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THE NINTH GEOFFREY SAWER LECTURE

TRANSNATIONAL CHALLENGES TO CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: Convergence, resistance, engagement

Professor Vicki Jackson
Georgetown University, Washington DC



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Ian Wark Theatre, The Shine Dome, Gordon Street, Acton

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Courts around the world have taken different postures towards the relevance of transnational sources of law, comparative and international, in constitutional interpretation – postures of convergence, resistance or engagement. After discussing the bases for convergence, and for resistance, Professor Vicki Jackson will argue that engagement with the transnational best accommodates the multiple purposes of a domestic constitution. The legitimacy, and meaning, of this engagement model will be explored within the paradigm of common law approaches to constitutional interpretation.

Professor Jackson is a well-known scholar of US constitutional law and of comparative constitutional law. Her works address federalism, sovereign immunity, federal courts, freedom of speech, gender equality, constitutional interpretation and comparativism. She serves on the Editorial Board of the *International Journal of Constitutional Law* and is a Vice-President of the International Association of Constitutional Law. With Mark Tushnet, she is co-author of *Comparative Constitutional Law* and co-editor of *Defining the Field of Comparative Constitutional Law*.

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