

## **One Hundred Years Interpreting the Ship of Theseus: Constitutional Hyperreformism and the Mexican Supreme Court (1917-2017)**

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Mexico's 1917 Constitution has been massively amended. Our case study case offers important theoretical insights by calling into question the widespread thesis that amendment and interpretation are substitute means of constitutional updating. Based on two original data sets containing all amendments and constitutional precedents from 1917 to 2020, we find that hyper-reformism is correlated to a steep increase in the number and diversity of constitutional binding precedents. Our account suggests that, in Mexico, hyperreformism has not inhibited constitutional revision through interpretation, but has actually led to innovative constitutional interpretation to cope with its effects, thus offering ground for broadening up academic debates on constitutional change.