

# Major National and International Conferences on Elections, Democracy and Governance (Dec 2025 – Jun 2026)

This overview provides a structured survey of major conferences, seminars and academic forums held between December 2025 and June 2026 that focus on elections, democracy, governance, political institutions and public policy. Such conferences serve as crucial platforms for scholarly exchange, policy dialogue and institutional collaboration among academics, election administrators, policymakers and civil society organisations.

The events compiled in this overview include major academic conferences, policy dialogues and institutional seminars relevant to election management, democratic governance, voter behaviour, political communication and public administration. Wherever possible, official websites are included for reference and academic citation.

## I. Major Conferences in India

### India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management (IICDEM 2026)

21–23 January 2026 | Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

The India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management is one of the most significant global gatherings on electoral governance. Organised by the Election Commission of India and the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM), the conference brings together election management bodies, policymakers, scholars and civil society actors. The 2026 edition emphasised inclusive elections, technology in electoral administration and international cooperation among electoral institutions.

Official Website: <https://iiidem.eci.gov.in/iicdem-2026>.

### International Seminar on Political Shifts in Bangladesh & Myanmar

7 February 2026 | Chandigarh

This seminar focused on political transitions and democratic developments in South Asia, particularly in Bangladesh and Myanmar. Scholars examined the evolving nature of electoral institutions, military influence in politics, democratic backsliding and the role of regional organisations in supporting democratic governance.

Related Website: <https://chandigarhcitizensfoundation.com/cases/ramifications-of-emerging-geo-political-flux-in-bangladesh-and-myanmar>.

### Seminar on Voterology – Government Law College

8 February 2026 | Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu

The seminar introduced the emerging concept of ‘Voterology’, a proposed interdisciplinary field dedicated to studying voter behaviour, electoral psychology, political participation and democratic citizenship. Discussions highlighted the importance of systematic voter behaviour research in strengthening electoral democracies.

Related Website: <https://glctry.ac.in>.

### Vision 2031: Development and Democracy Conference

15–17 February 2026 | Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

This international conference explored the relationship between economic development and democratic governance. Experts from public policy, economics and political science debated governance reforms, decentralisation and institutional accountability.

Related Website: <https://kerala.gov.in/article/detail/MTAyOTYzNzQ3MC40/1>.

### International Conference on Political Parties, Elections and Democracy (ICPPED-26)

28 February 2026 | Jaipur

This interdisciplinary conference examined the functioning of political parties, electoral systems, democratic representation and institutional reforms. Participants discussed comparative experiences from multiple democracies and emerging research in political behaviour.

Related Website: <https://www.nationalconference.in>

## II. Major International Conferences

### International Conference on e-Democracy, e-Government and e-Society (ICDGS)

23 February 2026 | Tokyo & Global Hubs

This conference addressed the growing importance of digital technologies in governance. Topics included online participation platforms, digital public services, cybersecurity in elections and artificial intelligence in democratic institutions.

Related Website: <https://waset.org/e-democracy-e-government-and-e-society-conference-in-february-2026-in-tokyo>

**International Conference on Public Policy (ICPP)**

23 February 2026 | Tokyo

The International Conference on Public Policy is a global forum where scholars and practitioners examine governance reforms and policy challenges. Panels often include discussions on electoral governance, political accountability and institutional capacity.

Related Website: <https://waset.org/public-policy-conference-in-february-2026-in-tokyo>.

**International Conference on Social Movements, Protest and Politics**

2 March 2026 | Rome

This conference examined grassroots political mobilisation and protest movements, analysing their influence on elections, democratic legitimacy and political institutions across regions.

Related Website: <https://waset.org/social-movements-protest-and-politics-conference-in-march-2026-in-rome>.

**International Conference on Media and Democracy**

9 March 2026 | Multiple Venues

This conference explored the relationship between media ecosystems and democratic accountability, focusing on misinformation, digital platforms, electoral communication and regulatory frameworks.

Related Website: <https://waset.org/media-and-democracy-conference-in-march-2026-in-bangkok>.

**Annual Conference of the Midwest Political Science Association (MPSA)**

23–26 April 2026 | Chicago

The MPSA conference is one of the largest global gatherings of political scientists, hosting hundreds of panels on elections, democratic theory, political behaviour, comparative politics and governance.

Related Website: <https://www.mpsanet.org/conference>.

**III. Upcoming Conferences (April – June 2026)****Global Democracy Coalition Regional Forums**

April – June 2026 | Paraguay, Prague and Seoul

The Global Democracy Coalition forums convene policy-makers, scholars and civil society leaders to discuss democratic resilience, electoral integrity, civic participation and youth engagement.

Related Website: <https://globaldemocracycoalition.org/forum-2026>.

**4th International Conference on Political Sciences**

15–17 May 2026 | London

This conference provides an interdisciplinary platform for research on democratic institutions, electoral systems, governance reforms and international political dynamics.

Related Website: <https://www.politicalsciences.org/about-conference>.

**NISPAcee Annual Conference 2026**

28–30 May 2026 | Sofia, Bulgaria

The annual conference of the Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe focuses on strengthening democracy through responsible public administration and governance reforms.

Related Website: <https://www.nispa.org/conference/2026>.

**International IDEA Democracy Forum 2026**

March 2026 | Stockholm &amp; Global

Focus on electoral integrity, democratic resilience and institutional reforms.

Official Website: <https://www.idea.int>.

**UNDP Electoral Governance Workshop Series**

March–June 2026 | Multiple Countries

Capacity-building programmes for election management bodies and governance reforms.

Official Website: <https://www.undp.org>

**OECD Global Forum on Governance 2026**

April 2026 | Paris

Policy dialogue on governance, trust in institutions and democratic accountability.

Official Website: <https://www.oecd.org>

**World Bank Governance & Institutions Conference**

May 2026 | Washington DC

Research and policy discussions on governance, elections and institutional development.

Official Website: <https://www.worldbank.org>

**International Political Science Association (IPSA) Workshops**

June 2026 | Various Locations

Global academic collaboration on political science, elections and democracy.

Official Website: <https://www.ipsa.org>

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— Nelson Mandela

