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# Symposium on Constitutional Preambles

Monday September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017

1:30-5:00 pm

Schouwburgstraat 2, The Hague (The Hague Campus, Leiden University)

Room A2.01

*There is a global trend towards including a preamble in new constitutions. The main purpose of this symposium is to reflect on the functions of constitutional preambles. In the first panel, the authors will present their book *Constitutional Preambles: A Comparative Analysis* (Edward Elgar 2017). In the second panel, three international experts will discuss the process of drafting a preamble as well as its role in law and politics. The third panel deals with the recent proposal to add a quasi-preamble (a general provision) to the Dutch Constitution, focussing on its potential added value.*

## Agenda

### Welcoming remarks (1:30-1:45 pm)

### Panel 1: Book Presentation *Constitutional Preambles* (1:45-2:45 pm)

- Maarten Stremmer, *Researcher and Lecturer in Constitutional Law, Tilburg University*
- Paul Cliteur, *Professor of Jurisprudence, Leiden University*
- Wim Voermans, *Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Leiden University*
- Discussion

### Panel 2: Constitutional Preambles in Practice (2:45-3:45 pm)

- Jason Gluck, *Policy Specialist, Political Dialogues and Constitutional Processes, UNDP*
- Sumit Bisarya, *Senior Programme Manager for Constitution-Building, International IDEA*
- Fabio Longo, *Assistant Professor in Comparative Public Law, University of Turin*
- Discussion

### Panel 3: A Quasi-Preamble for the Dutch Constitution? (3:45-4:45 pm)

- Karin van Leeuwen, *Lecturer in modern European history, University of Amsterdam*
- Sven Koopmans, *MP House of Representatives (VVD)*
- Joost Sneller, *Director Mr. Hans van Mierlo Stichting (D66)*
- Discussion

### Concluding remarks (4:45-5:00 pm)

For registration and further information, please contact Maarten Stremmer

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