2019 Meeting

International Political Science Association
RC 09 (Comparative Judicial Studies)

Democracy, Populism, and Judicial Power: Where to from Here?

Prato, Italy
July 24 – 26

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Conference Location

Monash University Prato Centre
Sala Veneziana
Palazzo Vai, Via Pugliesi 26

Registration Fee

€ 175 (regular)
€ 150 (graduate students and post-docs)
**Wednesday, July 24**

**5:30 – 7:30** Opening Reception  
Location: Terrace  

**Thursday, July 25**

Room: Sala Veneziana  
Monash University Prato Centre  

8:30 – 9:00 Conference Registration  
9:00 – 9:15 Introductions and Greeting  

9:15 – 10:45 **Panel 1: Approaches and Challenges to Comparative Courts Research**  
Chair: Reggie Sheehan (National Science Foundation)  

Papers  
Tanya Bagashka (University of Houston) and Lydia Tiede (University of Houston) – The Influence of the Procurator General on Bulgaria’s Constitutional Court  
Melinda Gann Hall (Michigan State University) – Exploring Appeals Decisions in Scotland: Are Sociolegal Theories Useful?  
Diana Kapiszewski (Georgetown University) and Matthew Ingram (University of Albany) – Concepts, Data and Methods in Comparative Law and Politics  
Christopher Zorn (Penn State University) and Rebecca Gill (University of Nevada – Las Vegas) – Overcoming Barriers to Comparative Courts Research  

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break  

11:00 – 12:30 **Panel 2: Courts and Migration Policy**  
Chair: Michael Tolley (Northeastern University)  

Papers  
Dagmar Soennecken (York University) and Chris Anderson (Wilfred Laurier University) – Refugee Advocates, Courts and Public Policy Compared  
Cristina Dallara (University of Bologna, Department of Political and Social Science), Arianna Toniolo (C.O. Gruppo), and Simone Rossi (C.O. Gruppo) – Courts and migration: Bottom-up organizational innovation in the court of Catania  
Rhonda Evans (The University of Texas at Austin) – Judicialization of Asylum Policy in Australia: When Judges Push Back  
Walter Carnota (University of Buenos Aires) – Sanctuary Cities and Judicialization
12:30 – 2:00  Lunch

2:00 – 3:30  Panel 3:  Constitutional Courts and Political Power

Chair  Dagmar Soennecken (York University)

Papers  Yu-Hsien Sung (University of South Carolina) and Chin-Shou Wang (National Cheng-Kung University) – On the legitimacy of Taiwan’s Constitutional court

Maria-Dolores Collazos (Ecole de Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales de Paris) – Constitutional Courts as arbiters of the Executive power in Latin America. Lessons from Chile, Mexico and Colombia

Luigi Rullo (University of Naples Federico II) – The Italian Constitutional court in the personal leaders’ era

Kálmán Pócza (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), Gábor Dobos (Hungarian Academy of Sciences), and Attila Gyulai (Hungarian Academy of Sciences) – Politically salient issues before the Hungarian Constitutional Court (1990-2018)

3:30 – 3:45  Coffee Break

3:45 – 5:30  Panel 4:  Morality, Corruption, and Exceptionalism

Chair  Leon Barbosa (Federal University of Campina Grande)

Papers  H. W. Perry Jr. (The University of Texas at Austin), and Patrick Keyzer (La Trobe University) – Pathways for Social and Moral Issues to the Constitutional Courts of Australia and the U.S.

Cristina Dallara (University of Bologna) and Michele Sapignoli (University of Bologna) – Prosecuting political corruption: massive judicial investigative activity, with few results: Looking for explanations of the Italian exception?

James B. Kelly (Concordia University) – Stormont and Human Rights: Northern Ireland Exceptionalism and Rights-based Scrutiny

Dante Gatmaytan (The University of Philippines) – Judicial Historical Revisionism

Luca Verzelloni (University of Coimbra) – The dark side of innovation in Southern European justice systems

7:30 pm  Conference Dinner

Il Baghino Restaurant
Via dell’Accademia 9
Friday, July 26

Room: Sala Veneziana
Monash University Prato Centre

8:30 – 9:00 RC 09 Business Meeting

9:00 – 10:30 Panel 5: Judicial Empowerment, Capture, and Politicization

Chair Walter Carnota (University of Buenos Aires)

Papers
Rachel Ellett (Beloit College) – Is this Judicial Empowerment? Recent Trends in Decriminalization of Freedom of Expression in Southern Africa

Menachem Hofnung (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem) and Mohammed Wattad (Zefat College) – The Politicization of the Judicial Process in Israel

Hootan Shambayati (Florida Gulf Coast University) – Capturing the Courts: The Global Emergence of Judicial Parties and the Battle for the Courts

Leon Barbosa (Federal University of Campina Grande) and Erani Carvalho (Federal University of Pernambuco) – Causal Configurations of Latin America Judicial Empowerment

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 – 12:15 Panel 6: Judicial Quality and Decision Making Processes

Chair Rachel Ellett (Beloit College)

Papers
Alberto Merino (Universidad de Los Lagos) – Judicial Quality: The Chilean Case

Cordula Tibi Weber (GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg) and Mariana Llanos (GIGA German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Hamburg) – Latin American Courts Going Public: Institutional Innovations for Social Participation in the Judicial Decision-Making Process

Michael Tolley (Northeastern University) and Kristen M. Renberg (Duke University) – Advocates General and the Work of the Court of Justice of the European Union: A Network Analysis of the Influence of Advocate General Opinions

Barbara Grabowska-Moroz (University of Groningen) – Security of judicial appointment in a backsliding democracy: analysis of the Polish judiciary reform act in the light of the EU law

12:15 – 2:00 Lunch

2:00 Conference Adjourns