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WORKSHOP on
**Comparative
Constitutional
Amendment**

Friday, May 15, 2015
8:00 a.m.
Fulton Hall 515
Boston College

Presented by
International Association
of Constitutional Law
Research Group on
Constitution-Making and
Constitutional Change

Convened by
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Xenophon Contiades
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Program

8:00 AM CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

8:20 AM WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Vlad Perju (BOSTON COLLEGE)

DIRECTOR

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Introduced by Richard Albert (BOSTON COLLEGE)

8:30 AM SESSION ONE

PRESENTER: **Yaniv Roznai** (HAIFA/NYU)

The Spectrum of Constitutional Amendment Powers

DISCUSSANT: **Zoran Oklopčič** (CARLETON/NYU)

9:25 AM SESSION TWO

PRESENTER: **Sophia Ranchordás** (TILBURG/YALE)

Constitutional Sunsets and Sunrises

DISCUSSANT: **Jürgen Goossens** (GHENT)

10:20 AM BREAK

10:35 AM SESSION THREE

PRESENTER: **Oran Doyle** (TRINITY COLLEGE DUBLIN)

The Justification of Constraints on Constitutional Amendment Powers

DISCUSSANT: **Mark Tushnet** (HARVARD)

11:30 AM SESSION FOUR

PRESENTER: **Thomaz Pereira** (YALE)

Constituting the Amendment Power: A Framework for Comparative Amendment Law

DISCUSSANT: **Luisa Fernanda Garcia Lopez** (ROSARIO)

12:25 PM LUNCH

1:25 PM

SESSION FIVE

PRESENTERS: **Xenophon Contiades** (PELOPONNESE) & **Alkmene Fotiadou** (CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN CONSTITUTIONAL LAW)
Amendment-Metrics: The Good, the Bad and the Frequently Amended Constitution

DISCUSSANT: **James Fleming** (BU)

2:20 PM

SESSION SIX

PRESENTER: **Derek O'Brien** (OXFORD BROOKES)
Formal Amendment Rules and Constitutional Reform in the Commonwealth Caribbean

DISCUSSANT: **Nicholas Robinson** (HARVARD)

3:15 PM

BREAK

3:30 PM

SESSION SEVEN

PRESENTER: **Joshua Braver** (YALE)
Hannah Arendt in Venezuela: The Supreme Court Battles Hugo Chavez Over the Creation of the 1999 Constitution

DISCUSSANT: **Juliano Zaiden Benvindo** (BRASILIA)

4:25 PM

SESSION EIGHT

PRESENTER: **Andreas Orator** (VIENNA)
Deconstitutionalization of the EU Treaties? Prospects for and Limits to Remedying a Dysfunctional Mechanism of Constitutional Amendment

DISCUSSANT: **Stephan Jaggi** (PEKING)

5:20 PM

CLOSING REFLECTIONS

Bjørn Erik Rasch (OSLO)

6:00 PM

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