2011 Meeting

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RC 09 (Comparative Judicial Studies)

The Judicialization of Politics from
International and Comparative Perspectives

Irvine, California, USA
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Hosts:
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Conference Location:
Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building 1517
University of California, Irvine

Registration Fee: $125 (USD)
Thursday, July 21, 2011
Room: Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building 1517

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

9:15 – 11:00  *The Judicialization of Politics in Democratic and Authoritarian Asia*
Chair: TBA
Papers:  
- **Chin-shou Wang** (National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan) – “The Rise of Judicial Politics in Taiwan”
- **Dante B. Gatmaytan** (University of the Philippines), **Sopfia Guira** (University of the Philippines), **Cielo Magno** (University of the Philippines) – “The Queen’s Court: Supreme Court Voting and Loyalty to the Arroyo Administration”
- **Stephanie Balme** (Sciences Po, France) – “Practicing the Judiciary in China: Conflicts between Political and Professional Accountability”
- **Sung-Wook Paik** (University of Maryland, College Park) – “Do Constitutional Courts Save or Kill Democratic Politics? Revisiting the Korean Constitutional Court’s Decision in the Capital Relocation Case”

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 1:00  *Judicialization, Environment, and Identity: Canada in Comparative Perspective*
Chair: TBA
Papers:  
- **C. L. Ostberg** (University of the Pacific), **Matthew E. Wetstein** (Delta College) – “The Judicialization of Postmaterial Values: Environmental Disputes in Two North American High Courts”
- **Greg Flynn** (McMaster University, Canada) – “The Policy Impact of the Judicialization of Multi-Venue Disputes: Cross-Border Environmental Problems between Canada and the United States”
- **Vuk Radmilovic** (University of Toronto, Canada) – “Statutory Invalidation, Remedial Discretion, and Strategic Judicial Behavior: Supreme Court of Canada under External Constraints”
- **Emmanuelle Richez** (McGill University, Canada) – “The Tension between Nation-Building and Diversity Management Objectives in Canadian Constitutional Jurisprudence”
Dave Snow (University of Calgary, Canada) – “The Judicialization of Assisted Reproductive Technology Policy in Canada and Australia”

1:00 – 2:15 Lunch

2:15 – 4:15 Causes and Consequences of Rights Protection
Chair TBA
Papers: Mary Volcansek (Texas Christian University), Charles Lockhart (Texas Christian University) – “Explaining Support for Human Rights Protections: A Judicial Role?”
Juan Mayoral (European University Institute, Italy) – “Supranational Delegation as a Strategy for National Courts: The Case of Social Security Rights”
Erin Delaney (Columbia University) – “Mediating Diversity: Courts and Rights in Federal Systems”
Daniel Brinks (University of Texas, Austin) and Varun Gauri (World Bank) – “The Distributive Impact of Social and Economic Rights Litigation”
Shawn Schulenberg (Marshall University) “The Construction and Enactment of Same-Sex Marriage in Argentina”

4:15 – 4:30 Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:15 Constitutions and Courts in Latin America: Regional Perspectives
Chair TBA
Papers: Royce Carroll (Rice University) and Lydia Tiede (University of Houston) – “Conflict on Chile’s Constitutional Tribunal”
Mónica Castillejos-Aragón (UC Berkeley) – “The Transformation of the Mexican Supreme Court Into an Arena of Political Contestation”
Druscilla Scribner (University of Wisconsin, Osh Kosh)
“Decriminalization of Abortion: Strategic Litigation at the Inter-American Court”
Friday, July 22, 2011
Room: Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building 1517

8:45 – 9:15  **RC Business Meeting**

9:15 – 11:00  **The Effect of Processes on Judicialization**
Chair  TBA
Sebastián Linares (University of Salamanca, Spain), Elena Martínez Barahona (University of Salamanca) – “Judicial Selection Mechanisms: Unraveling the Effects on Ideology and Professionalism”
Mary Clark (American University) – “Judicial Recusal Practices in the U.K. and U.S. Supreme Courts and their Implications for the Judicialization of Politics”
David Brown (University of Colorado), Andrew Whitford (University of Georgia), Jeff Yates (Binghamton University) – “Perceptions of the Rule of Law: Evidence about the Impact of Judicial Insulation”
Alison Dundes Renteln (University of Southern California) – “An Analysis of Domestic Implementation of the Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct”

11:00 – 11:15  **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 1:00  **International Rights Protection**
Chair  TBA
Papers:  Walter Carnota (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) – “Conventionality Control, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and Domestic Courts: An Interaction”
Jeffrey Staton (Emory University) and Alexia Romero (Stanford University) – “Doctrinal Vagueness on the Inter-American Court of Human Rights”
Wayne Sandholtz (UC Irvine) – “International Law, Constitutions, and Human Rights”
Heidi Haddad (UC Irvine) – “Judicial Institution Builders: NGOs and International Criminal and Human Rights Courts”
Michael C. Tolley (Northeastern University) – “Judicialization of Politics in Europe: Keeping Pace with Brussels, Luxembourg and Strasbourg”
1:00 – 2:30   Lunch

