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Joint Utrecht/MMG-MPG Workshop on Methods and Research Design in Comparative Constitutional Studies for PhD candidates and post-docs

Utrecht University, School of Law – 15 March 2018

Prof. Ran Hirschl (Toronto/Göttingen/Max Planck Society)
Prof. Elaine Mak (Utrecht)

On Thursday 15 March, the Montaigne Centre at Utrecht University will host a workshop on comparative methods and research design in the field of comparative constitutional law. The key note speaker and main discussant will be Prof. Ran Hirschl, one of the main voices in current academic scholarship in law and political science and the author of inter alia *Towards Juristocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2004) and *Comparative Matters* (OUP, 2014).

Selected PhD candidates and post-docs from the UU and from Prof. Hirschl's group will present their research and receive comments from Prof. Hirschl and from the other participants. Two slots are available for external speakers (see below, call for abstracts).

Confirmed speakers and topics are:

Leonie Huijbers (UU): Process-based fundamental rights review
Erin Jackson (UU): Trust-building between judges in Europe
dr. Erie Tanja (UU): Responsive forms of governance and the effects on the rule of law
Evan Rosevear (Toronto): Comparative social and economic rights jurisprudence
dr. Eugénie Mérieau (Göttingen): Constitutional law and politics in Southeast Asia (Thailand)
dr. Martijn van den Brink (Göttingen): Constitutional law and citizenship at the pan-European level

We invite junior and senior researchers with an interest in the methodology of comparative constitutional law research to participate in this workshop. If you wish to attend, please register with montaignecentrum@uu.nl by 28 February 2018. As places for this event are limited, registrations will be handled on a 'first come, first served' basis.

Date and time: 15 March 2018, 9.30-17.00, followed by drinks

Location: UU Law school building, Newtonlaan 201, room 4A.24-30

Programme (further details coming soon):

9.30-10.00 Welcome with coffee and tea
10.00-10.05 Opening by Prof. Elaine Mak
10.05-10.45 Introduction by Prof. Ran Hirschl and Q&A with the audience
10.45-11.45 Two PhD/post-doc presentations and discussion

11.45-12.00 Coffee and tea break
12.00-13.00 Two PhD/post-doc presentations and discussion
13.00-14.00 Lunch
14.00-15.00 Two PhD/post-doc presentations and discussion
15.00-16.00 Two PhD/post-doc presentations and discussion
16.00-16.15 Coffee and tea break
16.15-17.00 Final discussion and conclusions
17.00-18.00 Drinks

More information on Ran Hirschl is available here: <http://www.law.utoronto.ca/faculty/hirschl>

Call for abstracts for the two final slots in the workshop

Two slots in the workshop have been reserved for PhD candidates or post-docs from outside the Montaigne Centre and Prof. Hirschl's group. Should you be interested in presenting your research in one of these slots, please contact Prof. Elaine Mak (e.mak@uu.nl) by 23 February 2018. In your e-mail, please include a short abstract of the research project which you'd like to present and indicate the methodological approach for this research (e.g. legal doctrinal analysis, use of methods from the social sciences, etc.). After the closing date, Prof. Hirschl and Prof. Mak will select two abstracts for the presentations.