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Campaign to Ban Landmines, and several WHO urban health programs. He holds a PhD (in regulation, justice and diplomacy) from the Australian National University.



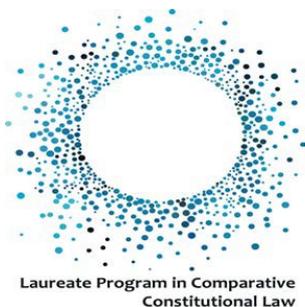
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Florian Bergamin graduated with a Master of Law of the University of Freiburg (Switzerland) in 2017. His studies focused on a variety of issues of national and comparative constitutional law as well as public international law. He completed additional courses of specialization in European law and religious law. In an exchange year, he studied at the University of Glasgow and the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. After gaining first insights into legal practice in law firms in Switzerland and London, he worked as an academic intern at the diplomatic representation of Switzerland in

Canada and the Permanent Mission of Liechtenstein to the United Nations in New York. Florian joined the Institute of Federalism in Freiburg (Switzerland) as a research fellow in July 2018. The Institute is a nationally and internationally renowned, politically independent center of expertise in questions of state organization. Florian assists the Institute with writing legal opinions on constitutional matters. His PhD thesis treats questions on the role of cities in the law, mainly within the Swiss federal system.



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Yishai Blank is Professor of Law and the former Vice Dean (academic affairs) at Tel Aviv University Faculty of Law. His teaching and research focus on local government law, administrative law, global cities, urban theory, religion and secularism, sexuality, and legal theory. Professor Blank is a graduate of Tel Aviv University (LL.B. and B.A. in philosophy), and of Harvard Law School (LL.M. and S.J.D.), and served as the clerk of Chief Justice Aharon Barak, the President of the Israeli Supreme Court. He is currently serving as the Chair of the Israeli Association of Public Law. Professor Blank's articles have been published in top law journals, including *Stanford Law Review*, *Cornell Law*

Review, *Harvard Journal of International Law*, *North Carolina Law Review*, *Harvard Civil-Rights Civil-Liberties Law Review*, and *Fordham Urban Law Journal*, among others. Yishai has been a Visiting Professor at Harvard Law School, Cornell Law School, Toronto Law School, Queen's University Law School, Sciences Po Law School (Paris), and Hamburg University.



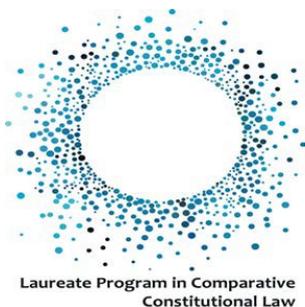
Richard Briffault is the Joseph P. Chamberlain Professor of Legislation at Columbia Law School. His work focuses on state and local government law, the law of the political process, and government ethics. He is Chair of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board; was a member of New York's Moreland Act Commission to Investigate Public Corruption; and is the Reporter for the American Law Institute's project on Principles of Government Ethics. He was a member of or consultant to several New York City and State commissions, including the State Commission on Local Government Efficiency & Competitiveness, the Temporary Commission on

Constitutional Revision, the Real Property Tax Reform Commission, and the New York City Charter Revision Commission. Before joining the Columbia faculty, he was assistant counsel to Governor Hugh Carey of New York. He is co-author of the textbook *State and Local Government Law*, and author of *Balancing Acts: The Reality Behind State Balanced Budget Requirements* as well as more than seventy-five law review articles.



Maria Cahill is a Kathleen Fitzpatrick Visiting Fellow with the Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law. A graduate of Trinity College, Dublin (LLB, 2003) and the European University Institute (LLM, 2004; PhD 2008). She lectured at the National University of Ireland, Galway, before joining the Faculty of Law at University College Cork in August 2008. She was a Visiting Fellow at the Institute of European and Comparative Law at the University of Oxford in 2015. Her work has been published in the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, *Cambridge Law Journal*, *American Journal of Jurisprudence*, *German Law Journal*, *Dublin*

University Law Journal, *Irish Jurist*, and the *Irish Journal of European Law*. As a result, her ideas have been relied on in a judgment of the Court of Criminal Appeal and informed arguments in cases before the High Court and Supreme Court of Ireland as well as the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom. In 2017, Dr Cahill received the Early Stage Researcher of the Year Award at University College Cork. She is a Research Associate of the Programme for the Foundations of Law and Constitutional Government, in the University of Oxford's Faculty of Law.



