4th September 2009

Morning Session: Theorising European Economic and Social Constitutionalism in the Treaty of Lisbon

Professor Tamara Hervey, University of Sheffield: Economic and Social Integration in Europe – “Decoupling” or Mutual Dependency?

Dr. Nicole Lindstrom, University of York: Constitutionalism between Normative Frameworks and the Socio-legal Fabric of Society

Professor Wouter Devroe, University of Leuven: The EU's Economic Constitution and Social Values after the Treaty of Lisbon

Professor Jukka Snell, University of Swansea: Multi-level Economic and Social Integration within different Models of Capitalism

Afternoon Session: Emanations of Tensions between Economic and Social Integration

Professor Ulla Neergard, Copenhagen Business School: Services of General Economic Interest under EU Law Constraints

Dr. Shawn Donnelly, Assistant Professor, University of Twente: Reconstructing European Regulation: The Constitutional Norms of Company and Financial Market Regulation after the Financial Crisis

Anja Wiesbrock, Junior Researcher, University of Maastricht and Dr. Sergio Carrera, Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels and Researcher, University of Maastricht: A Comparison of Civic Integration Programmes for Third Country Nationals in the EU: Values and Identity as an Exception to Rights and Security of Residence?

Concluding Session: Towards a Theoretical Model for appraising Economic and Social Constitutionalism in the EU as a Multi-level Polity

Registration: A limited number of funded spaces are available to external participants (including participation, documents, refreshments and dinner; excluding travel and accommodation). In the light of additional documents to be sent to all participants (see page 2), the deadline for registration is the 25th of July 2009.

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Conference Website: http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/research/events/eescatl-mid-term

EESCATL Project: http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/research/projects/constitutionalism

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The Project
The debate about a Constitution for the EU has highlighted tensions between “Social Europe” and “European Economic Integration.” These are only partly reflected in the Treaty of Lisbon. Accordingly, the task to investigate the balancing of these tensions in EU law and politics remains current, irrespective of that Treaty’s fate. This is the theme of the project.

To analyse these tensions as experienced by European citizens, it will be necessary to consider not only the EU level constitutional normative framework, but also its interaction with law and politics at national level. Theories of multilevel governance in the EU can and have been used to investigate the interrelation between economic integration and social Europe. There is, however, a lack of research on the interrelation of these dimensions across all levels. Such neglect is an obstacle to the attainment of socio-economic aims enshrined in the Lisbon strategy, which aims at generating the most dynamic knowledge based economy in the world. This requires Europe to maximise skills and knowledge of people, both EU citizens and migrants from other parts of the world. Accordingly, the analysis of the interaction between social and economic European integration is called for.

The project aims to develop a theoretical framework for comprehensively appraising economic and social constitutionalism in a multi-level polity. Following this, three exploratory studies in the fields of immigration, services of general interest and social corporate governance will be conducted.

Purpose of the Conference
The purpose of this conference is the attainment of feedback to the EESCATL Project. All participants will receive a position paper outlining the project’s theoretical framework towards the end of July to enable the provision of comments.