

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 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