



**2025 Annual Meeting
American Society of Comparative Law**

**THE PARIS CONGRESS AT 125:
COMPARATIVE LAW'S ENTANGLEMENT WITH
POWER FROM PARIS TO TODAY**

***McGill University, Faculty of Law
Montreal, Quebec***

October 16 – 18, 2025

Annual Meeting Program

DAY 1: THURSDAY OCTOBER 16TH

REGISTRATION

3.30 pm – 4.30 pm

**McGill Faculty of Law
Atrium**

WELCOME REMARKS

4.30 pm – 4.45 pm

Room 100 – Moot Court

Hannah L. Buxbaum, UC Davis School of Law

Helge Dedek, McGill University, Faculty of Law

OPENING PLENARY ADDRESS

4.45 pm – 6.00 pm

Room 100 – Moot Court

Aaron Mills

McGill University, Faculty of Law

Comparative Legality: How to Recognize Indigenous Law as Law

Comments by

Jennifer Nedelsky

University of Toronto, Henry N.R. Jackman Faculty of Law

OPENING RECEPTION

6.00 pm – 8.00 pm

Caren and Jordan H. Waxman Common Room

DAY 2: Friday Oct 17th

REGISTRATION

8.30 am

PARALLEL SESSIONS (1)

9.00 am – 10.30 am

Parallel Session 1.A

BOOK PANEL: CAN LEFT AND RIGHT AGREE?

Room 312

CHAIR

Peter Lindseth, University of Connecticut

DISCUSSANTS:

Maciej Kisilowski, Central European University (Vienna)

Sylwia Sysko-Romańczuk, University of Connecticut

Fernanda G. Nicola, American University Washington College of Law

Arkadiusz Radwan, Vyatautas Magnus University

Parallel Session 1.B

PANEL 1B: COLONIALISM, POST-COLONIALISM, & COMPARATIVE LAW

Room 316

CHAIR

Aaron Mills, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Amy Preston-Samson, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Silence as Method: Rereading Cooper v Stuart and the Colonial Archive of Legal Reception

Rosalie Jukier, McGill University, Faculty of Law &

David Howes, Concordia University

The Colonial Legacy of Comparative Law on the Supreme Court of Canada

Giorgio Resta, Roma Tre University, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza

“Compare and Rule”: The Role of Comparisons and the Latecomers’ Colonial Experiments in Africa (1882-1912)

Timothy Webster, Western New England University

The Birth of Asia’s Postcolonial Jurisprudence: Korean Courts Review Japanese Colonialism

Parallel Session 1.C

CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS AND INSTITUTIONS

Room 102

CHAIR:

Johanne Poirier, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Emilia Justyna Powell, University of Notre Dame

Competing Powers in Constitutions: State, International, and Customary Law

Zhiyu Li, Durham University Law

From Decline to Defense: Constitutional and Judicial Resistance to Democratic Backsliding

Jörg Fedtke, University of Passau & Tulane Law School

Constitutional Regulation of Economic Activity

Luwam Dirar, WNE School of Law

Constitutional Reconstructions: Decolonizing Comparative Constitutional Law Through Conversations on Constitutional Design

Parallel Session 1.D

COMPARATIVE BUSINESS LAW

Room 101

CHAIR

Jason Yackee, University of Wisconsin Law School

PRESENTERS:

Darren Rosenblum, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Executive Inclusion Mandates: Early Lessons from France & Germany

Jorge Esquirol, FIU College of Law

The Transnational Transformation of Secured Credit Laws: Financial vs. Industrial Policy

Tobias Tröger, Goethe University, Faculty of Law; Leibniz Institute for Financial Research

Venture Capital Contracting as Bargaining in the Shadow of Corporate Law Constraints

Salil K. Mehra, Temple University, Beasley School of Law

Competition Law as Economic Nationalism

Parallel Session 1.E

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN GOVERNANCE: EMPOWERING LAWMAKERS, ENABLING JUDGES, STRENGTHENING LEGAL RESEARCH

Room 202

CHAIR

Peter Roudik, Law Library of Congress

PRESENTERS:

Hanibal Goitom, Law Library of Congress

Lawmakers and AI: Shaping the Future of Legislative Innovation

Rodrigo Polanco, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

The use of AI by the judiciary

Jenny Gesley, Law Library of Congress

Practical Study on Using AI for Legal Research

COFFEE BREAK

10.30 am – 11.00 am

Atrium

PLENARY ADDRESS

11.00 am – 12.30 pm

Room 100 – Moot Court

James Q. Whitman

Yale Law School

***Crises of the Rule of Law:
The 1930s and Today***

LUNCH BREAK

12.30 pm – 2.00 pm

Atrium

PARALLEL SESSIONS (2)

2.00 pm – 3.30pm

Parallel Session 2.A

HETERODOX APPROACHES TO CORPORATE LIABILITY AND INSOLVENCY

Room 101

CHAIR

Tobias Tröger, Goethe University, Faculty of Law; Leipzig Institute for Financial Research