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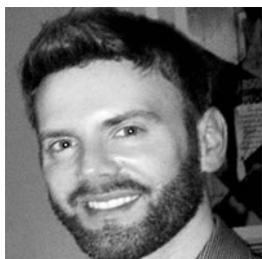
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Michael Crommelin AO is Zelman Cowen Professor of Law and Director of Studies, Energy and Resources Law in the Melbourne Law School at the University of Melbourne. He holds the degrees of B.A and LL.B. (Hons.) from the University of Queensland, and LL.M. and Ph.D. from the University of British Columbia. He was Dean of the Melbourne Law School from 1989 to 2002, from 2003 until 2007, and in 2010. Michael Crommelin was Dean of the Law School from 1989 to 2007. He holds a BA and LLB (Hons) from the University of Queensland and an LLM and PhD from the University of British

Columbia. Michael has held visiting appointments at a number of universities, including the University of Oslo, the University of British Columbia, the University of Calgary and Georgetown University. He has published extensively in the fields of energy and resources law, constitutional law and comparative law. In 2009, Michael was made an officer of the Order of Australia for service to the law and to legal education, particularly as a tertiary educator and through the development of mining and petroleum law in Australia. In addition, Michael has served as President of AMPLA (the Australian Mineral and Petroleum Law Association) and as a member of the Council of the Section on Energy and Resources Law of the International Bar Association. He has published extensively in the fields of energy and resources law, constitutional law and comparative law.



Tom Daly is Assistant Director of the University of Melbourne School of Government, Director of the global research platform Democratic Decay & Renewal (DEM-DEC: www.democratic-decay.org), Co-Convenor of the Constitution Transformation Network (Melbourne), and Associate Director of the Edinburgh Centre for Constitutional Law. Tom's research focuses on public law, democratic governance, and human rights. Recent publications include 'Democratic Decay: Conceptualising an Emerging Research Field' in the *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* and *The Alchemists: Questioning Our Faith*

in Courts as Democracy-Builders (Cambridge University Press, 2017). As well as extensive work in the university sector, at Melbourne, Edinburgh and Copenhagen universities, Tom has worked in a variety of roles in government and international organisations. This includes running the Office of the Chief Justice of Ireland for over 6 years, and as a consultant, working on EU, Council of Europe, African Union, International IDEA, and Irish government projects. Most recently, Tom has designed a pan-continental African Judicial Network for the African Union, advised politicians on constitutional reform in Lebanon, managed a \$4.72m Council of Europe project concerning judicial ethics in Turkey, and acted as Senior Consultant on an official review of data interception legislation in Ireland.



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Darshan Datar is a doctoral candidate with the Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law. He holds two LL.M degrees from the Central European University, Budapest in Comparative Constitutional Law (2015-16) and the European University Institute (2017-18). His research is focused on the concept of religion followed by constitutional courts. His other research interests include theoretical accounts of secularism and constitutionalism.



Yonatan Fessha. Currently a Marie-Curie fellow at EURAC research, Yonatan Fessha is Associate Professor of Law at the University of the Western Cape His teaching and research focuses on examining the relevance of constitutional design in dealing with the challenges of divided societies. He has published widely on matters pertaining to but not limited to federalism, constitutional design, autonomy and politicized ethnicity. His publications include a book on “Ethnic diversity and federalism: Constitution making in South Africa and Ethiopia”. He has contributed to a number of constitution building projects, including in Sudan, South Sudan and Yemen.

Formerly, he was a Michigan Grotius Research Scholar at the University of Michigan. He was also recipient of the Andrew Mellon postdoctoral fellowship.



