The Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy
Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law / Yeshiva University
&
New York University School of Law

present

RETHINKING CONSTITUTIONALISM IN AN ERA OF GLOBALIZATION AND PRIVATIZATION

SUNDAY-MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4-5, 2007
Globalization and privatization are reshaping our constitutional system, altering the relationship between the nation-state and its citizens and other relevant parties. Transnational and global institutions have grown in significance, drawing power away from nation-states and creating conflicts between global and national constitutional systems. At the same time, private actors, who have traditionally been free from constitutional constraints, are increasingly performing government functions, effectively wielding public power. As a global constitutional system has emerged, religious fundamentalism has challenged the legitimacy of these new arrangements. These developments raise a host of important and challenging questions: Should we strive to integrate global and national constitutional systems? If we cannot, which system should prevail in the case of conflict? Should private actors be given constitutional duties or be subject to constitutional constraints? How should we understand constitutionalism in an age of religious fundamentalism?

This two-day conference, to be held jointly at New York University School of Law and the Cardozo School of Law, brings together scholars and judges from around the world to discuss the impact of globalization and privatization on constitutionalism.

Organized by the Floersheimer Center for Constitutional Democracy at Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, New York University School of Law, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne), the International Journal of Constitutional Law (I-CON), and the U.S. Association of Constitutional Law
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4
Proceedings will take place at
New York University School of Law, 40 Washington Sq. South, New York, NY

10:00 AM  Introduction
Norman Dorsen, New York University School of Law;
Editorial Director, I-CON
Michel Rosenfeld, Cardozo School of Law;
President, US Association of Constitutional Law

10:30 AM  Transnational Networks and Constitutionalism
Grainne De Burca, Fordham University School of Law
Hélène Ruiz-Fabri, University of Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)
Faculty of Law
Commentary
Jose Alvarez, Columbia University School of Law
Neil Walker, European University Institute, Law Department

12:30 PM  Lunch

Constitutional Scholarship in an Age of Globalism and the
Legacy of the European Tradition
Armin von Bogdandy, Max-Planck-Institut für ausländisches
öffentliches Recht und Völkerrecht

2:15 PM  Constitutional Judges’ Forum:
Constitutional Adjudication at the Turn of the 21st Century
Hon. Lech Garlicki, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights;
former Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland
Hon. Constance Grewe, Judge of the Constitutional Court of Bosnia
and Herzegovina
Hon. Dieter Grimm, Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin,
Institute for Advanced Study; former Justice of the
Federal Constitutional Court of Germany
Hon. Judith Kaye, Chief Judge, New York Court of Appeals
Miguel Maduro, Advocate General of the Court of Justice
of the European Union

4:15 PM  Effect of Intergovernmental Global Dealings on
National Constitutional Protections
Cyrille Finjnaut, University of Tilburg, Faculty of Law
Hon. Lech Garlicki, Judge of the European Court of Human Rights;
former Judge of the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland
David Trubek, University of Wisconsin Law School
Commentary
Francesca Bignami, Duke University School of Law

6:00 PM  Reception
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5
Proceedings will take place at
Cardozo School of Law, 55 Fifth Avenue (at 12th St.), New York, NY

10:00 AM  Introduction
Michael Herz, Vice Dean, Cardozo School of Law

10:15 AM  Incorporating Constitutional Norms into Private Orderings
Christian Joerges, European University Institute, Law Department
Sol Picciotto, Lancaster University Law School
Paul Verkuil, Cardozo School of Law

Commentary
Richard Stewart, New York University School of Law

NOON  Lunch

1:30 PM  Global Fundamental Religion’s Challenge to Constitutionalism
Guy Haarscher, Université Libre de Bruxelles, Faculté de Philosophie et Lettres
Andras Sajo, Central European University, Legal Studies Department

Commentary
Joseph Weiler, New York University School of Law

3:45 PM  Constitutionalism and Secularism in an Age of Religious Revival
Jose Casanova, New School for Social Research, Sociology Department
Rainer Forst, Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universitat, Frankfurt
Suzanne Stone, Cardozo School of Law

Commentary
Adam Seligman, Boston University, Religion Department

5:30 PM  Reception

To Register
The conference is free and open to the public, but registration is required.
For more information and to register, e-mail: floersheimer@yu.edu or call: (212) 790-0200 ext. 6700.