

Emergency Constitutions: Who has them, who uses them, and are they effective?

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Nine out of ten countries currently have emergency provisions written into their constitutions, here simply referred to as emergency constitutions. The nature of these provisions remains poorly understood. During this talk, three questions will be dealt with: (1) who has emergency constitutions? (2) When are they used, and (3) are they effective?

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