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Biography

Prof Suteu joined the EUI as a Chair in Law in September 2024. Her research interests are in comparative constitutional law, constitutional theory, and gender and law. She is especially interested in the theory and practice of deliberative constitutional change, constitutional entrenchment and democratic theory (in particular eternity clauses), transitional constitutionalism, and gender-sensitive constitution-making. She has also done work in international humanitarian and human rights law. Her work has appeared in major journals and edited collections and her monograph, *Eternity Clauses in Democratic Constitutionalism* (OUP 2021), was awarded the ICON-S Best Book prize in 2023. Her co-authored handbooks, *ABC for a Gender-sensitive Constitution* and *ABC for Gender-sensitive Legislation*, are regularly used in legal education and by activists, particularly in the MENA region.

Prof Suteu is currently involved in three major research projects. She leads the Feminist Judgments in Central and Eastern Europe Project, a seven-country collaboration among scholars rewriting key national judgments from a feminist perspective. She also co-leads the UK team on the Open Research Area (ORA) 7-funded “Unwritten Constitutional Norms and Principles: A Comparative Study” project, which also brings together Canadian and German teams. She is also

Collaborator on the SSHRC-funded “Transforming Judicial Outcomes for Women in Canada and Brazil” project, which interrogates the prospects of multilevel feminist constitutionalism in comparative perspective. Between 2021-2024, she was the Gender Editor of the AHRC- and Leverhulme Trust-funded Lex Atlas COVID-19 project mapping global legal responses to Covid-19.

Prior to joining the EUI, Prof Suteu was Associate Professor at the Faculty of Laws, University College London (UCL). She has held visiting professor positions at the University of Zurich (2022) and LUISS Guido Carli in Rome (2023). She sits on the editorial board of the European Constitutional Law Review, is a member of the Executive Board of the UK Constitutional Law Association, and is Co-Chair of the Central and Eastern European Chapter of ICON-S. Prof Suteu is committed to supporting constitutional reform processes worldwide and has provided legal expertise on constitution building to a number of international and non-governmental organisations.

Research projects, clusters and working groups

Constitutional Law and Politics Working Group

Feminist judgments in Central and Eastern Europe as a response to gendered democratic backsliding

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Fields of expertise

Democracy

Gender equality

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Gender and sexuality

Central and Eastern Europe

Comparative and European constitutional law

Political institutions

Citizen participation

Recent research output

BRODEALĂ, Elena; JELIĆ, Ivana; SUTEU, Silvia (2024), Introduction to violence against women under European human rights law, **Contribution to book**

BRODEALĂ, Elena; JELIĆ, Ivana; SUTEU, Silvia (2024), Violence against women under European human rights law : from supranational standards to national realities, **Book**

SUTEU, Silvia (2024), Eternity clauses and electoral democracy, **Contribution to book**

BRODEALĂ, Elena; SUTEU, Silvia (2019), Women and constitution-making in post-communist Romania, **Contribution to book**

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