

The Age of Austerity: A New Challenge for State Powers

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Room LG09 David Hume Tower

Provisional Programme

9am: Registration and Coffee

Panel 1: The Impact of Austerity: Case Studies from Italy, Portugal and Greece (9:30-11:00)

- 1) Catherine Moury (Universidade Nova De Lisboa), 'Aren't there any alternatives? Power and Discourse in Portuguese Austerity Politics'
- 2) Adriano Cozzolino (University of Naples), 'Dynamics of Presidentialisation in Italy'
- 3) Joscha Abels (Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen), 'From Consent to Coercion: The Beast of Austerity and the Crisis of European Democracy'
- 4) Antonia Baraggia (Università degli Studi di Milano), 'Supreme Courts acting in the Shadow of the Crisis: The Case Law on Austerity Measures in Comparative Perspective'

11:00 – 11:15 Break

Panel 2: European Austerity: Challenges to our understanding of Democracy and Law (11:15-12:45)

- 1) Paola Chirulli (Rome La Sapienza), Luca de Lucia (University of Salerno), 'Austerity and Constitutional Changes in the EU: A Foucauldian approach'
- 2) Andrew Glencross (University of Stirling), 'Post-Democracy and the Politics of Budgetary Discretion in the Eurozone'
- 3) Dimitrios Kagiros (University of Edinburgh), 'European Austerity and the violation of socio-economic rights'
- 4) Adrienne Yong (University of Hertfordshire): Austerity in the EU: A damning effect on citizenship and human rights protection.

13:00-14:00 Lunch Break

*Panel 3: The effect of 'externally imposed austerity' on the European and domestic level.
(14:15-15:45)*

- 1) Tiago Fidalgo de Freitas (EUI), Raquel Franco (University of Lisbon), Rita De Brito Gao (European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation), 'Democratic Governance and bargaining powers during bail-out negotiations'
- 2) Maria Tzanakopoulou (UCL), 'Constitutionalism and Austerity in the EU: Reclaiming Constituent Power'
- 3) Francesco Bilancia (University of Chieti-Pescara), 'Crisis and Territorial Asymmetrical effects on the Social Rights guarantees within the Economic and Monetary Union'
- 4) Sabrina Ragone (Max Planck Institute, Heidelberg), 'National Governments and Coordination of European Policies in Times of Austerity: A comparative Overview'

15:45- 16:00 Coffee Break

Panel 4: The Impact of Austerity in Composite States (16:00 – 17:30)

- 1) Stelio Mangiameli, Fabrizio Tuzi and Maria Novella Campagnoli (Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche), 'Constitutional Reforms of Regional and Local Government in the age of austerity in Italy'
- 2) Dietmar Braun, Johanna Schnabel and Christian Ruiz-Palmero (University of Lausanne), 'Rigidity or Robustness? Fiscal Consolidation in Federal States'
- 3) Alessandro Tedde (Università DI Sassari): The Age of struggle for the Italian Constitution
- 4) Mario Ianella (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna), 'The Institutional Framework in Spain After the Crisis: Vertical Integration and Centralization'

17:30-18:15 Final Conclusions and Discussion