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Presents
a Constitution Day Event:

Do Constitutions Matter? Comparing Gender Provisions & Women's Equality



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New democracies, and some older ones, increasingly include gender provisions in their constitutions. How is gender recognized (or ignored) in constitutions around the world? Does constitutionalizing gender empower women? If so, what kinds of provisions matter and under what conditions? Dr. Lambert will present evidence from cross-national comparisons, emphasizing recent fieldwork in Chile and Argentina, and discuss the implications for countries that do not recognize gender in the constitution, such as the United States.

Priscilla Lambert received her Ph.D. in political science from the University of California, San Diego. Her research interests include comparative political economy, Japanese politics, gender and politics, and the politics of family and social policy. She has published articles in *Politics and Gender*, *Comparative Politics*, *Journal of Japanese Studies*, *Social Politics*, *Harvard International Journal of Press and Politics* and the *US-Japan Women's Journal*. She is working on a cross-national study of gender provisions in national constitutions and their effect on women's political and economic equality.

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