



## 250 Years of America: From Rome to Washington. Between Origin and Myth



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On July 4, 1776, the Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. What followed was nothing short of a big bang for legal studies. The Declaration jump-started one of the most resilient legal orders—one that would stand the test of time and profoundly influence how we understand the relationship between law, politics, and civil society; the nature of constituent power; the idea of checks and balances; federalism; judicial review; and many other critical aspects of modern and postmodern constitutionalism. The workshop will zoom in on some of the prevalent driving forces behind the American Revolution, how they shaped its development, and the extent to which they spread beyond U.S. borders: the idea of freedom, the role of religion, and the place of legal theory.

Welcome addresses

**Paola Lambrini** - University of Padova

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*The Republic of Ancient Rome in the American Revolution. An Introduction*

**Umberto Vincenti** - University of Padova

*Law, Religious Liberty, and the United States*

**John Witte, Jr.** - University of Emory

*Christian Thought and American Constitutionalism*

**Nathan Chapman** - University of Georgia

*Natural Law and American Constitutionalism*

**Jeffrey Pojanowski** - University of Notre Dame

*The Global Legacy of American Exceptionalism*

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