Programme of the e-Conference
“Social exclusion, vulnerable groups and the new EU Social Rights Pillar”
5-6 March 2021

FRIDAY, March 5, 2021

SESSION 1: THE EU SOCIAL RIGHTS PILLAR
17:00-18:15 Athens time (EET)

Chair: Christina DELIYANNI-DIMITRAKOU, Em. Professor of Comparative Law, Law School, Jean Monnet Chair EU Social Rights Protection and Comparative Legal Cultures, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Director of the Centre of International and European Economic Law (CIEEL), Greece

European Social Charter and the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU
Georgios THEODOSIS, Assistant Professor of Labour Law, Democritus University of Thrace, Greece, and Member of European Committee Social Rights, Council of Europe

The Governance of the European Pillar of Social Rights
Ioannis PAPADOPOULOS, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, Director of the Center for Research on Democracy and Law, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Discussion

SESSION 2: POVERTY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN THE EU and GREECE
18:30-20:30 Athens time (EET)

Chair: Despoina ANAGNOSTOPOULOU, Associate Professor, Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Project EU Vadis, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Challenges for EU Policy against social exclusion and poverty. How successful was the EU2020 Strategy?
Gabriel AMITSIS, Professor of Social Security Law, University of West Attica, Athens, Greece

Minimum Guaranteed Income, for whom? Poor, asylum seekers, refugees
Kostas CHRYSOGONOS, Professor of Constitutional Law, Law School, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece, and Stella CHRISTOFORIDOU, Post-doc Researcher, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

EU budget and the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the EU
Dimitrios SKIADAS, Professor, Department of International and European Studies, Jean Monnet Chair on EU Fiscal Governance and Auditing, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

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Social solidarity economy and social inclusion in Greece: radicalism does not meet vulnerability on the ground and in policy-making

Dr. Sofia ADAM, Adjunct lecturer at the Department of Social Policy, Democritus University of Thrace, Adjunct Lecturer at the Master Program on Social Solidarity Economy, Hellenic Open University, Greece

Discussion

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021

SESSION 3: EMPOWERING VULNERABLE GROUPS: ROMA AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES
16:00-17:20 Athens time (EET)

Chair: Kalliopi CHAIKOGLOU, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece

Overcoming the social exclusion of the Roma people
Dr. Tina MAGAZZINI, Research Associate, Global Governance Programme, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Italy

Challenges for EU Policy for Roma integration
Nuno FERREIRA, Professor of Law, University of Sussex, Brighton, United Kingdom

Accessibility and Inclusion in EU Disability Policy
Delia FERRI, Professor of Law, Maynooth University, Ireland

Discussion

SESSION 4: EQUALITY AND POSITIVE DISCRIMINATION
17:30-19:00 Athens time (EET)

Chair: Lina PAPADOPOULOU, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, Law School, Jean Monnet Chair for European Constitutional Law and Culture, Academic Coordinator of the AUTh Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on “European Constitutionalism and Religion(s)”, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

Deep equality and religious diversity
Lori G. BEAMAN, Professor, Canada Research Chair in Religious Diversity and Social Change, Ottawa University, Canada
**Exceptions and Derogations under Directive 2000/78: A question of positive discrimination?**
Philippa WATSON, Barrister, Essex Court Chambers, London Professor of Law, City Law School, Visiting Professor Queen Mary, University of London, United Kingdom

**The circle of equality in Greece**
Kalliopi LYKOVARDI, Deputy Ombudsman for Equal Treatment, Athens, Greece

**Procedural safeguarding of gender equality through burden of proof in EU law. The contribution of Directive 2019/1158 in light of ECJ case law**
Dr. Elina ASIMAKOPOULOU, Lawyer, Post Doc Researcher of International Procedural Law, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

**Discussion**

**SESSION 5: THE ROLE OF THE COURTS IN INTERPRETING SOCIAL RIGHTS**
**19:15-20:30 Athens time (EET)**

**Chair:** Virginia TZORTZI, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law Democritus University of Thrace, Secretary of the Centre of International and European Economic Law (CIEEL), Thessaloniki, Greece

**Can courts safeguard Europe’s social acquis? Evidence from national and supranational jurisprudence**
Dr. Anastasia POULOU, Mst (Oxford), Judge at the Administrative Court of First Instance, Athens, Greece, f. Senior Research Fellow, Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy, Munich, Germany

**The Lochnerian trend in the core collective labour law jurisprudence of the CJEU**
Dr. Fotis VERGIS, Lecturer in Law, Law School, University of Manchester, United Kingdom

**The right of the employee to access the internet before the European Court of Human Rights**
Dr. Dimitrios KOUKIADIS, LL.M., Lecturer of Law, University of Nicosia, Cyprus, Adjunct Professor of Law, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main, Germany

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