

**The Personalization of Judicial Review:
The Cohesiveness of Judicial Nominations and Constitutional Courts**

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Abstract

In this paper, we examine how would the decrease of judicial selectorates' cohesiveness increase the influence of judges' individual characteristics on judicial review. We relate to this phenomenon as a personalization of judicial review. We claim that this phenomenon has a significant effect on our ability to understand constitutional courts' judicial review. We validate our theory using the case of Israel's High Court of Justice (IHCJ) rulings between 1995 and 2016. During this period, the Court varied in its cohesiveness due to institutional changes in Israel's polity and its selectorate. Consequently, the IHCJ's review became more personalized.