Symposium on  
The Constitution of Canada: History, Evolution, Influence and Reform  

On the Occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Confederation  
In memory of Alessandro Pizzorusso  

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Convened by  
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8.30am: Welcoming Remarks  

8.45am: Panel I: The Migration of Ideas  

Chair Guerino D’Ignazio (University of Calabria)  


2. Leonardo Pierdominici (University of Bologna and European University Institute): The Canadian Living Tree Doctrine as a Comparative Model of Evolutionary Constitutional Interpretation  

3. Francisco Javier Romero (University of the Basque Country): The Spanish Vision of the Clarity Act: From Idealization to the Myth  

Discussant: Angioletta Sperti (University of Pisa)
10:20am: **Panel II: Institutional Challenges**

**Chair** Marco Olivetti (LUMSA, Rome)

1. James Gardner (SUNY Buffalo Law School): **Canadian Federalism in Design and Practice: The Mechanics of a Permanently Provisional Constitution**

2. Lorne Neudorf (Thompson Rivers University): **Executive Erosion of Parliamentary Sovereignty: Comparative Perspectives on Lawmaking in Canada and the United Kingdom**


4. Allan Tatham (CEU-San Pablo Madrid): **Diffusing Canadian Constitutional Values Abroad: The Diplomatic Work of the Supreme Court of Canada**

**Discussant:** Paolo Passaglia (University of Pisa)

12:00pm: **Keynote Address**

Susanna Mancini (University of Bologna and Johns Hopkins University):

**Constitutional Currents and Cross-Currents: From Canada to Europe and Back**

Lunch Break

2:00pm: **Panel III: The Constitution Across Time**

**Chair** Matteo Nicolini (University of Verona)

1. Brian Bird (McGill University): **The Unbroken Supremacy of the Canadian Constitution**

2. Eszter Bodnár (Eötvös Loránd University): **Transparency of the Selection Process for the Supreme Court of Canada: What Can the World Learn From Canada, What Can Canada Learn From the World?**


4. Charlotte Helen Skeet (University of Sussex): **Post-Coloniality and the Development of Women’s Constitutional Rights in Canada**

**Discussant:** Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)
3:45pm: **Panel IV: Interpreting and Enforcing Rights**

**Chair:** Giacomo Delledonne (Scuola Sant’Anna, Pisa)

1. Geoffrey Conrad (McGill University): *From Justice to Justification: A Genealogy of Section 7 of the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*

2. Jacqueline Hand (Detroit Mercy): *Canada’s Duty to Consult Indigenous Peoples: The Importance of its Constitutional Basis*

3. Davide Strazzari (University of Trento): *Immigration and Federalism in Canada: Some Lessons to Learn*

**Discussant:** Anna Gamper (University of Innsbruck)

5:05pm: Closing Remarks

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