



## CONSTITUTING CANADA: INTERDISCIPLINARY APPROACHES TO AN IDEA

Thursday 13th July – Friday 14th July, 2017  
University of Wollongong: Bld. 19:2072

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### DAY 1

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9:30-10:00    **WELCOME:** Benjamin Authers, Robyn Morris

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10:00-11:30    **SESSION 1: Indigenous Peoples, Rights and the Canadian Constitution**

**Chair:** Benjamin Authers

**Asmaa Khadim, Griffith University.** “Section 35 Aboriginal Rights: Evolving Understandings in a Changing World”

**Matt Watson, University of Queensland.** “‘Universal’ Values and Aboriginal Difference: Should the Charter of Rights and Freedoms Apply to Self-Governing Aboriginal Communities in Canada?”

**Bradford Morse, Thompson Rivers University.** “How Settler Constitutions Can Seek to Affect/Regulate Indigenous Identity: Canada after 150 and Australia after 116 Years”

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11:30-12:30    **MORNING TEA**

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11:30-1:00    **SESSION 2: Canada and Rights**

**Chair:** Matt Watson

**Habiba Zaman, Simon Fraser University.** “Immigration and Multiculturalism in Canada and Australia: A Comparative Review”

**Stewart Gill, University of Melbourne/University of Queensland** “One Hundred and Fifty Years of Federalism and Canadian National Identity”

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**1:00-2:00          LUNCH**

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**2:00-4:00          SESSION 3: The Constitution and its Discontents**

**Chair: Stewart Gill**

**Galen Roger Perras, University of Ottawa.** “The Greater Menace to the Peace of Nations? The 1877 Mills Mission, Sitting Bull, and Proposed Direct Canadian-American Diplomatic Relations”

**Nicole St-Onge, University of Ottawa.** “Louis Riel, the Metis and the Dream of the ‘Exovidat’”

**Chris Kostov, Schiller International University Madrid.** “The Charlottetown Consensus Report and the 1992 Referendum: Equality of Nations versus the Equality of Provinces and Individuals”

**Patrick Imbert, University of Ottawa.** “How do Pedagogy and the Invention of a School System Could have Constituted Canada: the Ideas of Charles Mondelet in Letters on Elementary and Practical Education (Montréal, 1841)”

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**4:00-4:30          AFTERNOON TEA & BREAK**

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**5:00-6:30          ROUNDTABLE: Aspects of Reconciliation: Canada and Australia**

**BUILDING 67-104**

**Chair: Brad Morse**

**KEYNOTES:**

**Val Napoleon, University of Victoria.** “Indigenous Law as Constituting and Constitutive of Internal Indigenous Reconciliation”

**Sarah Maddison, University of Melbourne.** “Reconciliation, Resistance and Refusal in Settler Colonial States”

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**6:30-7:30pm          COCKTAIL RECEPTION**

**Venue: Cocktail Reception Bld. 67 Foyer**

**Host: Canadian High Commission, Canberra Australia**

## DAY 2

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**9.30-10:30**

**Chair: Benjamin Authers**

**KEYNOTE:**

**Eric Adams, University of Alberta.** “Constitutional Stories: Japanese Canadians and the Constitution of Canada”

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**10:30-11:00 MORNING TEA**

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**11:00-12:30 SESSION 4: Law, Justice and Narratives**

**Chair: Asmaa Khadim**

**Susan Priest, University of Canberra.** “Why Archives Matter: Personal Correspondence, Canadian Jurisprudential History and the Australian High Court ‘Strike of 1905’”

**Sarah Krotz, University of Alberta.** “The Affective Geography of Wild Rice: Natural History and / as Constitution”

**Claire Turenne Sjolander, University of Ottawa.** “Tale of Two Highways: Death, Dying and Grievable Lives”

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**12:30-1:30 LUNCH & ACSANZ ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**1:30-3:00 SESSION 5: The British North America Act of 1867**

**Chair: Patrick Imbert**

**Mate Paksy, University of Liege.** “1867, or the Two Constitutional Tales about Minority-Nationalism: the Austro-Hungarian Compromise and the BNA Act”

**Phyllis LeBlanc, Université de Moncton.** “From the British North America Act to the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms: the Acadian experience”

**Raymond Blake, University of Regina.** “Canada and the Dreams of Citizenship since 1867”

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**3:00-3:30 AFTERNOON TEA**

**3:30-4:30**      **SESSION 6: Narrativising Nations**

**Chair: Benjamin Authers**

**Karthik Kumar, Annamalai University.** “Dionne Brand and Dialectical Materialism: A Marxian Reading of Her Fiction”

**Ben Eldridge: University of Sydney.** “Constituting a Fantastic Nation: Mosaics, Or Watts up in Canada?”

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**4:30-5:00**      **CONFERENCE CLOSE**                      General Discussion

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**7:00**                      **CONFERENCE DINNER (own cost)**



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