Alexandra Flynn is an Assistant Professor at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at The University of British Columbia, where she specializes in municipal and property law and governance, and teaches interactive, practice-based courses in legal research, municipal and planning law, and administrative law. Her previous project, “Reimagining Local Governance: The Landscape of ‘Local’ in Toronto” (2017), examined Toronto’s complex local governance model along with its motley of institutions – some granted delegated authority and some not, culminating in several papers on community councils and local decision-making. Her current project focuses on Indigenous-municipal relationships in the land use planning process. In

2017, she received a SSHRC Insight Development Grant to investigate the notion of a “municipal duty to consult” and its potential for reciprocal, respectful relationships between Indigenous and municipal governments. In addition to her academic work, Alexandra has over ten years of experience as a lawyer in Vancouver representing First Nations and as a senior policy official at the City of Toronto with a focus on intergovernmental relations. She has a long history of volunteering with organizations focused on homelessness and access to justice.



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Benjamin F Gussen is a constitutional jurist at the Swinburne School of Law. He was admitted to the legal profession in New Zealand in 2011, and in Australia in 2014. His main area of research is comparative constitutional law-and-economics. He is an expert on the principle of subsidiarity and its application in unitary and federal policies. Dr Gussen is the Vice President of the Australian Law and Economics Association (AustLEA:www.austlea.org). His other research interests include law-and-technology and law-and-development (with emphasis on smart and charter cities). Dr Gussen has already published in journals such as *Comparative Law*, *Public Law*, *Monash University Law Review*, *University of Melbourne Law Review*, *Constitutional Political Economy* and the *Evolutionary and Institutional Economics Review*. His first monograph (*Ranking Economic Performance and Efficiency in the Global Market*) was published in 2018. His second monograph was published in May 2019 (*Axial Shift: City Subsidiarity and the World System in the 21st Century*, Springer Nature). Prior to joining Swinburne, Dr Gussen taught at the University of Southern Queensland, the University of Auckland and the Auckland University of Technology. Before embarking on his academic career, Dr Gussen worked in government and industry in the United States, the Persian Gulf, and New Zealand.



Antonio Maria Hernandez, 2017-18 Senior Fellow, is Professor of Constitutional Law and Professor of Public Provincial Law and Municipal Law at the National University of Cordoba and Director of the Institute of Federalism of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Cordoba University. He is currently Honorary President of the National Association of Constitutional Law of Argentina and Member of the Board of Directors of the International Association of Centres for Federal Studies. He has authored and co-authored over fifty books on constitutional law, federalism, state constitutional law and municipal law. He holds a PhD in Law and Social Sciences from the National University of Cordoba, Argentina. His Baldy Center research will be to study and write on a constitutional comparative vision on American and Argentinian federations. Using an interdisciplinary approach, he will analyse the similarities and differences between the two, taking into account that the model for the original Argentina Constitution of 1853 was the Philadelphia Constitution of 1787. This research will build on Hernandez previous work comparing Mexican and Argentinian federalism.



Elizabeth Hicks is a PhD candidate at Melbourne Law School and Humboldt University of Berlin. Her project compares the judicial role and legal method of the Australian High Court and German Constitutional Court. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Hon) / Law (Hon) from Monash University and an LLM (German and European Law and Legal Practice) from Humboldt University of Berlin. Before pursuing her Masters degree, Liz trained and worked as a solicitor in the litigation practice group at Arnold Bloch Leibler.



