Following the massive protests that rocked the country between October 2019 and March 2020, a plebiscite took place in October 2020, asking the citizenry whether the 1980 constitution, inherited from the Pinochet regime, should be replaced. A strong majority supported writing a new constitution and, next month, Chileans will vote for a constituent assembly.

Constitutions determine at the very least, government formation and functioning, and citizens' basic civil and political rights. But, in addition, Chileans are debating whether the new document should establish central characteristics of the economic system and the welfare state, and whether it should address social and cultural rights of different types, including questions of gender and sexuality, and the place of indigenous communities in the broader society. Parties on the Left and Right in Chile have developed different constitutional programs, which have been intensely debated in the past months.

A group of distinguished Chilean social scientists will examine these issues. The presenters will be:

- **Pablo Perez Ahumada**, Sociology, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago.
- **Alexis Cortes**, Sociology, Universidad Alberto Hurtado, Santiago.
- **Alfredo Joignant**, Political Science, Universidad Diego Portales, Santiago.
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