

**In association with the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies,
University of Oxford**

Workshop: The Social Foundations of Constitutions

2.30–5.00 pm, Thursday 26 March

Social Sciences Building, Manor Road

There will be two papers with discussants and then open discussion.

Dr Daniel Smilov

Constitutionalism, Quasi-constitutionalism, and Representative Democracy: the Case of Bulgaria

Daniel Smilov is a tenured lecturer at Sofia University; he also teaches at the Central European University in Budapest and is a Programme Research Director of the Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia. He completed his Oxford doctorate at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and has a second doctorate from the Central European University. He has published on issues of constitutionalism, party finance funding, corruption, and related matters. He has also conducted empirical research into the judicial system of Bulgaria.

Discussant: **Professor Denis Galligan**, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies Oxford

Ms Aruna Sathanapally

Between the People and the Constitution: The Constitutional Role(s) of the Legislature

Aruna Sathanapally is a doctoral student at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. She gained her law degree from the University of New South Wales and completed the BCL and MPhil at Oxford, before beginning her doctoral research. The subject of her MPhil was the way in which, and the extent to which, the Houses of Parliament consider human rights issues. Her paper on this occasion is related to but not part of her doctoral research.

Discussant: **Dr David Erdos**, Katzenbach Research Fellow, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

The workshop will follow the pattern of a small group around the table and a second group of observer-participants. Those around the table will take the lead in discussion, but with ample opportunities for observers to participate.

If you would like to be either a lead-participant or an observer-participant, or have any questions, please contact Ms Sally Lane at: sally.lane@fljs.org