

# The Fair Trial Project

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## ***In this issue***

This issue will concentrate the campaign to release Prisoner 14704, James Casey. There is also a short article explaining why the doctrine of Parliamentary Sovereignty is flawed.

***Campaign to release prisoner 14704, James Casey.***

The Fair Trial Project will be part of this year's Edinburgh Festival. We will be performing a short play on the High Street several times a day and will also be part of the Fringe Online.

A special newsletter will be sent out later in the month when all the details and venues are known.

***The doctrine of Parliamentary Sovereignty is flawed.***

In *R (Jackson) v Attorney General* [2005] UKHL 56 nine of the country's senior judges confirmed a slight change to the accepted definition of Parliamentary Sovereignty (PS). The doctrine now states that the United Kingdom (UK) Parliament (Parliament), sitting as the House of Commons alone, or in combination with the House of Lords, can 'make or unmake any law' and no one, including the courts, has any power to set such a law aside (Bingham, 2011, p. 161-2, *R. (Jackson) v Attorney General* [2005] UKHL 56 at Paragraphs 9,91-93).

The Fair Trial Project contends that the legislative authority of Parliament relies upon being lawfully elected in an election that complies with democracy and the principle of universal suffrage. If this proposition is correct, then PS has never existed as lawful and democratic elections are a pre-requisite to Parliament's authority.

Parliament cannot make or unmake any law as it cannot legislate contrary to democracy.

A full paper explaining the flaws with PS will be published on the web-site later in the year.

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A report on the Edinburgh Festival...