



# Mapping unwritten constitutionalism – University of Liverpool – 23 January 2024

## INTRODUCTION (9 am) – Brian & Ed

### Session 1 – Politics – Janet McLean (Chair)(online)

9:15 – 10:45

Vanessa MacDonnell

*Political unwritten constitutional principles*

Pravar Petkar (ECR)

*The People as Constitutional Limit*

Matteo Pignocchi (ECR)(online)

*Material Constitution, minimal normativity and legislative discretion*

Chiara Finocchiaro (ECR)(online)

*The formation of the government in the Italian constitutional System: The important role of an "unwritten constitution"*

## COFFEE BREAK: 10:45 – 11:00

### Session 2 – Unwritten norms and principles – Se-shauna Wheatle (Chair)(online)

11:00 – 12:30

Edward Willis

*Judicial authority*

Leah Rachel Rea (ECR)

*What difference does it make? Tracking the impact of the interpretation and application of Sewel upon the Northern Ireland Act 1998*

Carla Di Martino (ECR)

*Integration between 'written and unwritten' constitutional norms, considering performative aspects of written constitutionalism*

Leonid Sirota

*Unwritten constitutional principles in Canada*



**LUNCH: 12:30 – 13.30**

**Session 3 – Institutional authority – Mike Gordon (Chair)**

13:30 – 15:00

Aileen Kavanagh (online)

*The ubiquity of unwritten constitutionalism*

Grégoire Webber (online)

*How the unwritten political constitution enables the legal constitution*

Adam Tucker

*Is parliamentary sovereignty even possible?*

Erin Delaney (online)

*Federalism*

**COFFEE BREAK: 15:00 – 15:30**

**Session 4 – New approaches – Mila Versteeg (Chair)(online)**

15.30 – 17:00

Nick Barber (online)

*Constitutional ideology*

Brian Christopher Jones

*The psychology of constitutions*

Ankit Malhotra (ECR) (online)

*Unwritten norms in international law*

Robert Craig (ECR)

*Royal prerogative: Reconciling Dicey and Blackstone but rejecting Wade*

**CONCLUSION AND THANK YOU - Brian and Ed**