

Workshop for young researchers

Framing and Diagnosing Constitutional Degradation: a Comparative Perspective

Monday June 22, 2020 (2,30 – 7 pm) – Tuesday June 23, 2020 (9,30 am – 5 pm)

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Plesso San Francesco – Piazza San Francesco 7, Siena

The workshop is part of the research project PRIN 2017 on “Framing and Diagnosing Constitutional Degradation: a Comparative Perspective” (Principal Investigator professor Tania Groppi).

Keynote Speakers and Chairs:

Tom Ginsburg (University of Chicago)

Paolo De Caterini (Presidente Associazione italiana giuristi europei-AIGE)

Ibrahim O. Kaboglu (Emeritus, University of Marmara, Istanbul)

Josep Castellà (University of Barcelona)

Helle Krunke (University of Copenhagen)

Fruszina Orosz (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Zoltan Szente (Hungarian Academy of Sciences)

Irene Spigno (Academia Interamericana de Derechos Humanos)

Carla Bassu (Università di Sassari)

Tommaso Edoardo Frosini (Università Sour Orsola Benincasa di Napoli)

Rolando Tarchi (Università di Pisa)

Francesco Clementi (Università di Perugia)

Angela Di Gregorio (Università degli Studi di Milano)

Paolo Passaglia (Università di Pisa)

CALL FOR PAPERS

Workshop subjects

The workshop deals with the phenomenon of the deterioration of the structure and substance of the constitutional liberal democracy, which has taken place in the past decade worldwide.

By exploring and comparing several national experiences, in countries that have generally been regarded as democracies, the workshop is aimed at framing the conceptual boundaries of the “constitutional degradation”.

Degradation is more difficult to detect than traditional authoritarian threats, as changes leading to the degradation may be considered irrelevant or even defensible if taken individually and may cause degradation only as a consequence of their cumulative effect.

Young scholars interested in contributing to the workshop are asked to explore especially the following questions:

- a) The processes of constitutional degradation. How are they taking place? Which legal tools are employed?
- b) The institutional arrangements that can promote these processes in order to point out some particularly vulnerable elements of the constitutional liberal democracies which are especially at risk.
- c) Solutions: institutional arrangements which can protect constitutional liberal democracies, especially by presenting national experiences and best practices.

Papers should especially deal with the following areas of constitutional law (without *a priori* excluding other issues):

- Constitutional amendments;
- Relationship between domestic and international or supranational legal order;
- Fundamental rights and freedoms (especially freedom of expression, association, assembly, education);
- Rule of law (including the independence of the judiciary and the separation between politics and administration);
- Constitutional justice;
- Parliamentary control over the Executive power (including the status of the opposition and the role of parliamentary standing orders);
- Electoral systems, political parties' regulations and referenda.

Workshop Language

Papers should preferably be presented in English, although exceptionally presentations in Italian can be accepted.

Deadlines

Young scholars interested in presenting papers must submit before the 31st of March an abstract (max. 500 words) in English, together with a CV, at the following e-mail address: milani@unisi.it. Proposals will be selected by the scientific coordinators of the workshop.

Selection's results will be notified before the 15th of April. Before the 31st of May the selected authors will have to send the written text of their paper (max 5,000 words).

Papers' presentation and publishing

The selected papers will be presented during the workshop (max. 10 minutes).

Papers will be published, subject to successful blind peer-review, in a book published by an international publisher.

Travel and subsistence expenses

Panelists will have to provide for their own travel and subsistence expenses. The organizing committee and the Congress Services Department of the University of Siena will support participants in finding accommodation. The dinner on June 22 and the lunch on June 23 will be covered by the organization.

Scientific Coordination

Prof. Tania Groppi, Prof. Carla Bassu, Prof. Tommaso Edoardo Frosini, Prof. Rolando Tarchi

Organizing Committee

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