

CALL FOR PAPERS

EUROPEAN YEARBOOK OF CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (EYCL), VOL 6

VARIETIES OF CONSTITUTIONALISM

The European Yearbook of Constitutional Law is pleased to announce a call for submissions for its sixth volume on the theme of 'Varieties of Constitutionalism'.

Constitutions are believed to be unavoidable trappings of modern nationhood, and most states eagerly adopt such a document to assert their sovereignty and independence for reasons of both domestic as well as international legitimacy. The popularization of constitutions has proceeded regardless of regime type, and these fundamental texts can today be found in liberal-democratic countries and those that have – at times vastly – different aims and aspirations. In light of this development, there is a tendency to understand the term 'constitution' in a formalistic or purely descriptive fashion, irrespective of the normative values that a particular constitution subscribes to. Matters of ideology do come to the fore, however, when thinking about the notion of 'constitutionalism', which deals with the limitation and legitimation of public power and the attainment of fundamental values and the polity's chosen identity. It is increasingly recognized within constitutional scholarship that there may be competing conceptions of constitutionalism, even as the Western liberal-democratic version remains the paradigm. This volume aims to explore the various models of constitutionalism that exist in the world today, focusing on the characteristic features thereof, their theoretical or practical appeal and their relationship vis-à-vis the dominant liberal-democratic understanding.

The EYCL invites scholars to approach the theme of 'Varieties of Constitutionalism' in a holistic fashion, and welcomes contributions devoted, but not limited to:

- Devising a typology of forms of constitutionalism;
- Varieties of constitutionalism within the liberal-democratic paradigm;
- Identification of alternative (e.g. communitarian, illiberal, socialist or theocratic) versions of constitutionalism;
- The need for various forms of constitutionalism to be liberal and/or democratic in nature;
- The relationship between different forms of constitutionalism, including within a single polity;
- Discussion of the role of institutions, including the courts, in giving effect to and shaping a country's form of constitutionalism;
- The role of international instruments, such as the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as common framework for a basic conception in all its varieties;
- Application of constitutionalism to the transnational or international level.

Contributions can adopt either a theoretical/conceptual approach to these questions, and/or use the experience of one or more countries to illustrate the application of one or more forms of constitutionalism in concrete circumstances.

While the EYCL is devoted to the study of aspects of constitutional law and constitutionalism, interdisciplinary contributions and submissions from scholars researching the topic from a (social) geography, anthropology or political science perspective are also welcomed.

PROPOSAL SUBMISSION: Proposals of up to 500 words should be submitted to eycl@tilburguniversity.edu. Please put “[Name of Proposed Paper, EYCL vol 6]” in the subject line of your email. Please also indicate your full name, academic title and affiliation in the proposal. Successful applicants will be notified by 1 July 2023. Complete papers must be submitted by 1 December 2023.

DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS: 9 June 2023, although earlier submissions are encouraged.

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