Programme

Thursday 19 November 2015
Venue: Auditorium Hanken I, Henrikinkatu 7, Turku

Session I: Austerity and human rights

15.00-15.30 Registration and coffee

15.30-18.30 Panel on austerity and human rights
Chair
• Prof. Sandra Liebenberg, H.F. Oppenheimer Chair in Human Rights Law, University of Stellenbosch

Panel
• Colm O’Cinneide, Reader in Human Rights Law, Faculty of Laws, University College London, and Vice-President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
• Dr Malcolm Langford, Senior Researcher, Chr. Michelsen Institute (CMI), Co-Director of the Centre on Law and Social Transformation, University of Bergen and CMI
• Dr Christopher Mbazira, Associate Professor, School of Law, Makerere University
• Prof. Aoife Nolan, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Nottingham
• Dr Katharine Young, Associate Professor, Boston College Law School

19.00- Dinner
Restaurant Tårg, Linnankatu 3, Turku
Friday 20 November 2015
Venue: Auditorium Aura, Tehtaankatu 2, Turku

Session II: Encountering economic realities in Europe

9.00-9.45 Economic perspectives on the European crisis
Prof. Markus Jäntti, Swedish Institute for Social Research, Stockholm University

9.45-10.30 Social rights under pressure in the EU – the potential of the European Social Charter
Dr Karin Lukas, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe

10.30-10.45 Coffee break

Session III: Paper presentations

10.45-12.00 Parallel paper sessions

Group I
Venue: Auditorium Aura, Tehtaankatu 2, Turku

Migrants and economic crises: How South Africa is facing this (thorny?) problem
Dr Cristiano d’Orsi, Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria

Migrants in an irregular status in view of the European Court of Human Rights: the development of member states’ margin of appreciation in socio-economic issues
Elina Todorov, PhD Candidate, University of Tampere, School of Management

Greece and unaccompanied migrant minors: Best interest served?
Sotiris Konstantis, PhD Candidate, Paris West Nanterre La Défense University / Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University

Group II
Venue: Auditorium Pipping, Vänrikinkatu 3 A, Turku

The TROIKA’s human rights accountability
Dr Pierre Schmitt, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

The paradox of austerity in the life of NHRIs
Veronika Haasz, Junior FRAME Researcher, European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation
The impact of economic hardship on people of African descent in Europe: The case of Portugal, Netherlands and Sweden
Dr Sabelo Gumede, Member of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Visiting Senior Fellow, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand

12.00-13.00 Lunch
Restaurant Hus Lindman, Piispankatu 15, Turku

13.00-13.45 Parallel paper sessions (continued)

Group I

Asylum detention in Italy's southern borders: balancing costs and benefits from a human rights law perspective
Eleonora del Gaudio, PhD Candidate, Institute for Human Rights, Åbo Akademi University

Tales of Transformismo: International Human Rights Law and Onslaught of Neoliberal Capitalism
Paavo Kotiaho, Research Fellow, Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki

Group II

The Political Economy of Austerity and Human Rights Law
Dr Viljam Engström, University Teacher, Department of Law, Åbo Akademi University

Austerity measures and their implications: The role of the European Social Charter in maintaining minimum social standards in countries undergoing austerity measures. Case study on Finland
Laura Kirvesniemi, University of Helsinki and Kamilla Aliyeva, PhD Candidate, University of Helsinki

Session IV: “We cannot take them all in” – the penniless Fortress Europe

13.45-14.30 The ESC rights of asylum seekers and undocumented migrants
Dr Eeva Nykänen, National Institute for Health and Welfare (Finland)

14.30-15.15 Crisis and migration: A philosophical perspective
Dr Graham Finlay, Lecturer, School of Politics & International Relations University College Dublin

15.15-15.30 Coffee break
Session V: Access to justice under pressure

15.30-16.15  Access to rights in times of austerity
Maija Sakslin, Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman (Finland)

16.15-17.00  Access to justice for the vulnerable – beyond reach?
Dr Päivi Mattila, General Secretary, Finnish League for Human Rights

17.45-     Possibility for winter bathing

19.30-     Dinner
Restaurant Pub Niska, Kristiinankatu 1, Turku