

Parliaments and Government Formation

Unpacking Investiture Rules

Edited by

BJØRN ERIK RASCH,
SHANE MARTIN,
AND JOSÉ ANTONIO CHEIBUB

OXFORD
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Table of Contents

<i>List of Figures</i>	ix
<i>List of Tables</i>	xi
<i>List of Contributors</i>	xiii

PART I. INTRODUCTION

1. Investiture Rules and Government Formation	3
<i>Bjørn Erik Rasch, Shane Martin, and José Antonio Cheibub</i>	

PART II. VARIETIES OF INVESTITURE RULES

2. Parliament and Government Formation in the United Kingdom: A Hidden Vote of Investiture?	29
<i>Alexandra Kelso</i>	
3. Changing Investiture Rules in Belgium	49
<i>Audrey André, Sam Depauw, and Kris Deschouwer</i>	
4. Investiture Rules in Germany: Stacking the Deck against Minority Governments	67
<i>Steffen Ganghof and Christian Stecker</i>	
5. A Rule for All Seasons? Investiture and Government Formation in Hungary	86
<i>Péter Horváth</i>	
6. Progressive Ambition: The Role of the European Parliament in Appointing the European Commission	101
<i>Fabio Sozzi</i>	

PART III. INVESTITURE RULES AND MINORITY GOVERNMENT

7. Government Formation in Ireland: Learning to Live Without a Majority Party	121
<i>Shane Martin</i>	
8. Government Formation in Italy: The Challenge of Bicameral Investiture	136
<i>Federico Russo</i>	

9. Why Minority Governments in Spain? How the Party System Undermines Investiture Rules <i>Natalia Ajenjo</i>	153
10. Investiture Rules and Minority Governments in Poland <i>Radoslaw Zubek</i>	165
11. Changing Investiture Rules in the Czech Republic <i>Robert Zbiral</i>	182
12. Strong Investiture Rules and Minority Governments in Romania <i>Cristina Chiva</i>	197
13. Parliamentary Investiture Rules in Portugal's Semi-Presidential Democracy <i>Cristina Leston-Bandeira and Jorge M. Fernandes</i>	217
14. Weak Investiture Rules and the Emergence of Minority Governments in Sweden <i>Helena Wockelberg</i>	233

PART IV. BEYOND INVESTITURE RULES: LEGISLATIVE NORMS AND GOVERNMENT FORMATION

15. Parliamentary Parties in the Netherlands: Informal Investiture behind Closed Doors <i>André Krouwel and Jelle Koedam</i>	253
16. Government Investiture in India: Formal Rules and Informal Practices <i>Csaba Nikolenyi</i>	275
17. France: Excluding Parliament from Government Formation <i>Iris Nguyễn-Duy</i>	292

PART V. CONCLUSION

18. Hire or Fire? The Link between Cabinet Investiture and Removal in Parliamentary Democracies <i>Ulrich Sieberer</i>	309
19. Investiture Rules Unpacked <i>Bjørn Erik Rasch, Shane Martin, and José Antonio Cheibub</i>	331
<i>Index Locorum</i>	357
<i>Index of Names</i>	369
<i>General Index</i>	375