



# Constitution Transformation Network

*Constitutional change in a globalised world*



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The Constitution Transformation Network (ConTransNet) at Melbourne Law School is a network of expert scholars and practitioners of constitutional transformation. ConTransNet can reliably deliver quality, evidence-based advice, research and expertise on the development of constitution-making processes and content, transformation and implementation.

## Focus areas

- Constitutions and peacebuilding
- Constitution making and design
- Interaction between international, regional and domestic constitutional systems
- Constitutional implementation and transition

## Expertise

- Expert technical advice on the development, transformation and implementation of constitutions on a public or confidential basis
- Brokerage of connections between country experts and partner organisations on a basis of equality and mutual respect
- Research and analysis on the practice and theory of the transformation of constitutions globally and with particular reference to Asia and the Pacific
- Design and delivery of knowledge exchange and networking forums (conferences, policy dialogues, capacity-building / training workshops)
- High quality academic services (research, publications, post-graduate courses).

## Approach

- Sharing global experiences and lessons learned drawing on comparative methods and accurate, global constitutional knowledge
- Recognising and responding to the dynamics of internationalisation, globalisation and regionalism
- Building and engaging global networks of practitioners and scholars to extend and apply evidence-based global constitutional knowledge.



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