

March 6-8th, 2020

Constitutionalism in the Age of Populism

International Conference at the University of Victoria
FACULTY OF LAW, THE MURRAY AND ANNE FRASER BUILDING, ROOM 152



March 6, 2:30 – 4:30pm

Keynote Address by **Richard Bellamy**
University College London, United Kingdom

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* All Welcome *

When is Democracy Constitutional?
*On the Relations between Political, Populist and
Popular Constitutionalism*

* Conference Dinner: 6pm Faculty Club, UVic ~ Registration Mandatory *

March 7th, 8:30am – 5:30pm

* Registration & Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 9am *

* Lunch 12:30 to 2pm *

SESSION A | 9:00 to 10:30 am

Understanding the Populist Challenge

Chair: **Hester Lessard**, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Cutting our Way through the Thicket: Populism,
its Affinities, its Consequences, and our Responses

Jeremy Webber Faculty of Law, UVic

Global Responses to Populism and its Causes

Daniel Weinstock, Faculty of Law, McGill University

Revisiting Spain's Populist Moment:
Left/Right Populism and Beyond

Pablo Ouziel Department of Political Science,
Centre for Global Studies, UVic

* Morning Break 10:30 to 11am *

SESSION B | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Populism, Courts, and the Rule of Law

Chair: **Donald Galloway**, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Friends or Foes? The Uncertain Relationship of
Eternity Clauses and Populism

Silvia Suteu Faculty of Law, UCL

Populism, elections, legal paradigm:
The interpretative struggle of the Hungarian
constitutional court in electoral matters

János Mécs Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE)

Between Liberalism and Populism:
Central-Eastern European States on the Road
to Post-Conventional Constitutionalism

Adam Czarnota Faculty of Law,
University of New South Wales (UNSW)

SESSION C | 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Who is the People in Populism?

Chair: **Rebecca Nelems**, Graduate Student Fellow at the
Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria

Populism as an Illiberal Response to the
Crisis of Democracy: Exploring the Link between
Popular Sovereignty and Liberal Rights

Oliver Schmidtke Department of History and Political Science, UVic

Populism versus Popular Republicanism
on the Battleground of Diversity

Peter Kraus Institute for Canadian Studies, University of Augsburg

Culture Cops and Cancel Cultures:
Indigenous Peoples & Populism

John Borrows Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Law, UVic

* Afternoon Break 3:30 to 4pm *

SESSION D | 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Populist Democracy and Supra-National Norms

Chair: **Keith Cherry**, Graduate Student Fellow at the
Centre for Global Studies, University of Victoria

The Role of International Institutions
in the Protection of Constitutionalism

Eszter Bodnár Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University ELTE

Populism and the Question of EU Reform

John Erik Fossum ARENA Centre for European,
University of Oslo (UiO)

The Democratic Limits of “Anti-Populism”

Thibault Biscahie
Department of Politics, York University

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March 8th, 8:30am – 1pm

* Continental Breakfast 8:30 to 9am *

SESSION E | 9:00 to 10:30 am

A Democratic Rule of Law?

Chair: **Kathryn Chan**, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria

Informal, Democratic Structures
and the Control of the Central Political Power

Zoltán Pozsár-Szentmiklósy

Faculty of Law, Eötvös Loránd University ELTE

Jurisdictional Relationships

Patricia Cochran Faculty of Law, UVic

The (Im)Possibility of Populist Jurisprudence.
Lessons from Poland

Michał Stambulski

Centre for Legal Education and Social Theory,
University of Wrocław

* Morning Break 10:30 to 11am *

SESSION F | 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Responding to Populism's Democratic Challenge

Chair: **Cindy Holder**, Department of Philosophy,
University of Victoria

Demos or Demons: Do Populist
Majorities Threaten Democracy?

Colin Macleod Department of Philosophy, UVic

Colonialism, Constituent Power and Referendums:
When is Popular Sovereignty not Populist?

Hoi Kong P.A. Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia

Populism, Constitutionalism, and
the Administrative State

Kristen Rundle Law School, University of Melbourne

SESSION G | 12:30 pm to 1:00 pm

Closing Comments

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