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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)

1. Hillel Sommer (Radzyner Law School- IDC Herzliya): **The Canadian Override Mechanisms: A “Bête Noire”? A White Knight? Designing 50 Shades of Grey**
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**
3. Peter Price (University of Cambridge): **Provincializing Constitutions: History, Narrative, and the Recovery of Canada's Provincial Constitutions**
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?**
3. Marcel Martel (York University Toronto): **The "French Canadian" Moment and the "Quebec" Moment: A Comparison Between 1867 and 1967.**
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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