Comparative Judicial Research Group (RC #9)

Program for Annual Meeting

Parma, Italy

Università degli Studi di Parma, Dipartimento di Studi Politici e Sociali Sociologia del Diritto

Professor Carlo Rossetti, Host

June 16-18, 2003

Monday, June 16

Arrival in Parma

4:00-6:00 Registration

6:30 Keynote Address by R.H. Dr. Andrea Borri, President of Province of Parma “The Italian Political System”

Tuesday, June 17

Welcoming Address: Professor Gino Ferretti, Magnifico Rettore, University of Parma

Panel I. 9:00-10:30 am Judicial Legitimacy: Theory and Concepts

Chair: Mary Volcansek (m.volcansek@tcu.edu)

“Compromising Rights: How Does a Constitution Mean”
Judith Baer, Texas A&M University
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“Supreme Court Legitimacy: Views from Inside”
Beverly Blair Cook
Emeritus Professor, U. of Wisconsin—Milwaukee
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“Forms of Judicial Power:
Professor Bela Pokol
Eotvos Lorand University, Budapest
Panel II: 11:00-12:30 National Courts in Mature Democracies I

Chair: Leslie Goldstein, University of Delaware

“Judicial Legitimacy in Latin Europe”
Carlo Guarnieri
Department of Political Science
University of Bologna

“Legislative Responses to Judicial Supremacy: Parliamentary and Bureaucratic Rights Activism in Canada, Australia and New Zealand”
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“Recent Constitutional Reforms of the UK Judiciary”
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12:30- 2:30 Lunch

Panel III: 2:30-4:00 National Courts in Transitional Democracies
Chair, Carl Baar (baar@yorku.ca)

“The Egyptian Supreme Constitutional Court: The Dual Search for Legitimacy”
Mahmoud M. Hamad
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“Constitutional Courts in New Democracies”
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“Mexico’s Supreme Court: Explaining the 1994 Judicial Reform and Documenting the Empowerment of the Court via Post-reform Judicial Rulings”
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“Assessing the Status of Court and International Efforts to Strengthen Judicial Independence in Ten Southeast Asian Countries”
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Wednesday, June 18th

Panel IV: 9:00-10:30 National Courts in Mature Democracies II
Chair: Judith Baer, Texas A&M University

“Judicial Risk Adverseness in a Westminster Parliamentary System: A Preliminary Analysis of the Canadian Case”
Roy B. Flemming
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“Interpreting a Bill of Rights: Why Look Only to Courts for Answers?”
Janet Hiebert
Department of Political Studies
Panel V: 11:00-12:30  International Legitimacy: National, Transnational and International

Chair: Roy Flemming, Texas A&M University
Discussant: Daniel Kramer, Staten Island College

“Universal Human Rights Jurisdiction: National and Transnational Courts”
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“Legitimacy and Power: Justice, Politics and War Crimes Tribunals”
Charles Anthony Smith
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“Judicial Enforcement of Socio-economic Rights in Comparative Perspective”
Michael Tolley
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“From Whence They Came: Judicial Background and Judgments at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia”
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12:30-2:30 Lunch

Panel VI: 2:30-4:00 Judicial Legitimacy in Mature Democracies III

Chair: Elisabetta de Franciscis, Universita di Napoli

“Judicial Legitimacy in Italy”
Carlandrea Cremonini, Attorney, Parma

“Undermining the Judges’ Credibility and Judicial Responses in Italy: Comparative Remarks”
Prof. Carlo Rossetti
University of Parma

“Studying Context versus the Rule of Law in the American States: The Case of Tort Litigation”
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“Judicial Supremacy Canadian Style: Techniques of Judicial Activism”
Eugene Dais
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7:00 pm Cesare Azzali
Director of the Unione degli Industriali—Parma
“Politics, Economics and Society: Parma and Europe”