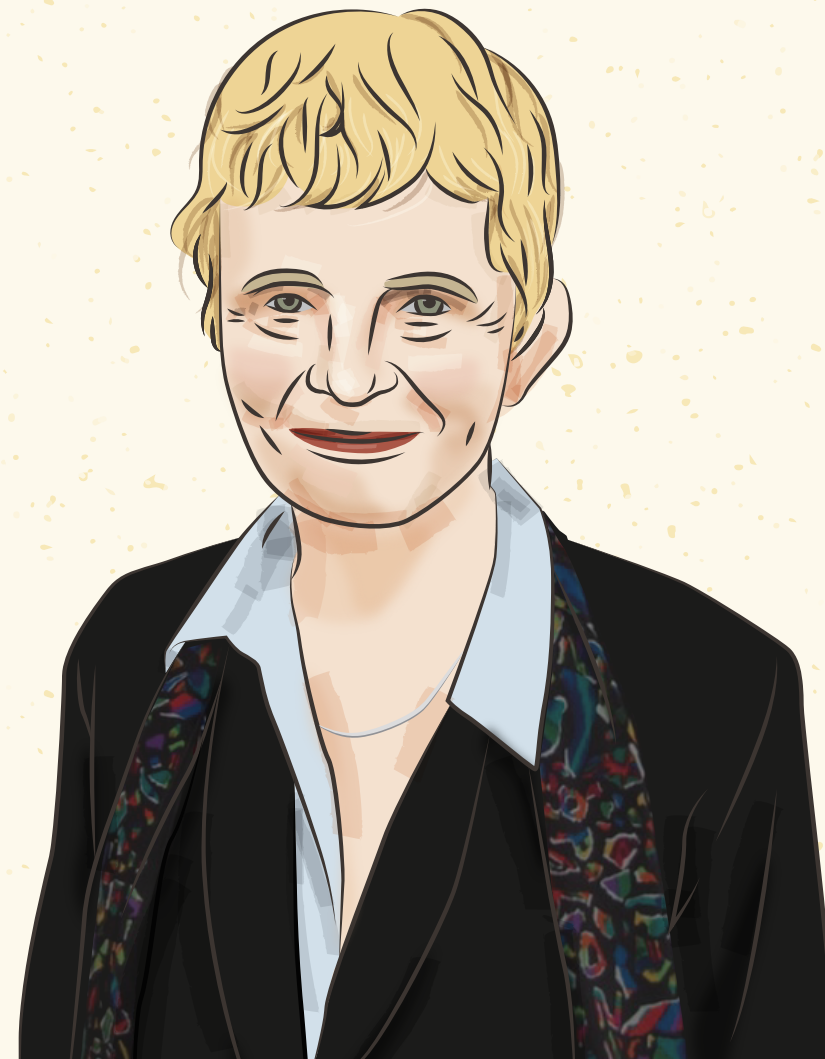


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## Why is she awarded the Tang Prize?

Professor Saunders has made tremendous contributions to **the study of comparative constitutional law** by broadening its scope, encompassing lessons learnt from **constitutional-building in the Asia-Pacific region.**

Through active **engagement and dialogue** with local scholars and political actors, she has been a pioneer in the constitution-building works as an **academic practitioner.**



# Challenges of constitution-building

The Asia-Pacific is characterized by its ethnic diversity and large populations, as well as complex histories, cultures, and political systems. Moreover, the constitution-building often had to be made in the transition to democracy from authoritarian rule.

The legitimacy of constitution-building must be based on **social trust, inclusive participation, and proper procedures** which are conducive in generating broad-based consensus.



