

Research Methods in Constitutional Law Conference

16 November 2017 (3pm) to Saturday 18 November 2017 (1pm)
Faculty of Law, University of Oslo

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

Location: Juridisk eksamenssal ([Karl Johans gate 47](#))

- 15:00** **ANNUAL SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM**
Chair: Benedikte Høgberg, University of Oslo
Illiberal Democracy and Comparative Constitutionalism
Eirik Holmøyvik, University of Bergen
Historical approaches to the study of constitutional law
Jack Rakove, Stanford University
Commentator: *Anine Kierulf, National Institution for Human Rights*
- 16:15** **SESSION 1 – FUNDAMENTALS OF RESEARCH METHODOLOGY**
Chair: David Law, Washington University in St Louis/University of Hong Kong
Conceptualisation and measurement
Mat McCubbins, Duke University
Sampling and case selection
Melissa Carlson, University of California, Berkeley
Causal inference
Chris Whytock, University of California, Irvine
Methodological Pluralism
Malcolm Langford, University of Oslo
- 18:15** **Drinks Café Amsterdam (Kristian Augusts gate 12)**
- 19:30** **Dinner at Café Christiania (Nedre Vollgate 19)**
Please note that dinner is by invitation only



FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER.

Location: Domus Nova, Room 770 ([St. Olavs plass 5](#), on the 7th floor)

9:00 SESSION 2 - QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Chair: Daniel Naurin, Professor, University of Oslo

Databases for studying constitutional law
Lee Epstein, Washington University in St Louis
(writing with Andrew Martin & James Gibson)

Electoral gerrymandering: Quantitative analysis of electoral systems
Simon Jackman, University of Sydney

Quantitative analysis of judicial voting
Benjamin Alarie and Andrew Green, University of Toronto

11:00 SESSION 3 – COMPUTATIONAL METHODS

Chair: Benjamin Alarie, University of Toronto

Machine learning
Albert Yoon, University of Toronto (writing with Antony Niblett)

Network science & artificial intelligence
Dan Katz, Michigan State

Evolutionary dynamics
Daria Roithmayr, USC & Andrew Papachristos, Yale

12:45 LUNCH

13:30 Automated content analysis
Brandon Stewart, Princeton University

The computational turn in legal research
David Law, Washington University in St Louis and University of Hong Kong

15:00 VISIT TO NORWEGIAN SUPREME COURT

Introduction: Justice Arnfinn Bårdsen, Supreme Court of Norway



16:30 SESSION 4 – GENERATING DATA/QUALITATIVE METHODS

Chair: *Benedikte Høggberg, University of Oslo*

Empirical study of normative claims

Paul Gowder, University of Iowa

Experimental research

David Fontana, George Washington University

Interview fieldwork and observational methods

Siri Gloppen, University of Bergen

Doctrinal methods

Alex Schwartz, University of Hong Kong

19:30 DINNER at Brasserie 45 (Stortingsgata 20)

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SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

Location: Professorboligen ([Karl Johans gate 47](#))

9:00 SESSION 5 – RESEARCH AGENDAS

Chair: *Lee Epstein, Washington University in St Louis*

Institutionalist approaches

Mark Graber, University of Maryland-College Park

Game theory and formal modeling

John Ferejohn, New York University

Critical approaches

Tshepo Madlingozi, University of Pretoria

11:00 WAY FORWARD

12:30 CLOSE

OPTIONAL ORGANISED TOURISM

10:30, Thu 16 Nov: Visit to the [Norwegian Folk Museum](#)



14:00, Sat 18 Nov Visit to the [Vigeland Sculpture Park](#)

