



## **CTLS Global Conference 2024**

**May 9, 2024**

### **“Constitutionalism in Times of Crisis: Transnational Perspectives on Challenges & Ways Forward”**

**Co-organizers: Professors Yvonne Tew & Yuval Shany  
(CTLS Academic Co-Directors 2023-2024)**

#### Overview

We are pleased to invite participants from the partner schools of the Center for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) to participate in the **CTLS Global Conference 2024** to be held in London on **May 9, 2024**. CTLS is a global partnership in legal education, encompassing students and faculty from 21 leading law schools around the world (<https://www.law.georgetown.edu/ctls/>). The aim of the CTLS Global Conference is to bring together scholars from the CTLS consortium of partner schools, as well as judges, practitioners, and CTLS alumni to exchange ideas and have generative discussions on questions of contemporary urgency. The theme for this year’s consortium conference is “Constitutionalism in Times of Crisis: Transnational Perspectives on Challenges & Ways Forward.”

The full-day conference on **Thursday, May 9, 2024**, will be organized around several topical panels and will be hosted at CTLS, which is housed at Bush House, King’s College London. The conference will conclude with a keynote event featuring a panel of judges from different jurisdictions in discussion on “Judging in Times of Crisis.” This inter-judicial dialogue panel will be held at The Honourable Society of Gray’s Inn, London, from 5:30-6:45 p.m., followed by a reception, and will be open to scholars, practitioners, and CTLS alumni. CTLS will also host a welcome dinner for conference participants on the evening of May 8, 2024.

#### Theme

Constitutional democracies around the world are under pressure coming from different directions, often at the same time. This conference invites scholars, judges, and practitioners to discuss the contemporary challenge that situations of crisis pose for constitutionalism—whether in the form of democratic breakdown, health pandemics, financial crisis, misinformation, states of exception, or war—as well as potential ways forward and future directions that new approaches to constitutionalism can facilitate. We invite participants to consider questions such as: Do constitutional crisis situations follow a similar pattern and dynamic? Is abusive constitutionalism at the bottom of some crisis situations? (How) can constitutional institutions

and legal actors interacting with them respond to these challenges? What are the effects of transnational borrowing of constitutional mechanisms, claim, tools, and techniques across different regimes? Should and can there be a global constitutional response to the democratic and other common crises?

### Call for Interested Participants

Interested participants from any CTLS member school must submit a proposed topic or title for presentation by **March 11, 2024**. Please submit your topic proposal by emailing the CTLS Academic Co-Directors (2023-2024): Professors Yvonne Tew ([yvonne.tew@law.georgetown.edu](mailto:yvonne.tew@law.georgetown.edu)) and Yuval Shany ([shany.yuval@gmail.com](mailto:shany.yuval@gmail.com)).

Participants will be expected to submit a short “think piece” by **April 25, 2024**. The think piece should take the form of a short paper (roughly five to ten pages), written specifically for this conference, or drawn from a work-in-progress or recently published scholarship that addresses the conference’s theme. These short pieces should be aimed at generating a lively conversation and exchange of ideas among all participants at the conference.

We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you at CTLS in London!

All best wishes,

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