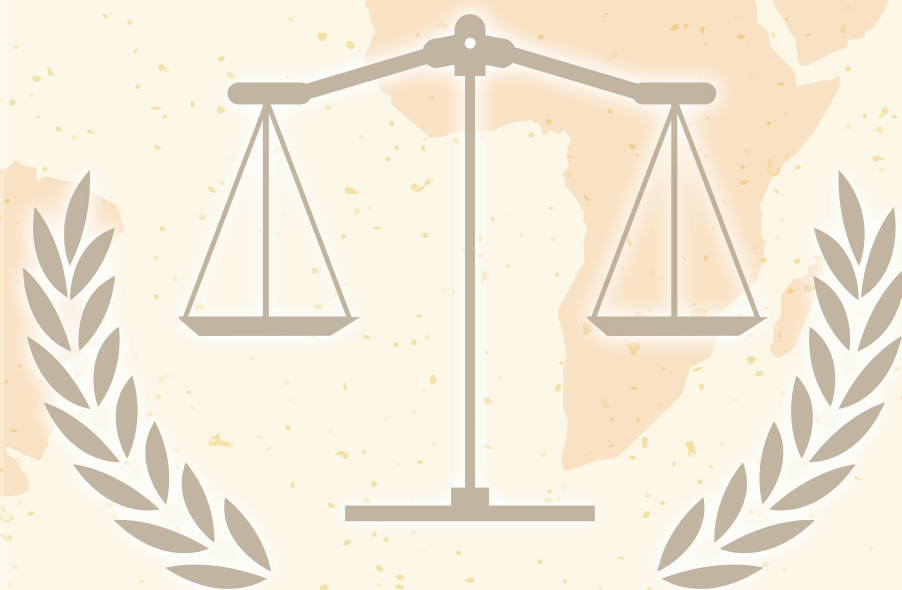
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# Expanding the frontiers of comparative constitutional law studies

With her academic expertise and practical experience, Professor Saunders **reached out to local communities, working with scholars** to enhance constitutionalism.

By incorporating the constitutional experience of Asia-Pacific region, she broadened the boundaries of comparative constitutional law.



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# Toward a global constitutional gene pool

Professor Saunders facilitates dialogue with scholars and political actors by building platforms under the auspices of



**International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL), the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), Constitution Transformation Network (ConTransNet), and the Melbourne Asia-Pacific Constitutional Forum.**

