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**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE**

**SOVEREIGN DEBT AND  
FUNDAMENTAL SOCIAL RIGHTS**

*28 - 29 June 2013*

**Athens – Hotel Divani Caravel**

**1<sup>st</sup> SESSION**

**09.00** *Greetings by:*

**Kostas Mavrias**, Professor Emeritus, President of the Association of Greek Constitutionalists and Honorary President of the IACL

**Martin Scheinin**, Professor, President of the IACL

*Introductory Speech by:*

**Dr Cephas Lumina**, UN Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights

**09.30 THE IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CRISIS TO INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, REGULATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

*Chair:*

**Kostas Mavrias**, Professor Emeritus, Athens Law School

- **Margot Salomon**, Senior Lecturer, London School of Economics  
«Beyond time and territory: Debt, austerity and human rights in full view»
- **Anu Bradford**, Professor, Columbia Law School  
«Efficient Design of Institutions after the Crisis»
- **Enyinna Nwauche**, Professor, University of Botswana, Department of Law  
«Emerging Issues about Indigenous Peoples and Investment Arbitration»

*Intervention:*

**Katerina Linos**, Ass. Professor, University of Berkley  
«Human Rights Backsliding»

**11.00 Coffee Break**

- **Xenophon Contiades**, Professor, Dean, University of Peloponnese, and Dr **Alkmene Fotiadou**, Centre for European Constitutional Law  
«The debt crisis proving ground: social rights theory revisited»

*Intervention:*

Dr **Eleni Miha**

«The long winding road towards justiciability of social rights during times of sovereign debt crisis»

**19.00 Coffee Break**

**19.30 ROUNDTABLE**

*Chair:*

Professor **Ismini Kriari**, Vice-president of the Panteion University

Professor **Elias Nikolopoulos**, Panteion University  
Professor **George Katrougalos**, University of Thrace  
Professor **Yannis Tassopoulos**, University of Athens  
Professor **Lina Papadopoulou**, University of Salonica, Faculty of Law

**Closure of the Conference** by Professor **Kostas Mavrias** and Professor **Martin Scheinin**

**21:00 Reception**

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- **Stamatis Tzitzis**, *Professor, Institut de criminologie, Paris II*  
«Crise, souveraineté populaire et droits sociaux»
- **Stelios Perrakis**, *Professor, Panteion University*  
«Le droit de vivre en dignité en période de crise économique et le droit international»

*Intervention:*

Dr **Vassiliki Saranti**

«Social Rights in the Western Hemisphere under the prism of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights case-law»

## SATURDAY Afternoon, 29 June 2013

### 4<sup>th</sup> SESSION

#### 17.00 CONSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES TO THE CRISIS

*Chair:*

**Elizabeth Bessila**, *Professor, Panteion University*

- **Thomas Fleiner**, *Professor Emeritus, University of Fribourg, President Emeritus of the IACL*  
«Direct democracy: debts and social rights, the Swiss experience»
- **Dominique Rousseau**, *Professor, Université de Paris I, Panthéon Sorbonne, Président du conseil scientifique de l'Association Française des Constitutionnalistes*  
«Les droits sociaux, réponse à la crise économique et financière»

## 11.30 SOVEREIGN DEBT AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

*Chair:*

**George Kassimatis**, *Professor Emeritus, Athens Law School*

- **Antonis Bredimas**, *Professor, Athens Law School*  
«Force Majeure and State of Necessity in International Law»
- **Mathias Audit**, *Professor, Paris Ouest Nanterre La Défense*  
«La dette souveraine devant les tribunaux arbitraux internationaux»
- **Nikitas Aliprantis**, *Professor Emeritus, University of Strasbourg and University of Thrace*  
«La philosophie du “comme si” (“als ob”) dans la méconnaissance des droits sociaux d’assises européennes»

*Intervention:*

**Giorgio Baruchello**, *Professor, University of Akureyri, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences*

«The Presupposed Oncological Model of Paul Krugman’s Banking Metastases: An Introduction to John McMurtry’s Philosophy»

## FRIDAY Afternoon, 28 June 2013

### 2<sup>nd</sup> SESSION

#### 17.00 BUDGET, SOCIAL RIGHTS AND THE PRESSURE ON WELFARE STATE

*Chair:*

**Spyros Flogaitis**, *Professor, Athens Law School*

- **Alessandro Torre**, *Professor, Università degli Studi di Bari, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza*  
«Neo Liberal Trends and Budgetary Policy-Making in Italy»

- **Marina Calamo Specchia**, Professor, Università degli Studi di Bari, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza  
«Crise économique et budget équilibré dans l'expérience italienne. Quel avenir pour les droits sociaux?»
- **John McEldowney**, Professor, University of Warwick, Faculty of Law  
«The UK: The Post Financial Crisis and the Reform of the Welfare State and Social Economic Rights»

### 18.30 Coffee Break

### 19.00 EUROPE AND CRISIS

Chair:

**Kostas Chryssogonos**, Professor, Salonica Law School

- **Nickos Alivizatos**, Professor, Athens Law School  
«The "Living instrument" Doctrine in Times of Trouble»
- **Patrick de Fontbressin**, Professor, Université Paris Sud XI  
«Le citoyen trouve-t-il dans la Charte des droits de l'Union Européenne un droit subjectif?»
- **Petros Stagos**, Professor, Salonica Law School  
«Endettement de l'État à l'intérieur d'une Union économique et monétaire: solidarité ou état de nécessité?»



### 3<sup>rd</sup> SESSION

### 09.00 COUNTRIES IN CRISIS AND CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDIES

Chair:

**George Katrougalos**, Professor, University of Thrace

- **Angel Rodriguez**, Professor, University of Málaga, Faculty of Law  
«Sovereign debt and fundamental social rights after the constitutional reform in Spain»
- **Yannis Drossos**, Professor, Athens Law School  
«Countries in crisis and constitutional remedies: Courts' approaches»
- **Rachael Lorna Johnstone**, Professor, University of Akureire  
«Myths and Legends of Contemporary Iceland»
- Dr **Giulia Aravantinou Leonidi**, Research Fellow, Università degli studi di Roma La Sapienza, Facoltà di Giurisprudenza  
«A fragile democracy: questioning social rights under the Italian Constitution. The crisis and the collapse of the Welfare State»

### 11.00 Coffee Break

### 11.30 INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

Chair:

**Petros Pararas**, Professor Emeritus, University of Thrace, Honorary Vice-president of the Council of State

- **Paul Tavernier**, Professor Emeritus, Université Paris-Sud XI  
«Contribution de la Cour Européenne des droits de l'Homme à une lecture "sociale" du droit de propriété. Quelques constats et quelques interrogations»