

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM PROCESSES IN IRELAND, ICELAND AND FRANCE: METHODS, DIFFICULTIES AND POTENTIAL TO INSTITUTIONALIZE CITIZEN EMPOWERMENT

Workshop II - 29 September 2023 - The role of experts in constitutional reform procedures
Hosted by the Faculty of Law, University of Iceland

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9:00 in Lögberg, 4th floor meeting room, University of Iceland, Reykjavík / Zoom

1. Marthe Fatin-Rouge Stefanini: *The place of expertise in mechanisms for citizen participation.*
2. Orlaith Rice and Seána Glennon: *The Role of Expert Submissions in Irish Citizens' Assemblies (15 min.).*
3. Jón Ólafsson: *Can the (ignorant) public influence the (knowing) experts and officials? Doubts raised by the Icelandic constitutional revision process(es)*

Coffee Break

4. John O'Dowd: *Some Experts are more Equal than Others. On the role of government lawyers, commissions and courts in the constitutional reform process.*
5. Xavier Magnon: *The participation of academics in a reflection on constitutional changes - Point of view on an ongoing experiment*
6. Kári Hólmur Ragnarsson: *Experts proposing constitutional review by experts: The development of an ex ante constitutional review mechanism in the 2011 proposals of the Icelandic Constitutional Council*

12:30 Lunch at Stúdentakjallarinn

7. David Farrell: *The Legitimacy of the Process of Selecting Experts.*
8. Mathias Revon: *The choice and influence of "experts" in the various commissions reflecting on institutional reform in France.*
9. Sævar Ari Finnbogason: *Who's Experts? On the Implications of Who Selects the Experts versus Which Experts are Selected on the Legitimacy of Minipublics.*

Coffee Break

10. Clémentine-Eleni Nikolaïdis-Lefrançois: *The influence of expertise in the drafting of the Environmental Charter*
11. Hafsteinn Þór Hauksson: *The role of experts in Icelandic constitutional reform efforts*