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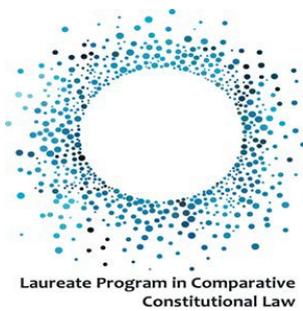
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Ran Hirschl is Professor of Political Science and Law at the University of Toronto, holds the Alexander von Humboldt Professorship in Comparative Constitutionalism at the University of Göttingen, and heads the Max Planck Fellow Group in Comparative Constitutionalism. He is the author of several major books including *Towards Juristocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2004); *Constitutional Theocracy* (Harvard University Press, 2010)—winner of the 2011 Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory; *Comparative Matters: The Renaissance of Comparative Constitutional Law* (Oxford University Press, 2014)—winner of the 2015 APSA Herman Pritchett Award for the best book on law and courts; and *City, State: Comparative Constitutionalism and the Megacity* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming in 2020), as well as over 100 articles and book chapters on constitutional law and its intersection with comparative politics. Hirschl has won academic excellence awards in five different countries; served as co-president of the International Society of Public Law (ICON-S); and held distinguished visiting professorships at Harvard University, NYU, Stanford, and NUS. In 2014, he was elected Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada (FRSC)—the highest academic accolade in that country. The official citation describes him as “one of the world’s leading scholars of comparative constitutional law, courts and jurisprudence.”



Mathew Idiculla is a Research Consultant at CLPR where he focuses on urban law and policy work. He graduated with a B.A., LL.B. from School of Law, Christ University and worked at the School of Policy and Governance at Azim Premji University from 2012 to 2016. He has also been a researcher in the project “Global Suburbanism” housed at York University, Toronto. Mathew’s research interests are in the intersection of law, politics and policy, particularly in the following areas: Constitutional and Political History of India; Comparative Constitutional Design; Theories of State and Governance; Federalism and Decentralisation in India; Urban Governance and Policy; Local Government Law and Critical Urban Studies. Mathew has widely researched and engaged with Bangalore’s urban governance issues for many years and helped in framing the proposed legal and governance architecture of the city government under the 2015 Report of the Expert Committee on BBMP Restructuring. Along with academic and policy research, he organises a discussion forum on urban issues and writes regularly on various public concerns in newspapers, magazines and online publications.



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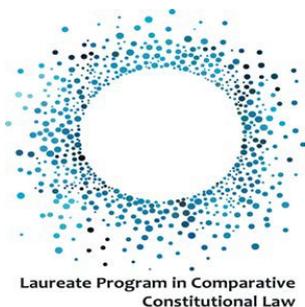
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Tarun Khaitan is a Future Fellow at Melbourne Law School, working on a project on the resilience of democratic constitutions, with a focus on South Asia. He is also an Associate Professor and the Hackney Fellow in Law at Wadham College, currently on special leave for four years starting in 2017. He is also the General Editor of the *Indian Law Review*, an Affiliate of the Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and an Associate of the Oxford Human Rights Hub. He completed his undergraduate studies (BA LLB Hons) at the National Law School (Bangalore) in 2004 as the 'Best All-Round Graduating Student'. He then went to Oxford as a Rhodes Scholar and completed his postgraduate studies (BCL with distinction, MPhil with distinction, DPhil) at Exeter College. Before joining Wadham College as an Associate Professor in 2012, he was the Penningtons Student (Fellow) in Law at Christ Church, Oxford. His monograph entitled *A Theory of Discrimination Law* (OUP 2015 hardback, South Asia edition and Oxford Scholarship Online, 2016 paperback) has been reviewed very positively in leading journals. Dr Khaitan was awarded the 2018 Letten Prize, a 2 Million Norwegian Kroner award given biennially to a young researcher under the age of 45 conducting excellent research of great social relevance. He helped draft the Anti-Discrimination and Equality Bill currently pending before the Indian Parliament. Dr Khaitan was awarded the 2018 Letten Prize, a 2 Million Norwegian Kroner award given biennially to a young researcher under the age of 45 conducting excellent research of great social relevance. He plans to use the award towards setting up the Indian Equality Law Programme, aimed at capacity-building for early career scholars.



