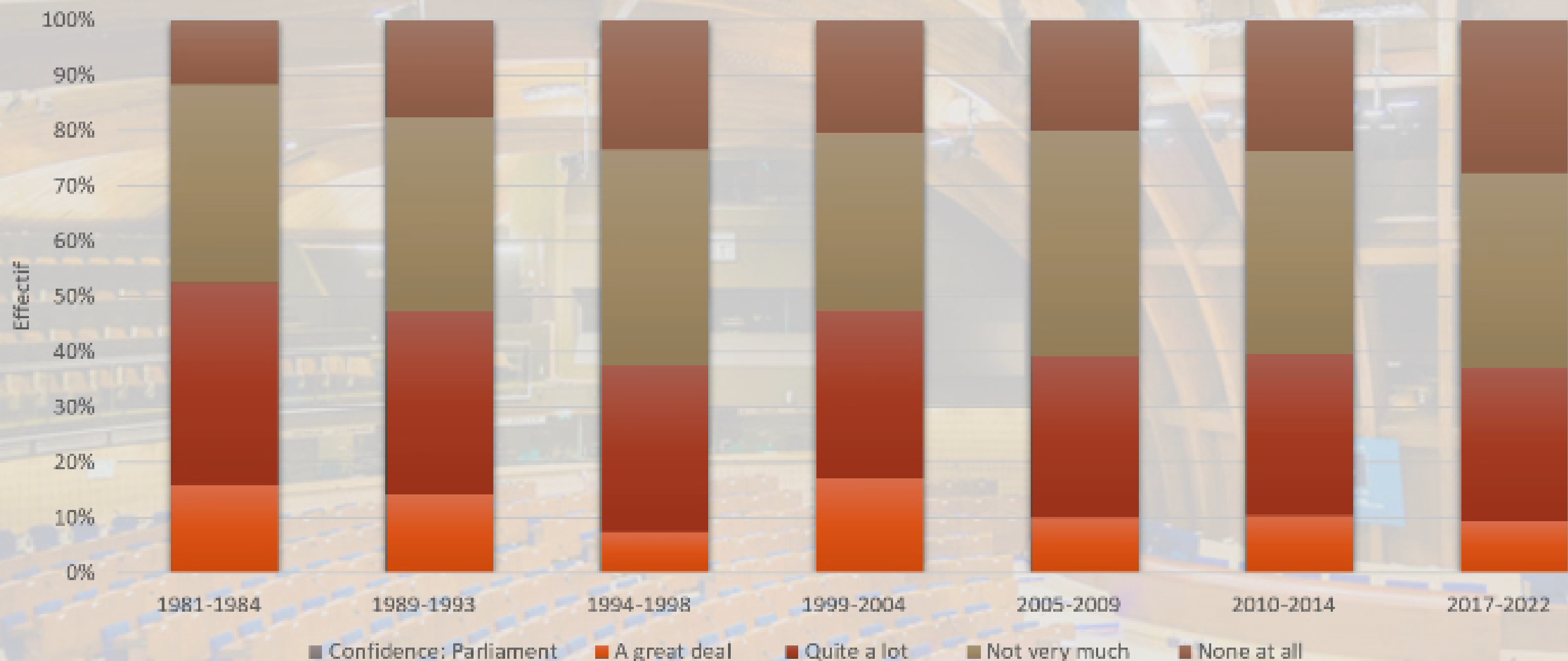
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Vulnerability

Representative decide
on behalf of citizen

III. Trust and parliamentary political ethics

La confiance envers l'institution Parlement est tombée à moins de 40% en moyenne- World Values Survey 1981-2022



III. Trust and parliamentary political ethics

**Un fauteuil à plus de 18.000 euros:
le prix du mobilier du futur
bâtiment du Parlement wallon
dévoilé**

Nouvelles révélations sur l'explosion des coûts liés à la construction de la Maison des parlementaires à Namur: selon un électricien qui a travaillé sur le chantier, l'intérieur du bâtiment serait agencé avec du mobilier hors de prix.

**Scandale au Parlement wallon:
voyage somptueux aux frais du
contribuable, les députés choqués
après la diffusion du magazine
#Investigation**

Plusieurs anciens membres de la Chambre des représentants ont reçu des suppléments de pension illégaux : "C'est beaucoup d'argent"

**"Le greffier et le président du
Parlement wallon rembourseront-ils
leur voyage à Dubaï ?"**

**Au Portugal, le « TAPgate » provoque
une crise au sommet de l'Etat**

 Belgique

**Polémique au Bureau du Parlement
wallon : «Tout le monde savait»**

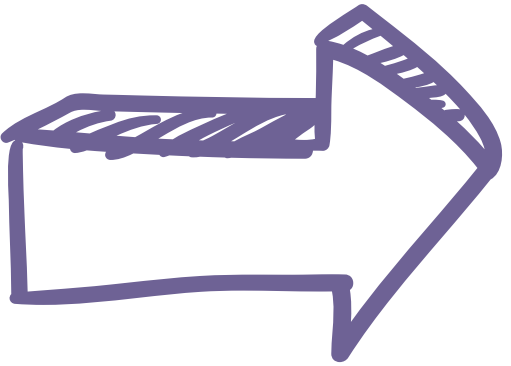
O ministro, todavia, realçou que o Governo foi "além disso", pois foi entendido "que a marca que **este episódio** deixou precisa de ser afastada", já que "**abalou a confiança dos portugueses na TAP**" e que, "nunca colocando em causa os bons resultados que a administração conseguiu na implementação e execução do plano de reestruturação até agora", defende Medina, "era essencial recuperar esse **laço de confiança** entre o país e a empresa".

