

**2011 Meeting of the Research Committee of Comparative Judicial Studies
(IPSA #9)**

**The Judicialization of Politics from International and Comparative
Perspectives**

University of California – Irvine

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Paper and panel proposals for the 2011 meeting of the Research Committee on Comparative Judicial Studies are now being accepted. The meeting is open to all scholars interested in the study of law and courts from a comparative perspective. The theme of the 2011 meeting is “The Judicialization of Politics from International and Comparative Perspectives.” The comparative and international law and courts literatures robustly describe the contours of and different forms judicialization takes in a variety of polities. This literature has also developed explanations of the causes of the judicialization of politics including why courts are empowered, why people turn to courts to resolve disputes, and why courts become involved in the policy process.

The emerging horizon of this research stream is an examination of the impact of judicialization. Paper and panel proposals devoted to the following topics are especially welcome:

- The Impact of Judicialization on the Processes of Design, Debate, Passage, and Implementation of Policy;
- The Impact of Judicialization on Policy Content, Outcomes, and Effects;
- Variation in the Impact of Judicialization on Policy and the Policy Process Over Time and Across Borders;
- Causes of Variation in the Impact of Judicialization;
- Judicialization of Politics by other means.

Papers with an international dimension will be placed on panels such as:

- The Effects of Judicialization on Emerging International Legal Regimes;
- Judicialization as a Barrier to or Source of International Harmonization.
- Judicial Balancing and Legal Reasoning in Comparative and International Perspectives.

Papers in the field of comparative courts are also welcome, such as those involving but not limited to:

- Comparative Conflict Resolution in Non-traditional Settings;
- Courts and Comparative Elections;
- Law and Religion in Different Cultural Contexts;
- Comparative Impact of Judicial Policy Making;
- The Judicial Role in Emerging Democracies and Authoritarian States;
- Relationships and Differences between Constitutional Courts and Supreme Courts;
- Comparative Studies of Sub-national Courts;
- Constitutional Courts in Emerging Democracies;
- Rights Protection in Parliamentary Systems and Constitutional Democracies.

The co-convenors anticipate developing one edited volume on comparative law topics and one edited volume on international law topics derived from the presented papers.

Please submit your **200 word abstracts** via email by November 15, 2010, to the conference co-convenors and hosts: Professor James Kelly james.kelly@concordia.ca ; Professor Tony Smith tonysmithuci@gmail.com ; and Professor Diana Kapiszewski dianakap@uci.edu