Hoi Kong is the inaugural holder of The Rt. Hon. Beverley McLachlin, P.C., UBC Professorship in Constitutional Law, which he assumed in 2018. He researches and teaches in the areas of constitutional, administrative, municipal and comparative law, and constitutional and public law theory. Prior to joining the Allard School of Law, Professor Kong was an Assistant and then Associate Professor at McGill University's Faculty of Law, where he served a term as Associate Dean (Academic). He was previously an Assistant Professor of Law, cross-appointed with the School of Urban Planning at Queen's University, and an Associate-in-Law at the Columbia Law School. Professor Kong clerked for Justice L'Heureux-Dubé and Justice Deschamps at the Supreme Court of Canada. In 2017, he received the Canadian Association of Law Teachers' Academic Excellence Award, for outstanding contributions to teaching and research in law. Professor Kong co-directs with Professor Ron Levy the Project on Deliberative Governance and Law. He is also on the board of directors of the Centre for Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal and the executive editorial board of the *American Journal of Comparative Law*.



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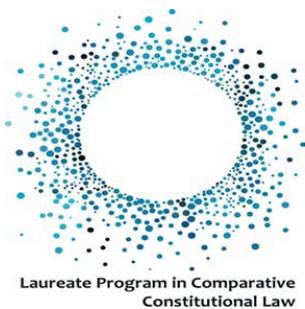
Annika Kress is Researcher at the Institute for Comparative Federalism at Eurac Research, Bolzano/Bozen (Italy). She holds a Masters degree in Sociology of Law from the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law, University of the Basque Country (Spain) and is currently enrolled in a Master's programme in Science Management at the German University of Administrative Sciences Speyer. Her main fields of research and interests include comparative federalism, institutional innovation and better governance, local government, migration and diversity in multilevel systems, as well as sub-national constitutionalism and socio-legal approaches to constitutionalism. She has authored and co-authored several publications, among them two studies on public participation in local decision-making. She is the Project Manager of the four-year EU-funded project "LoGov – Local Government and the Changing Urban-Rural Interplay" which brings together 18 partner institutions from around the world. Following the Cities in Federal Theory Workshop, she will be a visiting researcher at the Institute for Public Policy and Governance at the University of Technology, Sydney, where she will work on the implementation of the LoGov-project. She also manages Eurac Research's Federal Scholar in Residence program and has been involved in the organization of the Winter School on Federalism and Governance.



Jayani Nadarajalingam is a lecturer with the Melbourne School of Government and currently in the final stages of her PhD (undertaken at Monash University's Law and Arts (philosophy) faculties). She has a BA(Hons)/LLB(Hons) from Monash University and an LLM (Legal Theory) from New York University. Her research methodologies are primarily from political philosophy, constitutional theory and social theory. She is interested in applying these methodologies to law, politics and public policy, with a particular focus on institutional change, social justice and political leadership. Before joining the University of Melbourne in January 2019, she taught a wide range of subjects at Monash University in both the Law and Arts (philosophy) faculties. Last year she was a Kathleen Fitzpatrick visiting fellow with Professor Adrienne Stone's Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law at the Melbourne Law School.



Rebecca Nelson is a Senior Lecturer of the Melbourne Law School. Her research focuses on environmental and natural resources law and policy, with an emphasis on empirical research and practical solutions. Dr Nelson holds an ARC Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (2018-2020), which aims to analyse and evaluate laws regulating cumulative environmental effects in the United States of America, European Union, Canada and Australia. From 2010-2014, she led the Comparative Groundwater Law and Policy Program, a collaborative initiative between Water in the West at Stanford University and the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. The Program focused on undertaking empirical research and convening stakeholder workshops to improve groundwater sustainability in the western US and Australia. In 2014 she was named the Law Council of Australia's Young Environmental Lawyer of the Year for her contribution to water law and environmental law. Dr Nelson holds a Doctor of the Science of Law from Stanford University, where her dissertation focused on empirically assessing regulatory arrangements for protecting surface water and ecosystems from the impacts of pumping groundwater. She also holds a Masters in law (Stanford) and Bachelor of Engineering (Environmental) and Bachelor of Laws (University of Melbourne). Dr Nelson formerly worked as a lawyer at the Murray-Darling Basin Authority and in private practice in Australia.



