



# Burying Pinochet's Legacy: Chile's New Constitution

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On October 25, 2020 millions of Chileans went to the polls in record numbers to approve a constitutional convention to draft a new constitution that will replace the current charter, which dates back to the military dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet. The significance of this decision cannot be overstated. The new document, which will be drafted by an assembly of elected citizens, will seek to culminate a thirty-year process to permanently erase the legacy of the Pinochet's authoritarian regime. This talk will consist of two parts. The first part will put the Chilean case in a broader context by discussing some of the challenges of institutional design in transitional democracies. The second part will provide an overview of the events leading to the constitutional referendum and the road ahead.

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