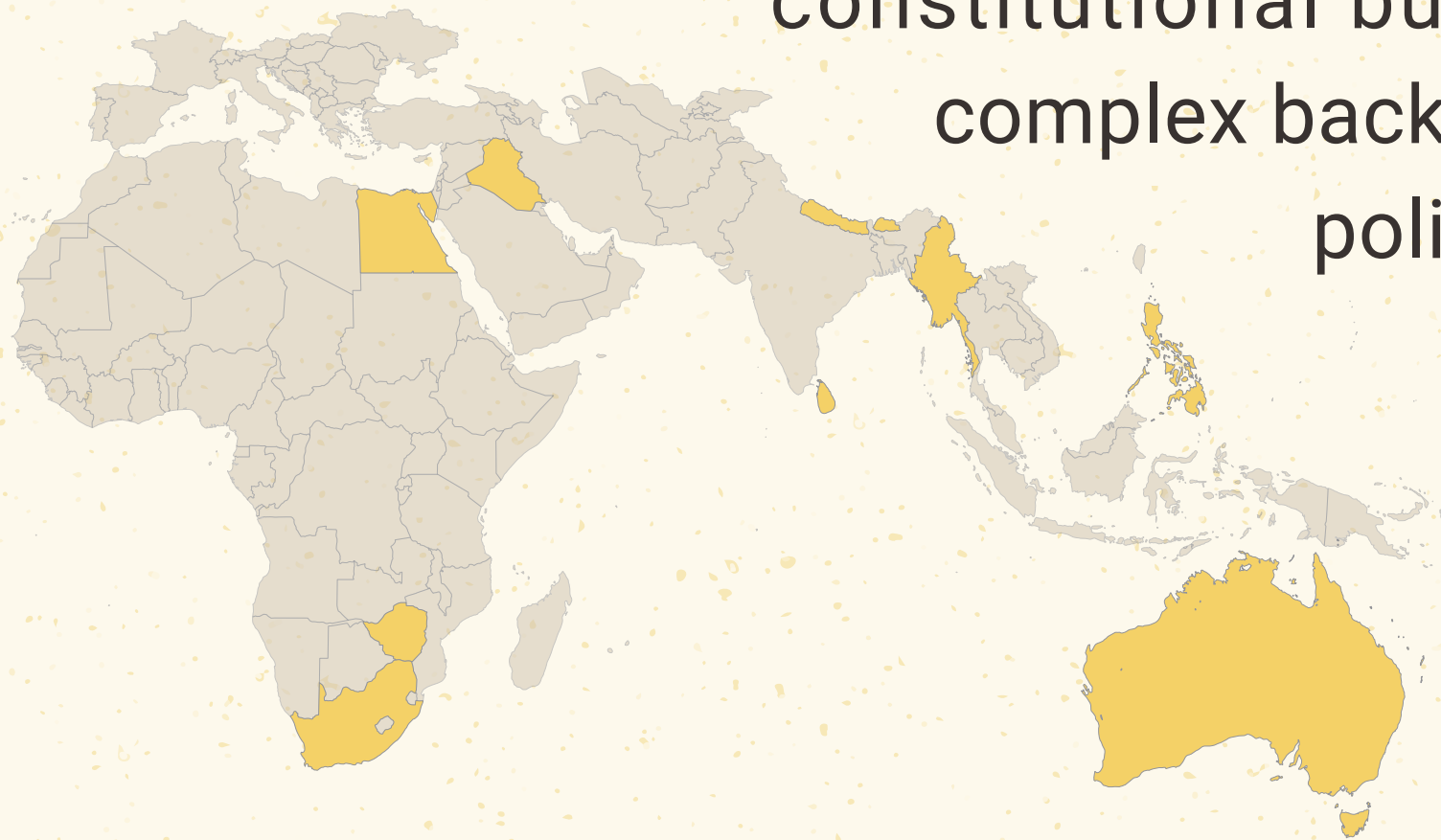


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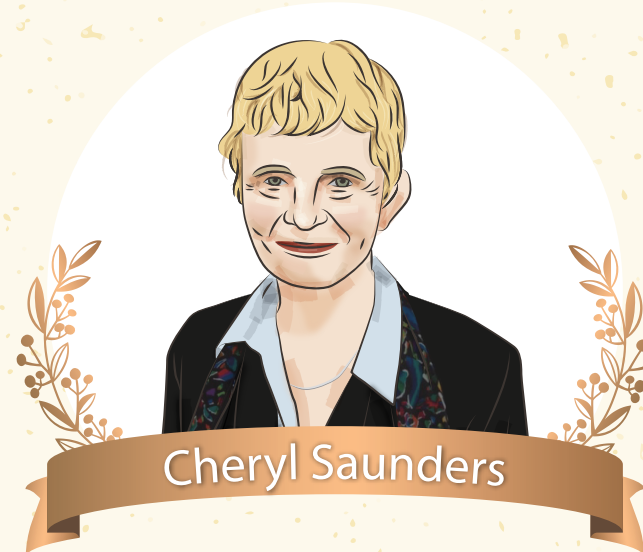
# An academic practitioner in comparative constitutional law

Professor Saunders was involved in the constitutional building in countries with complex backgrounds and challenging political environments in the Asia-Pacific region.



Her work has done with **full respect of local contexts.**

# A navigator of constitution-building in the Asia-Pacific region



- Professor Saunders' work **balances local contexts and universal principles and values.**
- Her research **expands the boundaries of comparative constitutional law studies**, helping other scholars and political actors develop a broader perspective on constitution-building problems in different countries and regions.
- Her work **provides a viable path** to break through difficulties across communities.