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**NATIONAL CONSTITUTION CENTER ANNOUNCES NEW *AMERICA'S TOWN HALL*
PROGRAMS FOR WINTER 2022**

Speakers include The New York Times' Adam Liptak, Human Rights Foundation's Garry Kasparov, and election law experts Charles C.W. Cooke, Edward B. Foley, Michael T. Morley, and Dawn Teele

Topics include India and America's constitutions, the First Amendment, election integrity and voting rights, and the original meaning of the 14th Amendment

Philadelphia, PA (January 21, 2022) – Today, the National Constitution Center released a lineup of new programs as part of its *America's Town Hall* series of constitutional conversations and debates. Programs are free to the public and will be held online via Zoom and YouTube.

On February 15, the National Constitution Center and the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University, as part of their ongoing conversations about how to restore the guardrails of American democracy, present a conversation exploring recent proposals to protect the integrity of our election process. *National Review's* **Charles C.W. Cooke**, Ohio State University's **Edward B. Foley**, Florida State University Law's **Michael T. Morley**, and SNF Agora Institute's **Dawn Teele** debate the merits of legislation pending in Congress and the states.

Below is a full list of online programs, including a conversation in February on early presidents and how they shaped the presidency in honor of Presidents Day. Additional programs to be added. Up-to-date program information is available at constitutioncenter.org/debate.

Upcoming *America's Town Hall* programming:

India and America: A Constitutional Dialogue

Tuesday, January 25, 11 a.m. ET

Free Online

How are the U.S. and Indian constitutions alike—and how do they differ? Two leading Indian constitutional law experts and senior advocates at the Supreme Court of India—**Arvind Datar** and **Menaka Guruswamy**—and American comparative law expert **Tom Ginsburg** of the University of Chicago Law School, discuss the similarities and differences between the U.S. and Indian constitutions and explore the biggest constitutional issues currently facing both nations. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. *This program is presented in partnership with the **Vidhi Centre for Legal Policy**.*

The First Amendment and the Censor's Dilemma

Thursday, February 3, 12 p.m. ET

Free Online

Adam Liptak, *New York Times* Supreme Court reporter, and **Nadine Strossen**, free speech expert and author of *HATE: Why We Should Resist It with Free Speech, Not Censorship*, join leading First

Amendment lawyer **Robert Corn-Revere** to explore the efforts at censoring unpopular speech throughout American history as described in Corn-Revere's latest book, *The Mind of the Censor and the Eye of the Beholder*. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates.

Rule of Law in America and Abroad: A Comparative View

Wednesday, February 9, 7 p.m. ET

Free Online

The National Constitution Center and Renew Democracy Initiative present a discussion exploring how the rule of law is protected in constitutional systems around the world—including the United States—and how to ensure its survival when threatened by modern challenges. What happens to constitutions when legal and political norms are violated, and how can we defend rule of law and ensure that our civic institutions remain strong? The panel will feature a unique set of perspectives, including both foreign dissidents who have risked their lives to fight for freedom in their home countries—**Garry Kasparov**, chairman of the Human Rights Foundation, and Judge **Claudia Escobar**, Guatemalan whistleblower and former magistrate of the Court of Appeals of Guatemala—and legal experts **Robert P. George** and **Kim Lane Scheppele** of Princeton University. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. *This program is presented in partnership with the **Renew Democracy Initiative** and the **SNF Paideia Program at the University of Pennsylvania**.*

Election Integrity and Voting Rights: Should We Rewrite the Rules?

Tuesday, February 15, 7 p.m. ET

Free Online

The National Constitution Center and the SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University, as part of their ongoing conversations about how to restore the guardrails of American democracy, present a conversation exploring recent proposals to protect the integrity of our election process. **Charles C.W. Cooke**, senior writer at *National Review*; **Edward B. Foley**, professor and director of the election law program at Ohio State University; **Michael T. Morley**, professor at Florida State University Law; and **Dawn Teele**, SNF Agora Institute associate professor of political science, debate the merits of legislation pending in Congress and the states. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates. *This program is presented in partnership with the **SNF Agora Institute at Johns Hopkins University** as part of the **National Constitution Center's Restoring the Guardrails of Democracy** initiative, and made possible with support from the **Stavros Niarchos Foundation (SNF)** and **Mike and Jackie Bezos**.*

Early Presidents and How They Shaped the Presidency

Monday, February 28, 7 p.m. ET

Free Online

The legacies of Thomas Jefferson as “author” of the Declaration of Independence and James Madison as the “Father of the Constitution” are well known, but their legacies as president, among those of other early presidents as well, tend to be forgotten. Presidential historians, including **Lindsay Chervinsky**, discuss America's first presidents and how they shaped the office as we know it today. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates.

Elections, Speech, and Political Disinformation

Thursday, March 10, 7 p.m. ET

Free Online

What are the leading proposals to combat election disinformation and are they consistent with the First Amendment? **Richard L. Hasen**, leading election law expert and author of *Cheap Speech: How*

Disinformation Poisons Our Politics—and How to Cure It; **Catherine Ross**, free speech expert and author of *A Right to Lie? Presidents, Other Liars, and the First Amendment*; and others discuss. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates.

Coming this winter:

The 14th Amendment and Its Original Meaning

Free Online

The 14th Amendment has been cited in more Supreme Court cases—from *Plessy v. Ferguson* and *Brown v. Board of Education* to *Roe v. Wade* and *Bush v. Gore*—than any other amendment. Yet, there has been an ongoing debate over its meaning and interpretation since its ratification in 1868. **Randy Barnett** and **Evan Bernick**, authors of *The Original Meaning of the Fourteenth Amendment*, join **Kurt Lash**, author of *The Reconstruction Amendments: The Essential Documents*, and others for a definitive analysis of the origins, evolution, and future of the amendment. **Jeffrey Rosen**, president and CEO of the National Constitution Center, moderates.

The National Constitution Center's *America's Town Hall* series features distinguished leaders, scholars, authors, and journalists who speak on the most significant constitutional topics of our time. The Center's online *America's Town Hall* programs are free. Viewers can register for the Zoom sessions at constitutioncenter.org/debate or watch from youtube.com/ConstitutionCenter. Archived *America's Town Hall* programs can be found on the *Interactive Constitution* at constitutioncenter.com/interactive-constitution/media-library.

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About the National Constitution Center

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