WORKSHOP ON:
Contesting Austerity – A Socio-Legal Inquiry into Resistance to Austerity

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6 – 7 June 2019

Programme

Wednesday 5th June 2019
21:00  Welcome reception in the Residencia Antia

Thursday 6th June 2019
9:00 – 9:30  Welcome words by the Director of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law and by the coordinators of the workshop: Anuscheh Farahat (Professor of Public Law, Migration Law and Human Rights, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Germany) and Xabier Arzoz (Professor of Administrative and EU Law, University of the Basque Country, and clerk at the Spanish Constitutional Court (Spain))

9:30 – 10:00  Opening remarks “Contestation in times of austerity: a conceptual introduction” by Anuscheh Farahat

10:00 – 11:00  Opening discussion: How contestation and conflict relate to democracy?
  Martin Nonhoff (Professor of Political Theory at the Research Centre for International Relations, European Politics and Political Theory, Universität Bremen (Germany)): Crisis Analysis and Radical Theory of Democracy

11:00 – 11:30  Break

11:30 – 13:30  Panel I: Contesting cuts in payments and pensions: institutional means and new social challenges
  Moderator: Teresa Violante (Member of the TSC-Research project and research fellow at the MPI for comparative public law and international law, Heidelberg and the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany))

  1) Stelios Koutnatzis (Lawyer to the Supreme Court, Lecturer in Public Law, Democritus University of Thrace Law School (Greece)): Transparency and efficiency – can austerity help to improve democracy?

  2) Ana Bobić (Hertie School of Governance, LEVIATHAN project (Berlin, Germany)): Austerity and the individual: an assessment of legal accountability in EU economic governance

  3) Juli Ponce Solé (Professor of Administrative Law, University of Barcelona (Spain)): Constitutional constraints to welfare cuts
14:15 – 15:15    Lunch

15:30 – 17:00    Panel II: Contesting new forms of poverty: institutional means and new social challenges

Moderator: Anuscheh Farahat (Professor for Public Law, Migration Law and Human Rights Law, University of Erlangen-Nürnberg and Senior Research Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for comparative public law and international law, Heidelberg (Germany))

1) Aoife Nolan (Professor of International Human Rights Law, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham (Great Britain)): *Contesting poverty through European human rights: The role of the European Committee of Social Rights?*

2) Pau Mari-Klose (Professor of Sociology, University of Zaragoza (Spain), and member of the Spanish Parliament): *Perspectives for combatting inequalities: the cases of child and youth poverty*

17:00 – 17:30    Break

17:30 – 19:00    Panel II: Contesting new forms of poverty: institutional means and new social challenges (Continuation)

3) Marius Hildebrand (Member of the TSC-Research project and research fellow at the MPI for comparative public law and international law, Heidelberg and the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany)): *The representation of Greece on Covers and in Cover-Storis of the German Leading Magazine Focus during the Eurozone Crisis. Unravelling the Politicisation-Depoliticisation-Nexus of Decontestatory Identity Politics*

4) Elisavet Lampropoulou (University of Thessaloniki): *The politicisation of the role of the Council of State under emergency circumstances: between judicial review and judicial management of the crisis*

5) Nuria Pumar Beltrán (Professor of Labour Law and Social Security, University of Barcelona (Spain)): *Young Women, Second Chance Education and Precarious Work: some experiences in Europe*

20:30    Dinner in Hotel Torre Zumeltzegi

Friday 7th June 2019

9:00 – 11:00    Panel III: Contesting Labour Law Reforms: institutional means and new social challenges

Moderator: Katharina König (Member and student assistant of the TSC-Research project at the MPI for comparative public law and international law, Heidelberg and the University of Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany))

1) Nicole Scicluna (Lecturer in Political Science, University of Birmingham (Great Britain)): *Contesting international Institutions: How international law and politics have been politicized during the Eurozone crisis*

2) Hermes Augusto Costa (Professor at the Faculty of Economic and researcher at the Center for Social Studies, University of Coimbra (Portugal)): *The role of trade unions in the age of austerity: resisting as a way to rebuild power*

3) Consuelo Chacartegui (Professor titular of Labour Law and Social Security, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona): *Austerity at the service of economic nationalism in Spain: the international regulations as a retaining wall*

4) Julia López López (Professor of Labour Law and Social Security, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona): *Anti-austerity unions strategies and decentralization: Sector collective bargaining and solidarity*

11:00 – 11:30    Break

11:30 – 13:15    Panel IV: Grasping contestation in troubled times: towards a comprehensive framework for understanding different modes of contestation
Moderator: Xabier Arzoz (Professor of Administrative and EU Law, University of the Basque Country and clerk at the Spanish Tribunal Constitucional (Spain))

1) Miguel Azpitarte (Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Granada (Spain)): *Modes of participation and representation in the era of globalization and liberalization*

2) Carlos Aymerich (Professor of Administrative Law, University of A Coruña (Spain)): *Challenging austerity before EU Courts*

3) Keith Ewing (Professor of Law, King’s College, London (UK)): *Contesting Austerity – The role of Trade Unions*

13:15 – 14:00  Closing remarks and short discussion on the final publication

14:15  Lunch