

Constitutional Polycrisis and Emergency Constitutionalism

(4 April 2025, Sofia, Bulgaria)

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:30 Opening speeches

Panel I. The Conceptual Shapes of Constitutional Crisis and Emergency

9:30-11:10

1. Christoph Bezemek (University of Graz, Austria) Normality and Normativity. Notes on a Fraught Relationship
2. Michael Green (William and Mary Law School, USA) Authority and Emergency
3. Guillaume Tusseau (Sciences Po, Paris, France) The Concept of Constitutional Emergency: Towards an Argumentative Approach
4. Martin Belov (University of Sofia 'St. Kliment Ohridski', Bulgaria) The Constitutional Imaginaries of Crisis and Emergency: between Battle of Narratives and Entanglement in Quantum Constitutionalism

Panel II. Emergency, Identity, Interpretation

11:10-12:30

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5. Djordje Gardasevic (University of Zagreb, Croatia) - Constitutional Interpretation of Emergencies: Sustainability of Typical Normative Arguments over Time
6. Alan Greene (University of Birmingham, UK) – Constitutional Identity and States of Exceptions
7. Laurianne Allezard (University of Lund, Sweden) - The Justification of Law: A Heterogeneous Constitutional Constraint in Times of Crisis or Emergency

Coffee break (12:30-12:50)

Panel III. Crisis and Emergency in Multilevel and Consociational Constitutional Orders

12:50 - 14:30

8. Francesco Palermo (University of Verona and Eurac, Bolzano, Italy) – Emergency constitutionalism, federalism and participation
9. Soeren Keil (University of Passau, Germany) - “Constitutionalism in Times of Crises - Comparative Insights from Emergency Provisions in European Democracies during the Covid-19 Pandemic”
10. Gavin Barrett (UCD, Dublin, Ireland) - Coping with crises in a multilevel constitutional order: the example of the European Union
11. Allison McCulloch (Brandon University, Canada) – Constitutionalism amid Crisis: Adopting and Adapting Consociational Settlements

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Lunch break (14:30 – 16:00)

Panel IV. Populism, Emergency, Crisis

16:00 – 17:40

12. Catarina Santos Botelho (UCP, Porto, Portugal) and Marta Vicente (UCP, Porto, Portugal)
- Populism and the transformations in the global economic constitution
13. Cosmin Cercel (University of Gent, Belgium) - Contexts of Crisis: Sovereign Power, Constitutional change and Dictatorship in Interwar Romania
14. Yaniv Roznai (Reichman University, Herzliya, Israel) – The Judicial Overhaul and the Gaza War
15. Antonia Baraggia (University of Milan, Italy) – Militant constitutionalism in times of polycrisis: the EU perspective

Closing remarks 17:40-18:00