Democratic Safety Valve or Poison Pill for Charter Rights? Rethinking the Notwithstanding Clause

Friday, March 27th, 2020
Desmarais Hall, Room 12102

AGENDA

8:30 - 9:10 am   Registration and continental breakfast

9:10 - 9:15 am   Welcome
Ariane Buono-Guimont, Ottawa Law Review
Vanessa MacDonnell, Co-Director, uOttawa Public Law Centre
Angela Cameron, Shirley Greenberg Chair for Women and the Legal Profession

9:15 - 9:30 am   Introduction
Yan Campagnolo, University of Ottawa

9:30 - 10:45 am   Panel One: Setting the Context
Moderator: Ariane Buono-Guimont, Ottawa Law Review

Speakers:
Hon. Marilou McPhedran, Senate of Canada
Guillaume Rousseau, Université Sherbrooke
Eric Adams, University of Alberta

Respondent: Nathalie Des Rosiers, Massey College
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10:45 - 11:15am  Morning break

11:15 am - 12:45 pm  Panel Two: Examining the Notwithstanding Clause Through an Equality Lens
Moderator: Anne Levesque, University of Ottawa

Speakers:
Mary Ebets, Hensel Barristers
Kerri Froc, University of New Brunswick
Natasha Bakht, University of Ottawa
Perri Ravon, Power Law

12:45 - 2:15pm  Lunch
Keynote Address: Sherene Razack, Distinguished Professor and the Penney Kanner Endowed Chair in Women’s Studies, UCLA

2:15 - 3:45 pm  Panel Three: The Limits of Section 33 and the Role of Courts
Moderator: Marie-France Fortin, University of Ottawa

Speakers:
Grégoire Webber, Queen’s University
Vanessa MacDonnell, University of Ottawa
Jean Leclair, Université de Montréal
Jamie Cameron, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
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3:45 - 4:15pm  Afternoon break

4:15 - 4:45 pm  Summary of Themes and Thanks
Martha Jackman, University of Ottawa
David Robitaille, University of Ottawa

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