

## Editor's Preface

On behalf of the *Review of Constitutional Studies*, I wish to say how pleased we are to publish this Special Issue on “Politics and the Constitution: A Comparative Approach,” a collection of papers presented at a workshop held at the University of Ottawa in July 2015.

The “Politics and the Constitution: A Comparative Approach” workshop came together principally as the result of the efforts of Professor Vanessa MacDonnell of the Faculty of Law (Common Law) at the University of Ottawa and Professor Richard Albert of the Boston College School of Law, both of whose contributions at the workshop appear in this volume, working in association with the Younger Comparativists Committee of the American Society of Comparative Law and the University of Ottawa.

Given our ongoing interest in making the *Review* a locus for contemporary scholarship and debate in constitutional studies, we at the *Review* welcomed the opportunity to work with the organizers to produce this Special Issue, bringing together perspectives from law, political science, and the humanities generally. In this regard, we were especially pleased to have the participation of Ran Hirschl, Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Toronto. Professor Hirschl’s introductory essay graces this collection, and emphasizes the value of interdisciplinary and comparative approaches to the study of constitutional affairs.

As Editor-in-Chief for this volume of the *Review*, I would like to personally thank the contributors for their interesting work, and for their friendly cooperation throughout the process of integrating comments received at and after the workshop into their finished manuscripts, all in a timely fashion. I would also thank the anonymous reviewers for consistently helpful comments and suggestions, Managing Editor Patricia Paradis, and our staff of copy and citation editors, for their assistance. I extend special thanks to my colleague Professor Richard Bauman of the Faculty of Law at the University of Alberta, a member of the *Review’s* Advisory Board, for his support and advice throughout.

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