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THE JUDICIARY’S ROLE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

A Symposium in Honour of
former President of the Israeli Supreme Court
Dr. Asher D. Grunis ’77 (DJur)

September 26 & 27, 2016
Osgoode Professional Development Centre
1 Dundas St W, Suite 2602, Toronto
1:45 PM - Registration

2:15 PM - Welcoming Remarks

SESSION I
2:30 PM - Efficiency & Justice
Chair: Richard Haigh, Director, York’s Centre for Public Policy and Law
Panelists:
Nicole Aylwin, Assistant Director, Winkler Institute for Dispute Resolution, “Data, Efficiency and Access to Justice: What Are We Measuring, What Should We Be Measuring and Why?”
The Hon. Edward Morgan, Ontario Superior Court of Justice, “Efficiency and Justice for Export: International Crime in Israel and Canada”
Tsvi Kahana, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, “Equality, Litigation and Efficiency”

4:00 PM - Coffee Break

SESSION II
4:15 PM - Institutional Role in Protecting Human Rights
Chair: Hart Schwartz, Constitutional Law Branch, Ministry of the Attorney General (Ontario)
Panelists:
Hillel Sommer, Radzyner School of Law, The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, “The Notwithstanding Clause: 50 Shades of Grey”
Adam Dodek, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, “Beyond Notwithstanding: Other Institutional Options for Rights Protection”
Lorraine Weinrib, Faculty of Law, University of Toronto, “Rights Adjudication in the Modern Constitutional State: Theory, Legitimacy & Methodology”

6:15 PM - Reception

A Tribute to former President of the Israeli Supreme Court
Dr. Asher D. Grunis ’77 (DJur)

Greetings: Aviv Gaon, Osgoode Hall Law School
Keynote Speaker: The Hon. Irwin Cotler, Former Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

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9:30 AM – Opening Remarks and Breakfast
Mamdouh Shoukri, President and Vice-Chancellor, York University

SESSION III
10:00 AM – Institutional Role in Appointing Judges
Chair: Ian Greene, School of Public Policy and Administration, York University
Panelists:
Craig Scott, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, “Diverse Persuasion(s): Composing Courts with Rhetorical Responsibility in Mind”
Dan Priel, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, “The Problem with Judicial Review (It’s Not What You Think)”
Kate Glover, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, “Canadian Constitutionalism & Judicial Appointments to the Supreme Court”
Asher D. Grunis, President of the Israeli Supreme Court (Ret.), “Appointing Judges - the Israeli Perspective”

11:45 AM – Lunch

SESSION IV
12:45 PM – Multiculturalism and Minority Rights
Chair: Bruce Ryder, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Panelists:
Benjamin Berger, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, “Religion, Education and State Neutrality”
Liaa Orgad, Radzyner School of Law, The Interdisciplinary Center Herzliya, “Needy Majorities and the Tyranny of the Minority?”
Meital Pinto, School of Law, Carmel Academic Center, “The Majority Can Take Care of Itself: Why Courts Should Intervene Mainly for the Sake of Minorities”
Mohammed Wattad, School of Law, Zefat Academic College, “Is the Court’s Duty to Protect the Rights of Both the Majority and the Minority?”
Yishai Blank, Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University, “In Search of the Secular: Religion and Secularism in Israel”

2:15 PM – Coffee Break

2:30 PM – The Judicial Role
Moderator: Lorne Sossin, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University
Keynote Speaker: Aharon Barak, President of the Israeli Supreme Court (Ret.), IDC Herzliya, “Judges as Guardians of the Constitution”
Discussants:
The Hon. Rosalie Abella, Puisne Justice, Supreme Court of Canada
Asher D. Grunis, President of the Israeli Supreme Court (Ret.)

4:15 PM – Concluding Remarks
Benjamin Geva, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University