2:30 – 4:15   Brazil’s Supremo Tribunal Federal
Chair        TBA
Papers:      Ênio Saraiva Leão (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil) – “Judicial Control of Public Policy and its Consequences on Brazilian Foreign Policy After 1988”
             José Mário Wanderley (Catholic University of Pernambuco, Brazil), Danilo José Pacheco (Catholic University of Pernambuco, Brazil), Louise Dantas (Catholic University of Pernambuco, Brazil) – “Watching the Watchmen: Brazilian Supreme Court’s Chief Justice Role in Checking Lower Courts’ Judicial Activism”
             Matt Ingram (University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth) and Scott Desposato (UC San Diego) – “Judicial Ideology in New Democracies: Ideal Points of Justices on Brazil’s High Court”

4:15 – 4:30   Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:15   Brazilian Justice Institutions: Beyond the High Court
Chair        TBA
Papers:      Sídia Porto Lima (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil) – “Judicial Activism and Electoral Structure: An Essay about Legislative Activity by the Electoral Tribunal in Brazil”
             Ernani Carvalho (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil) and Natália Leitão (Federal University of Pernambuco) – “Procuracy Office and Independence”
             Lígia Mori Madeira (Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil) – “Getting Access to Justice in Context of Judicialization of Politics: A Study of the Role and Effectiveness of the Public Defender’s Performance in Brazil”
             Azul Aguiar (Italian Institute of Human Sciences, Italy) – “Reforms to the Public Prosecutor’s Office in Brazil, Mexico, and Chile

8:00         RC 09 Dinner
Restaurant   TBA
(location TBA)
Saturday, July 23, 2011
Room: Social and Behavioral Sciences Gateway Building 1517

9:15 – 11:00  Judicialization in Africa and the Middle East
Chair: TBA
Papers: Rachel Ellett (Beloit College) – “Judicial Supremacy in Regional Courts: A Comparative Analysis of the Caribbean and East African Courts of Justice”
Joseph Isanga (Ave Maria School of Law) – “Constitutional Courts and the Judicialization of Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa”
Abolfazl Masoumi (University of Ottawa, Canada) – “Judicialization of Politics in Iran”
Mahmoud Hamad (Drake University/Cairo University Egypt) and Mohamed Samir Helmy (Administrative Prosecution Authority) – “Judicialization without Democratization: the Council of State and Political Accountability in Egypt”
Aylin Aydin (Sabanci University, Turkey) – “Judicialization of Politics in Developing Democracies: A Case Study of the Turkish Constitutional Court”

11:00 – 11:15  Coffee Break

11:15 – 1:00  National-Level Judicialization in Europe
Chair: TBA
Papers: Adam McAuley (Dublin College University, Ireland) – “The Ebb and Flow of Judicial Review in Ireland”
Lucia Dalla Pellegrina (Bocconi University, Italy) and Nuno Garoupa (University of Illinois) – “Choosing Between the Government and the Regions: An Empirical Analysis of Italian Constitutional Court Decisions”
David Kosař (New York University) – “Judicializing ‘Judicial Politics’ in the Czech Republic and Slovakia”
Simone Benvenuti (University of Rome, Italy) – “A Study on Judicial Culture in Countries from Ex-Yugoslavia: The Supreme Courts of Slovenia, Serbia, and Croatia”

1:00 – 2:15  Lunch
2:15 – 4:15  The Argentine Supreme Court in Comparative Perspective
Chair  TBA
Papers:  Andrés del Río (State University of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil) – “Institutional Developments of the Argentinian National Supreme Court and the Brazilian Federal Supreme Court: Trajectories Compared from Establishment to Re-Democratization”
Gabriel Pereira (University of Oxford) – “The Impact of Judicialization on the Process of Re-Constructing the Legitimacy and Authority of Courts: The Case of the Argentine Supreme Court”
Marcelo Leiras (University of San Andrés, Argentina), Agustina Giraudy (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill), Guadalupe Tuñón (University of San Andrés, Argentina) – “Who Wants an Independent Court? Political Competition and Supreme Court Instability in the Argentine Provinces (1984-2008)”
Jorge O. Bercholc (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) – “Judges’ Appointment Process of a Constitutional Court: The Case of the Supreme Court of Argentina”

4:15 – 4:30  Coffee Break

4:30 – 6:15  Judicialization, Rights, and the “Other”
Chair  TBA
Papers:  Sophia Muller (University of Ottawa, Canada), Helaina Gaspard (University of Ottawa, Canada) – “Queer Federalism: a Comparative Study of Lesbian and Gay Rights Advocacy within the Context of Canada and Australia”
Rhonda Evans (East Carolina University) – “Asylum Policy in Australia: What’s the High Court Got to Do with It?”
Rebecca Hamlin (Grinnell College) – “Judicialization and Non-Citizens in Comparative Perspective”
Charles Anthony Smith (UC Irvine) and Heather Smith (Lewis and Clark College) – “International Cheap Talk: The Dutch Government and the ABC Islands Human Trafficking in the Absence of Judicialization”

6:15  Conference Adjourns

6:30  Closing Reception