

# Forum 34.1: Responsive Judicial Review

The Centre is excited to announce the publication of a new special issue of the *Constitutional Forum*! This special issue (34.1) flows from a workshop co-organized by the uOttawa Public Law Centre and the Centre for Constitutional Studies (uAlberta), held at uOttawa in March 2024. The workshop brought together a small group of constitutional experts to talk about Rosalind Dixon's landmark monograph, *Responsive Judicial Review*. This special issue comprises written versions of papers first presented at that workshop, along with a response to these papers from Professor Dixon. It encompasses reflections on a number of specific and currently contentious constitutional questions, including how courts should respond to the uptick in provincial recourse to the notwithstanding clause, the proper role of unwritten constitutional principles in judicial decision-making, and the limits that principles like democracy and federalism place on the practice of judicial review.

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