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CONSTITUGENT
research and education in constitutional law

MISSION

The members of ConstitUGent engage in research and education in **constitutional law**. The team is a part of the department of European, Public and International law.

They are interested in the development of the multi-layered, democratic constitutional state, the protection of fundamental rights, and the role of the judge in this respect.

TOPICS

On-going research:

- The rise of regional administrative courts: challenges for the rule of law
- Internal judicial independence in the Belgian legal order
- Consistency of case law and functional judicial autonomy
- Preliminary questions to the Constitutional Court: the effect of preliminary rulings in case law
- Safeguarding university autonomy within the framework of Europeanised higher education
- Intra-branch separation of powers
- Judicial decision-making in constitutional affairs

Recent collaborative research initiatives:

- Separation of powers (handbook)
- Informal judicial institutions (journal special issue)
- The start up of the Flemish Human Rights Institute (journal special issue)
- Intensity of review in public law (seminar and book)
- Developments in public interest litigation (seminar and book)
- 50 years of special majority legislation in Belgium (lectures and book)

CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE, SOCIETY AND ECONOMY

Members of ConstitUGent actively communicate about their research expertise through social media and blog posts.

They also engage in current public debates as experts or opinionators in traditional media and through public lectures or topical advisory work.

Many of them are also involved in public law litigation as judges, law clerks, attorneys or third party interveners in pending cases.



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