The Most Disparaged Branch: The Role of Congress in the 21st Century

Friday, November 14:

I. Is Congress "The Broken Branch"? (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)

Gary Lawson, Boston University School of Law (also moderator)
Sanford Levinson, University of Texas School of Law
Kenneth Shepsle, Harvard University Department of Government
Barbara Sinclair, UCLA Department of Political Science

Keynote Address: Representative Law Making (11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)

Jeremy Waldron, New York University School of Law

Lunch (12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.)

II. Is Legislation an Unprincipled, Incoherent, Undignified Mess? (2:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.)

Alan Feld, Boston University School of Law (also moderator)
Vlad Perju, Boston College Law School
Robert Seidman & Ann Seidman, Boston University School of Law
Luc Wintgens, K.U. Brussels Centre for Legislation, Regulation and Legisprudence

III. Is Congress Capable of Conscientious, Responsible Constitutional Interpretation? (3:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.)

Hugh Baxter, Boston University School of Law (also moderator)
Walter F. Murphy, Princeton University Department of Politics
Mark Tushnet, Harvard Law School
Michael J. Gerhardt, University of North Carolina School of Law

IV. Beyond Legislatures: Social Movements, Social Change, and the Possibilities of Demosprudence (5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.)

Lani Guinier (Harvard Law School) and Gerald Torres (University of Texas School of Law) (co-author)
Fredrick Harris, Columbia University Department of Political Science
Robert Post, Yale Law School
Gerald Rosenberg, University of Chicago Department of Political Science
Linda C. McClain, Boston University School of Law (also moderators)

Reception (6:30 p.m.)
Saturday, November 15:

V. **Toward a More Democratic Congress?** (9:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.)

- James E. Fleming, Boston University School of Law (also moderator)
- Stephen Macedo, Princeton University Department of Politics
- Jane Schacter, Stanford Law School
- Adrian Vermeule, Harvard Law School

VI. **Toward a More Responsible Congress?** (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

- Sotirios A. Barber, University of Notre Dame Department of Government
- Jack Beermann, Boston University School of Law (also moderator)
- Douglas Kriner, Boston University Department of Political Science
- Nancy Rosenblum, Harvard University Department of Government
- Jeffrey Tulis, University of Texas Department of Government

**Lunch Address:** How a Congress might be changed: The politics of fundamental reform
(12:30 p.m.-2:00 p.m.)

- Lawrence Lessig, Stanford Law School

VII. **Congress in Comparative Perspective** (2:00-3:15)

- Michael Libonati, Temple University School of Law
- Kim Lane Scheppele, Princeton University Program in Law and Public Affairs
- Graham Wilson, Boston University Department of Political Science (also moderator)