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## Sujit Choudhry



**Sujit Choudhry** is Cecelia Goetz Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law, where he founded and serves as Faculty Director of the **Center for Constitutional Transitions**. The Center for Constitutional Transitions is the world's first university-based center that generates and mobilizes knowledge in support of constitution building. The Center assembles and leads international networks of experts to complete thematic research projects that offer evidence-based policy options to practitioners, and provides "back office" research support to constitutional advisors in the field through the Constitutional Transitions Clinic.

Professor Choudhry is an internationally recognized authority on comparative constitutional law and comparative constitutional development. He has written on constitutional design as a tool to manage the transition from violent conflict to peaceful democratic politics, especially in ethnically divided societies, and is currently studying constitutional design in the context of transitions from authoritarian to democratic rule. He has published over seventy articles, book chapters, working papers and reports. His edited collections include *Constitutional Design for Divided Societies: Integration or Accommodation* (Oxford, 2008) and *The Migration of Constitutional Ideas* (Cambridge, 2006). He is currently co-editing two collections, *The Oxford Handbook of Indian Constitutional Law* (Oxford) and *Constitution Making* (Edward Elgar). He sits on the Board of Editors of the *International Journal of Constitutional Law*, is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Constitutional Court Review* (South Africa), and is on the Board of Advisers for the *Cambridge Studies in Constitutional Law*. In 2010, he was one of four Canadians to receive the Trudeau Fellowship, the Canadian equivalent of the MacArthur awards.

Professor Choudhry is a member of the United Nations Mediation Roster, has been a consultant to the World Bank Institute at the World Bank, has worked as a foreign constitutional expert in support of constitutional transitions in Egypt, Jordan, Libya and Tunisia (with the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance), Nepal (with the United Nations Development Program and the Nepal Bar Association), and Sri Lanka (with the Forum of Federations and the Center for Policy Alternatives). Professor Choudhry holds law degrees from Oxford, Toronto, and Harvard, was a Rhodes Scholar, served as law clerk to Chief Justice Antonio Lamer of the Supreme Court of Canada, and was a Graduate Fellow at the Harvard University Center for Ethics and the Professions.

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