

Hoger Instituut voor Wijsbegeerte

International conference on Constitutional Communities

When: 8-9 February 2024

Where: KU Leuven (Institute of Philosophy and Faculty of Law), Belgium

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Programme

Thursday 8 February 2024

09h00 - 09h30: Arrival and welcome. Room: Raadzaal (Council Room), Institute of Philosophy.

09h30 - 11h00: Thematic session 1: "Constitutional communities and constitutional identity". Keynote speakers: **Gary Jacobsohn** (University of Texas), **Elke Cloots** (University of Antwerp). Moderator: Raf Geenens. Room: Kardinaal Mercierzaal, Institute of Philosophy.

11h00 - 11h30: Coffee break. Room: Raadzaal (Council Room), Institute of Philosophy.

11h30 - 13h00: Parallel sessions

Panel 1. Constitutions in context. Moderator: Fernando Bracaccini. Room: Salons, Institute of Philosophy.

Constitutional Identity in Poland — Empirical Insights on a Gradually Politicized Concept (**Katarzyna Krzyżanowska**, EUI Florence).

Changing Minds, Changing Constitutions A place for the 'Northern Irish' in the Northern Ireland Constitution (**Jason Elliott**, Ulster University Northern Ireland, and **John Taggart**, Queen's University Belfast).

The instrumentalization of constitutional identity in the judicial context (**Endre Orbán**, National University in Public Service Budapest, and **Boldizsár Szentgáli-Tóth**, Institute for legal Studies Budapest).

Panel 2. The community-building power of constitutions. Moderator: Allegra Reinalda. Room: Room S, Institute of Philosophy.

Becoming a Community of Rights: Vladimir Bibikhin on Property and Constitution (**Olga Bashkina**, KU Leuven).

How a Prelude to the Dutch Constitution may Contribute to Community-building (**Carla Zoethout**, Open University).

The constitutional text as modern totem (Ana Van Liedekerke, KU Leuven).

Panel 3. The link between the written and the unwritten. Moderator: Roxan Degeyter.
Room: Room N, Institute of Philosophy.

Constitution, community and tradition. On some postulates of MacCormick's constitutional Pluralism (Leonardo Ravaioli, University of Roma Tre).

Convention and the Australian Constitution: Safeguarding Unwritten Norms (Imogen McIntyre, University of Sydney)

The constitutional custom: a catalyst for evolution emerging from within the fundamental governmental structures (Niels Klein, VUB)

13h00 - 14h30: Lunch break. Room: Ground Floor, Nieuwe Valk building, Faculty of Law and Criminology.

14h30 - 16h00: Thematic session 2: "Constitutional culture and constitutional change".
Keynote Speakers: **Alessandro Ferrara** (Tor Vergata University of Rome), **Hans Vorländer** (TU Dresden). Moderator: Stefan Sottiaux. Room: 0101, Nieuwe Valk building, Faculty of Law and Criminology.

16h00 - 16h30: Coffee break. Room: Ground Floor, Nieuwe Valk building, Faculty of Law and Criminology.

16h30 - 18h30: Open round table "Constitutional identity and the four cardinal freedoms in Belgium" (in Dutch, free entrance). Speakers: **Leni Franken** (University of Antwerp), **Henk de Smaele** (University of Antwerp), **Christophe Maes** (KU Leuven & UC Louvain), **Jogchum Vrieling** (UC Louvain). Moderator: Ana van Liedekerke. Room: Grote vergaderzaal, Oude Valk building, Faculty of Law and Criminology.

19h00: Dinner with speakers

Friday 9 February 2024

09h30 - 12h15: Round table "Constitutional Identity in Europe" (incl. coffee break). Speakers: **Tímea Drinóczi** (Federal University of Minas Gerais), **Monika Polzin** (WU Wien), **Julian Scholtes** (University of Glasgow), **Gerhard van der Schyff** (Tilburg University). Moderator: Céline Romainville. Room: 0101, Nieuwe Valk building, Faculty of Law and Criminology.

12h15 - 13h30: Lunch break. Room: Salons, Institute of Philosophy.

13h30 - 15h00: Parallel sessions

Panel 4. Constituent power and constitutional change. Moderator: Aristel Skrbic. Room: Raadzaal (Council Room), Institute of Philosophy.

Constituent communities in the transnational dimension: a new form of constituent power? (Francesco Rizzi Brignoli, University of Bologna).

Are silent constitutional changes a threat to constitutional communities? (**Josephine Papst**, Centrum für Philosophie, Wissenschaftstheorie und Philosophie der Kunst, Graz)

Constitutionalism and democracy as incomplete projects (**Massimo Fichera**, University of Maastricht).

Revisiting eternity clauses: a case study of constitutional stability in CEMAC countries (**Abdou Khadre Diop**, Virtual University of Senegal)

Panel 5. Constitutional recognition and pluralism. Moderator: Eva Albers. Room: Room S, Institute of Philosophy.

Constitutional Recognition and Indigenous Rights in Latin America (**Héctor Javier Valencia Salamanca**, University of Tours).

"National Identity" and "Plurinationality" in Chilean Constitutional Processes (2021- 2023) (**Javier Pineda Olcay**, University of Chile).

On lands and dispossession. The relevance and potential of property law for the constitutional recognition of indigenous groups (**Marina Federico**, Ca' Foscari University of Venice).

Panel 6. Citizenship, participation, and constitutional patriotism. Moderator: Pierre-Etienne Vandamme. Room: Room N, Institute of Philosophy.

Citizenship, Political Identity, and Electoral Law (**Eleonora d'Annibale**, KU Leuven).

Participation in an Ongoing Constitutional Dialogue (**Udit Bhatia**, University of York, and **Rochana Bajpai**, SOAS London).

Problematizing constitutional patriotism: rights as the mediating term between the constitution and community (**Roger Ventura Cossin**, KU Leuven)

15h00 - 15h30: Coffee break. Room: Salons, Institute of Philosophy.

15h30 - 17h00: Thematic session 3: "Illiberal constitutional communities": **Andrew Arato** (New School for Social Research), **Anna Śledzińska-Simon** (University of Wrocław). Room: Kardinaal Mercierzaal, Institute of Philosophy.

17h00: Closing reception. Room: Raadzaal (Council Room), Institute of Philosophy.

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