



Constitutional Reform and Social Change in Asia and the Middle East

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Constitutional reforms are being discussed in different regional contexts today. These endeavors develop in a context of increased transnationalization of norms and orders. Yet, they also vary from one region to the other. Furthermore, while debates on constitutional reform do not always lead to concrete changes of the Constitution they can evoke the emergence of new constitutional interpretations and lead to the transformation of norms. This lecture series aims therefore at inviting experts in the field of constitutional reform to present constitutional debates in (and beyond) Asia and the Middle East and to analyze ensuing political transformations, normative changes and emerging new discursive patterns.

Convenors

Dr. Yasmine Berriane, Prof. Dr. David Chiavacci,
Prof. Dr. Matthias Mahlmann



March 17, 2015, 18:15–20:00, University of Zurich, KOL F-117, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich

2011 and the Middle East Challenge to World Constitutionalism

Prof. Dr. Chibli Mallat, University of Utah / Saint-Joseph University, Lebanon

April 28, 2014, 18:15–20:00, University of Zurich, KOL F-117, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich

Zwischen anspruchsvollen Erwartungen vom Staat und Repräsentationsdefizite: Warum akzeptieren viele Japaner den LDP-Entwurf der anti-freiheitlichen Verfassungsrevision?

Prof. Dr. Hiroshi Nishihara, Waseda University

May 7, 2014, 18:15–20:00, University of Zurich, KOL F-117, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich

Assessing the Social Rights Jurisprudence of India: Perspectives from Constitutional Theory and Comparative Law

Prof. Dr. Arun Thiruvengadam, National University of Singapore