PRESENTERS:

Aurelio Gurrea-Martínez, Singapore Management University

Insolvency Law in the Global South: Lessons for the Global North

Kevin E. Davis, NYU School of Law & **Mariana Pargendler**, Harvard Law School & **Maria Eduarda Lessa**, University of São Paulo

Legal Heterodoxy in the Global South: Priority of Workers versus Secured Creditors in Insolvency

Mariana Pargendler, Harvard Law School & **Olivia Pasqualetto**, FGV Law School

Overcoming Corporate Separateness: The Early Origins and Evolution of Group Liability in Labor Law and Beyond

Parallel Session 2.B

***DECOLONIZING COMPARATIVE LAW AND DEVELOPMENT: LEGAL PLURALISM,
EMPIRE, AND THE POLITICS OF METHOD***

Room 312

CHAIR

Giorgio Resta, Roma Tre University, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza

PRESENTERS:

Paolo Davide Farah, University of Tulsa College of Law

Decolonizing Comparative Law and Development: Indigenous Legal Orders, Legal Pluralism, and the Coloniality of Method

Srividhya Ragavan, Texas A&M University School of Law

Comparative Law's Influence through IP

Mugambi Jouet, University of Southern California, Gould School of Law

Humanity, Race, and Indigeneity in Criminal Sentencing: Social Change in America, Canada, Europe, Australia, and New Zealand

Fabian Brand, Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Procedure Law, University of Lucerne

From Munich With Love? On the Colonial Legacy of Functionalism and the Concept of Law in Comparative Legal Thought after the Cultural Turn

Parallel Session 2.C

DIVERGENT DOCTRINES, CONVERGING TRENDS: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF THE GLOBAL EXPANSION OF SELF-DEFENCE LAWS

Room 102

CHAIR

Tina Piper, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Noah Weisbord, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Alana Klein, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Mingqian Li, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Parallel Session 2.D

USING PARTY BANS TO COUNTER DEMOCRATIC BACKSLIDING

Room 316

CHAIR

Fernanda G. Nicola, American University Washington College of Law

PRESENTERS:

Rivka Weill, Harry Radzyner Law School, Reichman University

Quantum Entanglement: Pairing Election Bans and Eternity Clauses

Sujit Choudhry, Circle Barristers

Rethinking political party bans and militant democracy

Amnon Reichman, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa

Comparing Constitutional Capture

Parallel Session 2.E

LAW AND RELIGION

Room 202

CHAIR

Shauna Van Praagh, The Law Commission of Canada & McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Jonathan Miller, Southwestern Law School

Freedom of Religion in Argentina as Simple Application of Marxist Approaches to Ideology and Credible Commitments

Mahwish Moazzam, University of California, Berkeley, School of Law

Colonial Continuities and Religious Gatekeeping: Rethinking Comparative Law Through Domestic Violence Law in Pakistan

Dia Dabby, Département des sciences juridiques, UQÀM

Vestiges or heritage of France's 2004 law on banning religious symbols: A comparative (and contemplative) view from Quebec

COFFEE BREAK

3.30 pm – 4.00 pm

PARALLEL SESSIONS (3)

4.00 pm – 5.30 pm

Parallel Session 3.A

LEGAL INNOVATION IN THE GLOBAL SOUTH

Room 316

CHAIR

Kevin Davis, New York University, School of Law

PRESENTERS:

Weitseng Chen, National University of Singapore

How Transnational Legal Orders Fuel the Resilience of Chinese State Capitalism: Evidence from Global Capital Markets

Nydia Remolina, Singapore Management University

FinTech Innovations from the Global South

Dina Waked, Sciences Po School of Research

Rethinking Competition Law in the Global South: Delinking and Heterodox Market Alternatives

Jasmeet Gulati, Jindal Global Law School, O.P. Jindal Global University

International Comparative Law: Voicing the Concerns of Global South

Parallel Session 3.B

INTRODUCING COMPARATIVE TRADE LAW –

A NEW FRAMEWORK FOR UNDERSTANDING DOMESTIC TRADE POLICIES

Room 101

CHAIR

Rodrigo Polanco, Swiss Institute of Comparative Law

PRESENTERS:

Fernanda G. Nicola, Washington College of Law, American University

Methods, Turns and Moves in Comparative Trade Law

Nicolas Lamp, Queen's University, Faculty of Law

International Regulatory Cooperation in North America: A Canadian Perspective

Jason Yackee, University of Wisconsin Law School

How comparative trade law? Why comparative trade law?

