## **ECPR 2013 Joint Sessions Workshop**

# The Judiciary and the Quality of Democracy in Comparative Perspective

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#### Schedule

Wednesday March 13th

8.30-9.30 **Carmen Navarro & Alfonso Egea**, "Perceptions of Judicial power in a context of budget restraint. The case of Spain"

Discussant: Juan Antonio Mayoral Ascencio

9.30-10.30 Mariana Llanos & Cordula Tibi Weber & Charlotte Heyl & Alexander Stroh, "Informal Interference with the Judiciary in New Democracies: A Comparison of African and Latin American Cases"

Discussant: Julio Ríos-Figueroa

10.30-10.50 coffee break

10.50-11.50 **Joost van Spanje** & **Claes de Vreese**, "The way democracy works: The impact of hate speech prosecution of a politician on citizens' satisfaction with democratic performance"

Discussant: Benjamin Engst

11.50-12.50 **Cristina Parau**, "Explaining judiciary governance in Central and Eastern Europe: external incentives, transnational elites and Parliament inaction"

Discussant: Carmen Navarro

12.50-14.00 lunch

14.00-15.00 **Daniel Stockemer** & **Petra Guasti** & **David Siroky**, "The Violation of Human Rights in New Europe: A Cross-National Analysis"

Discussant: Joost van Spanje

15.00-16.00 **Julio Rios-Figueroa**, "The Military, Constitutionalism, and Democracy. Institutional Design and Constitutional Jurisprudence on Military Justice in Latin America"

Discussant: María Popova

## Thursday March 14th

8.30-9.30 **Tom Clark** & **Benjamin Lauderdale**, "Scaling Politically Meaningful Dimensions Using Texts and Votes"

Discussant: Chris Hanretty

9.30-10.30 **Chris Hanretty**, "Disagreement on Central European Constitutional Courts"

Discussant: Tom Clark

*10.30-10.50* coffee break

10.50-11.50 **Gerald Baier**, "Judicial Career Influences and the Supreme Court of Canada"

**Discussant: Caroline Wittig** 

11.50-12.50 **Caroline Wittig**, "From Personal Traits to Separate Opinions - Dissenting Judges at the German Federal Constitutional Court"

Discussant: Gerald Baier

12.50-14.00 lunch

Friday March 15th

8.30-9.30 **Benjamin Engst**, "From Guardian to Policy Maker: Judges limiting political actors"

Discussant: Cordula Tibi Weber

9.30-10.30 **Ferran Martinez i Coma** & **Juan Antonio Mayoral & Brad Epperly**, "Explaining Satisfaction With Justice in European Democracies"

Discussant: Petra Guasti

10.30-10.50 coffee break

10.50-11.50 **Maria Popova & Andrew Faisman**, "Political Competition and Judicial Independence in Democracies: A Cross-National Test"

Discussant: James Melton

11.50-12.50 **James Melton** & **Tom Ginsburg**, "Does De Jure Judicial Independence Really Matter?: A Reevaluation of Explanations for Judicial Independence"

Discussant: Brad Epperly

# 12.50-14.00 lunch

14.00-15.00 **Benjamin Engst & Caroline Wittig & Christoph Hoennige & Thomas Gschwend & Jens Brandenburg**, "Courts as Veto Players: A Dynamic Game-Theoretic Model"

Discussant: Jeffrey Staton

15.00-16.00 **Jeffrey K. Staton**, "A Monitoring Mechanism for Constitutional Decisions in Costa Rica"

Discussant: Christoph Hönnige

19.00 Workshop dinner in the city