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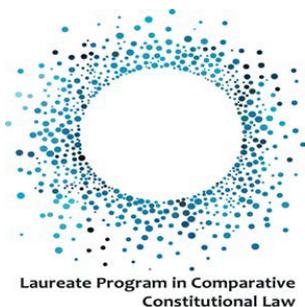
William Partlett is an Associate Professor at Melbourne Law School. He writes and teaches in the field of public law. Before coming to Melbourne, Professor Partlett was an Assistant Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong, a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Columbia University Law School, and a Fellow at The Brookings Institution. Professor Partlett holds a JD from Stanford Law School as well as a DPhil in Soviet History and MPhil in Russian and East European Studies from the University of Oxford (where he was a Clarendon Scholar). He also holds a bachelors degree in International Affairs and Public Policy from Princeton University and speaks Russian. Partlett's research takes a historical and comparative approach to questions of public law. He is currently working on two projects. One compares how historical arguments about public authority and identity shape constitutionalism in Russia and the other fourteen countries of post-Soviet Eurasia. The other examines the migration of constitutional ideas and institutions from post-Soviet Eurasia to Eastern Europe and Asia.



Bilyana Petkova joined the Department of International and European Law of Maastricht University (UM) in the Netherlands as a tenure-track Assistant Professor in September 2017. She is affiliated as a Visiting Scholar at the Yale Information Society Project since 2014, was a Kathleen Fitzpatrick Visiting Fellow at the Melbourne Law School in 2018 and a visiting faculty at Georgetown University Law Center in 2019. Before joining UM, Bilyana was a Max Weber postdoctoral fellow at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy and at New York University where she was a part of the Jean Monnet Center and later, the NYU Information Law Institute. Her research interests are in comparative law, judicial legitimacy and federalism, with a recent focus on data-driven cities, US-EU privacy law and freedom of speech in a digital age. Her paper "The Safeguards of Privacy Federalism" won a Young Scholars Award at the Eight Privacy Law Scholars Conference in the University of Berkeley, California. Bilyana publishes in both US-based and European law journals and her book chapters have appeared with Oxford and Cambridge University Press. In 2019, as a Fellow-in-Residence at the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, D.C., Bilyana started working on a book project about privacy and cities, under contract with NYU Press (co-authored with Professor Ira Rubinstein from the NYU).



Dinesha Samararatne is a Postdoctoral Fellow in the ARC Laureate Program in Comparative Constitutional Law. Her recent research work has been in relation to public participation in constitution-making, judicial enforcement of economic and social rights, judicial interpretation of fundamental rights, the influence of Indian public law in the development of public law in Sri Lanka and access to justice. During her Postdoctoral Fellowship Dinesha will focus on constitution-making in post-war contexts. For the period of the Fellowship, Dinesha is on sabbatical leave from the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka where she has been serving as a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Public & International Law at the Faculty of Law. At the University of Colombo, Dinesha has been teaching Administrative Law, Constitutional Law and Human Rights Law. Dinesha is a LLB graduate from the University of Colombo and an Attorney-at-Law. She read for her Master's degree as a Fulbright Scholar at Harvard Law School, MA, USA and she completed her doctoral studies at the University of Colombo. Dinesha has previously been affiliated with the Centre on Comparative Constitutional Law as a Kathleen Fitzpatrick Visiting Fellow (April – May 2018).



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Graham Sansom is an Adjunct Professor in the Institute for Public Policy and Governance at the University of Technology Sydney (UTS). Until 2012 he was professor and director of the Australian Centre of Excellence for Local Government, based at UTS. Before joining UTS Graham had a long career in state and local government, working as a senior planner and manager, consultant, and chief executive of the Australian Local Government Association. He has been a member of numerous high-level committees, including the senior officials group of the Council of Australian Governments and the federal advisory panel on constitutional recognition of local government. In 2012-13 he chaired the New South Wales government's Independent Local Government Review Panel. He also has extensive international experience, including as a board member and convener of the research group of the Commonwealth Local Government Forum, as well as a visiting professor at Victoria University Wellington and the University of Toronto. He has published variously on localism, local government, metropolitan governance and planning, and inter-government relations.



