

The Role of Constitutional Design in the Resolution of Ethno-National Conflicts: Comparative Perspectives

Jerusalem, December 17-18, 2017

Organized by the Fried-Gal Transitional Justice Program and the Minerva Center for Human Rights at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, this international workshop will utilize an examination of three principal case studies of ethno-national conflicts and attempts at resolution - Northern Ireland, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Cyprus - to advance new understandings regarding the role of constitutional design as a tool of transitional justice. In these three cases a principal part of the peace agreement (signed or suggested) includes complex power-sharing arrangements. By bringing together leading international and local researchers to examine the possibilities, limits and dangers found in the use of different constitutional arrangements in peace processes, the workshop aims to contribute to the understanding of this complex issue and trigger a critical discussion about old and new suggested solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Day 1 / Sunday, December 17, 2017

Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem

16:30-17:00 **Reception**

17:00-18:45 **Opening Keynote Session**

Greetings: **Barak Medina** / Rector, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Chair: **Limor Yehuda** / Conference Academic Coordinator, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Keynote Address: **Christopher McCrudden** / Queen's University Belfast and University of Michigan

"The Role of Comparative Perspectives in Constitutional Design"

Commentator: **Ruti Teitel** / New York Law School and Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Day 2 / Monday, December 18, 2017

Beit Maierdsdorf, Mt. Scopus Campus, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

09:00-11:00 **Session 1 / Cyprus**

Chair: **Yael Berda** / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Speakers: **Costas M. Constantinou** / University of Cyprus
"Sovereignty, Exceptionality and Constitutional Complexity in Cyprus"

Ahmet Sözen / Eastern Mediterranean University
"Constitutional Design in the 2004 Cyprus Settlement Plan: The Annan Plan and the Lessons Learnt"

11:30-13:30

Chair:

Speakers:

Session 2 / Bosnia and Herzegovina

Oren Yiftachel / Ben-Gurion University

Sumantra Bose / London School of Economics
"Bosnia's Dayton Settlement: An Assessment on its 22nd Anniversary"

Joseph Marko / University of Graz
"Problems of Constitutional Design in Divided Societies: The Case of Bosnia-Herzegovina"

13:30-15:00

Lunch Break

15:00-17:00

Session 3 / Northern Ireland

Chair:

Speakers:

Ron Dudai / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Brendan O'Leary / University of Pennsylvania
"Consociational and Confederal Futures in Northern Ireland"

Jennifer Todd / University College Dublin
"Contested Constitutionalism"

17:30-19:30

Session 4 / Concluding Roundtable: Reflections on Israel/Palestine

Chair:

Panelists:

Yuval Shany / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

David Kretzmer / Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Sapir College

Manar Mahmoud / Tel-Aviv University

Sammy Smooha / University of Haifa

Alexander Yakobson / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Limor Yehuda / Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Conference discussions will be in English

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