

CONSTITUTIONAL CROSSROADS IN CANADA AND AROUND THE WORLD



January 12 - 14 2023

Allard School of Law | University of British Columbia

This conference gathers together constitutional law scholars and theorists to discuss some of the most pressing issues in constitutional law.

2022 marked the 40-year anniversary of the 1982 amendments to the Canadian Constitution. The *Constitution Act, 1982* includes the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, provisions protecting Aboriginal rights, an amendment formula, and a constitutional supremacy clause. Panelists will discuss debates arising from these provisions and from other areas of Canadian constitutional law.

The conference program will also include some of the leading voices in comparative constitutional law and transnational law, from Canada and elsewhere. Panelists will discuss challenges that are common to many contemporary constitutional orders, including those posed by populism, pluralism, globalization, gender inequality, colonization, and climate change.

This conference is a launch event for the Canadian branch of ICON-S and it is the first in what the organizers hope will be a series of events co-hosted by UBC's Allard School of Law and the University of Alberta's Centre for Constitutional Studies.

The conference is also a collaborative endeavor that brings together 4 Allard Law research groups: Indigenous Legal Studies; the Centre for Asian Legal Studies; the Centre for Feminist Legal Studies; and the Centre for Law and the Environment.

Logistics

The conference takes place at the Peter A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia. Panelists and attendees will participate either in-person or on-line. For information about how to register, please see: <https://allard.ubc.ca/about-us/events-calendar/constitutional-crossroads-canada-and-around-world>

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Thursday, January 12th, 2023

5:00 - 7:00 PM **RECEPTION AND LIVESTREAMED
INTERVIEW WITH RT. HON. BEVERLEY
MCLACHLIN**

Location: Terrace Lounge

Friday, January 13th, 2023

8:30 - 9:15 AM **COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

9:15 - 9:30 AM **LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND
WELCOME**

9:30 - 11:00 AM **PANEL I: INDIGENOUS JUSTICE**

Gordon Christie (Allard School of Law, University of
British Columbia)

Robert Clifford (Allard School of Law, University of
British Columbia)

Darcy Lindberg (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria)

Kerry Sloan (Faculty of Law, McGill University)

Chair: Patricia Barkaskas (Allard School of Law,
University of British Columbia)

11:00 - 11:15 AM **COFFEE**

11:15 - 12:45 PM **PANEL II: ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**

Lynda Collins (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

Lindsay Borrows (Faculty of Law, Queen's University)

Dayna Nadine Scott (Osgoode Hall Law School, York
University)

Stepan Wood (Allard School of Law, University of
British Columbia)

Chair: Margot Young (Allard School of Law, University
of British Columbia)

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12:45 - 1:30 PM **LUNCH**

1:30 - 3:00 PM **PANEL III: FEMINIST JUSTICE**

Martha Jackman (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

Kerri Froc (Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick)

Sarah Morales (Faculty of Law, University of Victoria)

Vrinda Narain (Faculty of Law, McGill University)

Chair: Debra Parkes (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

3:00 - 3:15 PM **COFFEE**

3:15 - 4:45 PM **PANEL IV: COMPARATIVE ASIAN
CONSTITUTIONALISM**

Jie Cheng (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

Shigenori Matsui (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

Takashi Shirouzu (Law School, Chiba University)

Ohshita Hideki (School of Law, Ritsumeikan University)

Chair: Hoi Kong (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

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Saturday, January 14th, 2023

8:30 - 9:00 AM **COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

9:00 - 10:30 AM **PANEL I: POPULISM AND PLURALISM**

Michael Pal (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

Vanessa MacDonnell (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

Johnny Mack (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

Hoi Kong (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

Chair: Alexandra Flynn (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

10:30 - 10:45 AM **COFFEE**

10:45 - 12:15 PM **PANEL II: CANADIAN
PUBLIC/CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

Joel Bakan (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

Carissima Mathen (Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa)

Joanna Erdman (Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University)

Benjamin Berger (Osgoode Hall Law School, York University)

Chair: Mary Liston (Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia)

12:15 - 1:30 PM **LUNCH**

Celebration of Pat Paradis, University of Alberta
Centre for Constitutional Studies

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1:30 - 3:00 PM **PANEL III: TRANSNATIONAL PUBLIC
LAW**

Catherine Dauvergne (Allard School of Law,
University of British Columbia)

Victor V. Ramraj (Faculty of Law, University of
Victoria)

Ran Hirschl (School of Law, University of Texas at
Austin)

Ayelet Shachar (Faculty of Law, University of
Toronto)

Chair: Marcus Moore (Allard School of Law, University
of British Columbia)

3:00 - 3:15 PM **COFFEE**

3:15 - 4:45 PM **PANEL IV: COMPARATIVE
CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (CO-
ORGANIZED WITH THE PROGRAM ON
CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES,
UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN)**

Julie Suk (School of Law, Fordham University)

Hoi Kong (Allard School of Law, University of British
Columbia)

Francisca Pou Gimenez (Institute for Legal Research,
UNAM, Mexico)

Richard Mailey (Faculty of Law, University of Alberta)

Chair: Richard Albert (School of Law and Department
of Government, University of Texas at Austin)

4:45 - 5:00 PM **CONCLUDING REMARKS**