Jenna Sapiano is a Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Monash Gender, Peace and Security Centre, where her research focuses on gender and the negotiation and implementation of peace agreements. She completed her PhD in International Relations at the University of St Andrews, on the drafting and implementation of constitutions as part of a peace process. Before joining GPS, Jenna held a postdoctoral fellowship, funded by a Canada Research Chair, at Queen's University School of Law. She also worked as a Research Associate on the *Legal Tools for Peace-making* project at Cambridge University and was a Kathleen Fitzpatrick research fellow Melbourne Law School.



Cheryl Saunders has specialist interests in Australian and comparative public law, including comparative constitutional law and method, intergovernmental relations and constitutional design and change. She is a President Emeritus of the International Association of Constitutional Law, a former President of the International Association of Centres for Federal Studies, a former President of the Administrative Review Council of Australia and a senior technical advisor to the Constitution Building program of International IDEA. She has held visiting positions in law schools in many parts of the world and is an officer of the Order of Australia and a Chevalier dans l'Ordre National de la Legion d'Honneur of France.



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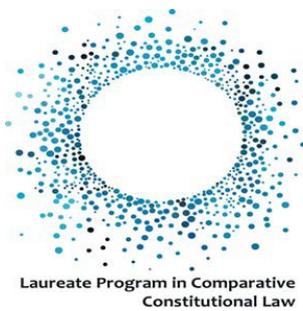
Richard Schragger is the Perre Bowen Professor, Joseph C. Carter, Jr. Research Professor of Law, at the University of Virginia School of Law, where he has taught since 2001. His scholarship focuses on the intersection of constitutional law and local government law, federalism, urban policy, and the constitutional and economic status of cities. He also writes about church and state. He is the author of *City Power: Urban Governance in a Global Age* (Oxford 2016), along with numerous articles and book chapters. Schragger has been a visiting professor at a number of law schools including Georgetown, NYU, Columbia, Tel Aviv, and Chicago, and has presented his work at Harvard's Center for Municipal Innovation. He received his JD, *magna cum laude*, from Harvard Law School and thereafter clerked for Chief Judge Dolores Sloviter on the Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit.



John Stanton is a Senior Lecturer in Law at The City Law School, City, University of London, where he has worked since 2012, having previously held a post at Kingston University London. John was awarded his PhD from Kingston University in 2010 and his thesis is published as *Democratic Sustainability in a New Era of Localism* (Routledge, 2014). John's expertise is in UK Public Law, with a particular emphasis on localism and devolution; he also has an interest in Maltese Constitutional Law (John has been a Visiting Lecturer in Law at the University of Malta since 2018). He teaches on a range of Public Law modules at City to both undergraduate and postgraduate students. John has written extensively in his field. His second monograph - *Law, Localism and the Constitution* - will be published by Routledge in 2020, and he has had recent journal articles published in *Legal Studies*, the *Journal of International and Comparative Law* and the *Journal of Planning and Environment Law*. He is also co-author of *Public Law*, a new problem-based textbook with Oxford University Press, the second edition of which will be published in 2020.



Peta Stephenson is a Lecturer in the School of Law at the Queensland University of Technology. She teaches and researches in the fields of Australian constitutional law, public law and statutory interpretation, and has a particular interest in the executive power of the Commonwealth, the relationship between the legislative and executive branches of government, and federalism. Peta has published on these topics in leading Australian law journals and edited collections. Peta holds a PhD in constitutional law and a BA/LLB (Hons) from the University of Queensland. Prior to commencing her career as an academic, Peta practised as a solicitor in a commercial law firm in Brisbane and also worked as a policy officer at the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet in Canberra.



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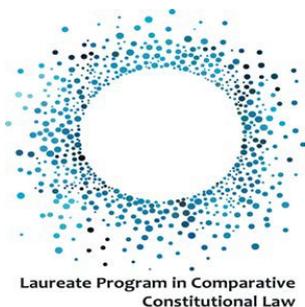
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