



Research Methods in Constitutional Law Conference

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

THURSDAY 16 NOVEMBER

15:00 ANNUAL SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONALISM

Chair: Benedikte Høgberg, University of Oslo

Illiberal Democracy and Comparative Constitutionalism

Eirik Holmøyvik, University of Bergen

Quantitative analysis of electoral systems

Simon Jackman, University of Sydney

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

Methodological Pluralism

Malcolm Langford, University of Oslo

Conceptualisation and measurement

Jonathan Katz, California Institute of Technology

Sampling and case selection

Melissa Carlson, University of California, Berkeley

Causal inference

Chris Whytock, University of California, Irvine

18:15 Reception and Dinner

FRIDAY 17 NOVEMBER

9:00 SESSION 2 - QUANTITATIVE METHODS

Chair: *Alex Schwartz, University of Hong Kong*

Databases for studying constitutional law

Lee Epstein, Washington University in St Louis

Quantitative analysis of constitutional drafting

Adam Chilton, University of Chicago

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*

Automated content analysis

Brandon Stewart, Princeton University

Machine learning

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

Network science & artificial intelligence

Dan Katz, Michigan State

12:30 LUNCH

13:30 *Evolutionary dynamics*

Daria Roithmayr, USC & Andrew Papachristos, Yale

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: *Kristin Sandvik, IKRS, 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

19:00 DINNER

SATURDAY 18 NOVEMBER

9:00 SESSION 5 – RESEARCH AGENDAS

Chair: *Benedikte Høggberg, University of Oslo*

Historical approaches to the study of constitutional law

Jack Rakove, Stanford University

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

12:00 CLOSE

OPTIONAL ORGANISED TOURISM

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



15:00, Sat 18 Nov Visit to the [Vigeland Sculpture Park](#)

