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## Israeli Association of Legislation

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On 1 to 3 January 2019 a group of legislation scholars and experts from various disciplines and various countries held an [International Workshop on Omnibus Legislation](#), under the auspices of the Bar-Ilan University Faculty of Law, the Israeli Association of Legislation and the Israeli Science Foundation. The participants of the workshop

#### **Note as follows—**

- That omnibus legislation (arrangements laws / portmanteau legislation), while taking different forms in different jurisdictions and being capable of being defined in different ways, is capable of raising similar issues in all jurisdictions
- That omnibus legislation has the potential to undermine the role of the legislature vis-à-vis the executive (although it can also be used to enhance the power of the legislature as against the President in presidential systems)
- That omnibus legislation can make it difficult for legislators to participate effectively in the legislative process
- That omnibus legislation has the potential to undermine effective legislative scrutiny and to compromise legislative quality
- That omnibus legislation also has the potential to enhance legislative efficiency and to facilitate the passage of legislation addressing relatively minor matters
- That politicians and other public policy-makers therefore need to become or remain aware of the balance to be struck in the use of omnibus legislation between—
  - maintaining the rule of law and respect for the rule of law, and
  - enhancing the efficient and effective passage of law
- That in some jurisdictions judicial consciousness of omnibus legislation, including judicial willingness to challenge or invalidate omnibus legislation under certain conditions, is a contributory factor to the increasing attention paid to omnibus legislation in certain jurisdictions
- That political scientists and legal academics should collaborate to monitor the use of omnibus legislation in different jurisdictions and to ensure that public policy-makers are made aware of the actual and potential impact of the use of omnibus legislation