Ines Willemyns, Stanford Law School

Digital Economy Agreements from an Economic and Comparative Perspective

Parallel Session 3.C

COMPARATIVE LAW & CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY

Room 202

CHAIR

Mark Antaki, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Atagün Mert Kejanlioglu, McGill University

Shifting Western Constitutional Imagination to Address Democratic Decay

Davit Avagyan & Anahit Sargsyan

The Weaponization of Speech and the Struggle for Democracy

Fernando Arlettaz, University of Zaragoza

The Politics of Citizenship in Times of Democratic Backsliding: A Comparative Law Inquiry into Nationhood

Benjamín Alemparte, Universidad de Chile School of Law

The Political Economy of Deregulation: Comparative Legal Strategies of State Reconfiguration

Parallel Session 3.D

COMPARATIVE LAW, TECHNOLOGY, AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY

Room 312

CHAIR

Marketa Trimble, University of Nevada, William S. Boyd School of Law

PRESENTERS:

Claudia E. Haupt, Northeastern University, School of Law

Talking Past Each Other Across the Pond

Mateusz Grochowski, Tulane University, School of Law

Governing the Digital Consumer: Soft Power and Global Legal Orders

Guanchi Zhang, Vermont Law School

The Rise of Techno-Cities: Regulatory Exceptionalism in Comparative Perspective

Ali Ekber Cinar, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Legal Change and Technological Advances: How Legal Scaffolding Drives the Pacing Problem in Patent Law's Struggle to Keep Up With AI Inventorship

Parallel Session 3.E

COMPARATIVE LAW & THE ENVIRONMENT

Room 102

CHAIR

Jaye Ellis, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Virginia Harper Ho, City University of Hong Kong School of Law

Transnational Harmonization and Competition in East Asia's Green Finance Transition - The Case of ESG Integration in Private Equity in Hong Kong and Singapore

Matteo Gatti, Rutgers Law School

How the EU Sustainability Due Diligence Directive Could Reshape Corporate America

Jonathan Zasloff, UCLA, School of Law

Water, Federalism, and Sustainability: Day Zero and Beyond

*****End of Presentations*****

Cocktail, Dinner and Award Ceremony

7.00 pm

Ballroom, [McGill Faculty Club, 3450 McTavish Street](#)

Guests of Honour:

The Honourable Nicholas Kasirer, Judge of the Supreme Court of Canada

Professor Shauna Van Praagh, President, Law Commission of Canada

DAY 3: Saturday Oct 18th

PARALLEL SESSIONS (4)

9.00 am – 10.30 am

Parallel Session 4.A

COMPARATIVE LAW THEORY & HISTORY

Room 312

CHAIR

Helge Dedek, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Bianca Gardella Tedeschi, Università del Piemonte Orientale

Is there a “French comparative law” after the 1900 Paris Congress?

Damian Augusto Gonzales Escudero, Departamento Académico de Derecho, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú

Decolonizing Methodology in Comparative Law. The Normative Knowledge Within an Inka Ritual in Pre-Colonial Andes (ca. 1500-1520s)

Alfredo Ferrante, Università di Pavia, Dipartimento di Giurisprudenza

Is the Umbilical Cord Broken? From “Eurocentrism” to “Latinamericancentrism”. Reflections on Comparative Private Law.

Parallel Session 4.B

ASCL STUDIES IN COMPARATIVE LAW BOOK PANEL:

ASIA, THE GLOBAL SOUTH, AND THE NEW COMPARATIVE LAW

Room 101

CHAIR

Hannah L. Buxbaum, UC Davis School of Law

PRESENTERS

Matthew Erie, University of Oxford

Jacques deLisle, University of Pennsylvania

Greg Shaffer, Georgetown University

Henry Gao, Singapore Management University

DISCUSSANTS:

Gary Bell, National University Singapore

Virginia Harper-Ho, City University of Hong Kong School of Law

Carrie Shu Shang, Cal Poly Pomona

Parallel Session 4.C

INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

Room 102

CHAIR

Andrea Bjorklund, McGill University, Faculty of Law

PRESENTERS:

Dariusz Mańka, University of Warsaw, Faculty of Law and Administration

Kolin (C-652/22) and Others: The European Union and Contemporary Trade Wars

Tanya Oberoi, McGill University, Faculty of Law

Who Gets to Be Coherent? Legitimate Expectations of Investors and the Politics of Comparison in Investor-State Disputes

Hano Ernst, University of Zagreb, Faculty of Law, Department of Civil Law

Strangers at Our Gate: Comparative Power Dynamics in Short-Term Rental Regulation in France and Croatia

Parallel Session 4.D

COMPARATIVE INTERNATIONAL LAW REVISITED:

RETHINKING THE FIELD AND ITS CRITICAL PRACTICE

Room 316

CHAIR

Dagmar R. Myslinska, Stetson University Law

PRESENTERS:

Katrin Kuhlmann, Georgetown Law Center

International Comparative Law: Voicing the Concerns of Global South

Cherisse Francis, St Mary's University

A comparative critique of trafficking in the Anglophone Caribbean

Carlos Portugal Gouvêa, University of São Paulo Law School

Breaking Down Digital Empires: Divergence and Convergence in Comparative AI Regulation

***** End of Presentations *****

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

10.30 am – 12.30 pm

Moot Court

FAREWELL LUNCH

12.30 pm

Atrium

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