Constitutional transition building forms an interesting lens to think more deeply about the cultural relativism critique of international human rights law. Foreign and NGO assistance to a constitution-building process can be a tricky business, since foreign 'experts' must justify the need for research and technical expertise, without creating a perception of foreign intervention, arrogance, or insensitivity to domestic social, political and cultural realities.

Drawing on his experiences working in constitutional transitions in Kenya, Tunisia, Libya and Egypt, Stacey will recount his experiences of engaging with constitutional drafters on specific questions of constitutional law. His approach was often to present constitutional drafters a range of options from around the world, and allow drafters to draw their own conclusions, on the basis of that information, as to which approach might be most suitable to their own constitutional transition.