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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Workshop «Judicial Politics, Federalism, and Territorial Disputes»

18-19 November 2024
Universitat de Barcelona

THEME

Under what conditions do constitutional courts exert their power on regional legislatures? What are the determinants of the judicialization of territorial disputes between regional governments and central governments? When do federal arbiters become politicized? Judicial review is one of the key elements of the relationship between federal political systems and the courts. It is especially important in diverse or plurinational polities, where it can serve to appease or to further polarize existing conflicts, threatening the legitimacy of the court in the regions and the stability of the polity.

The aim of this workshop is to advance the academic conversation in the intersection between scholarship on judicial politics and judicial behaviour, on the one hand, and empirical research on federal and territorial politics, on the other.

Submissions are invited addressing the workshop themes, including but not limited to the following aspects:

- The determinants of judicial review over regional legislation.
- The role of constitutional courts in territorial and constitutional disputes.
- Measuring judicial independence across federal political systems.
- The politicization of federal arbiters.
- Modelling the relationship between courts, regions, and the central government.
- The relationship between judicial independence and quality of democracy in diverse polities.



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CONTRIBUTORS

We welcome submissions from political and social scientists specialising in judicial, federal, and territorial politics. We especially encourage empirically oriented submissions that examine, analyse, and measure the interplay between these themes, using quantitative and/or qualitative methods, in single or comparative case studies. We welcome submissions from participants at all career stages.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp).

SUBMISSION

Abstracts of up to 350 words should be submitted to Joan-Josep Vallbé (vallbe@ub.edu), Daniel Cetrà (dcetra@ub.edu) and Marc Sanjaume-Calvet (marc.sanjaume@upf.edu) **by 10 September 2024**.

LOGISTICS

The meeting will take place in Barcelona. We will cover successful applicants' accommodation costs for 2 nights.

ORGANISERS AND SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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