III. Trust and parliamentary political ethics

Political scandals

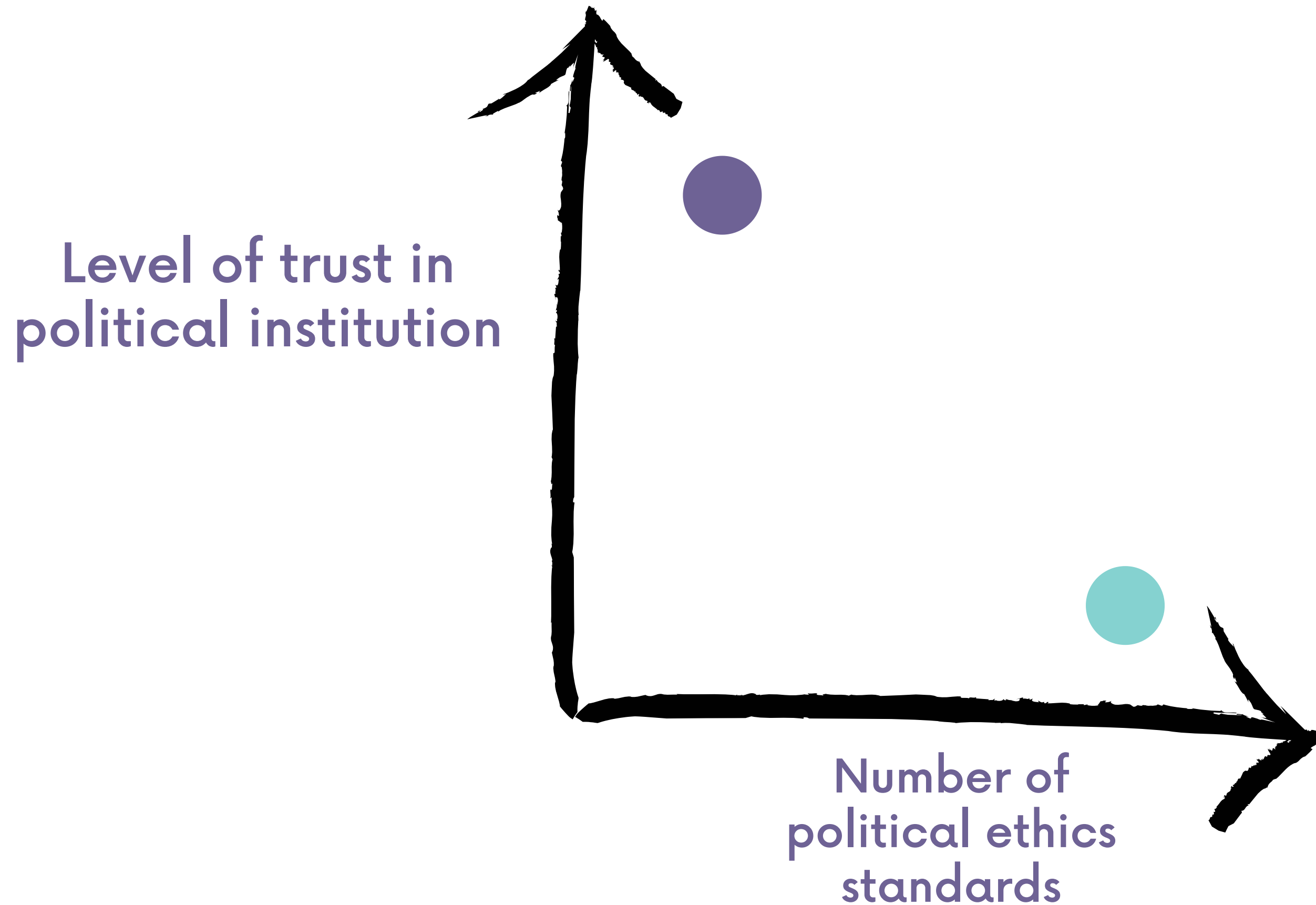


Ad hoc (political ethics)
rules which aim to restore
trust



My thesis focuses on the description and the evaluation of these rules: can they restore trust?

IV. Political ethics rules: an endless pursuit of trust?



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Political ethics

Conterproductive
effect

Unnecessary

Most of the
drivers of trust
are outside the
law

What is the role
of parliament
and MP's in
restoring trust
with citizen?



Thanks for your
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