INSTITUTIONS, CONSTITUTIONS: 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)

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Day 1

Monday September 26 2016

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:

The Hon. George Strathy, Chief Justice of Ontario, Court of Appeal for Ontario, "Beyond Calling Balls and Strikes: Changing Expectations of the Judiciary in the 21st Century"

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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Day 2

Tuesday September 27 2016

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"

Liav 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