



Constitutional Change through Euro-Crisis Law

Workshop on Friday 17 and Saturday 18 October 2014

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INTRODUCTION

This workshop forms part of an EUI-based project which studies the impact of Euro-Crisis law (by which we mean the legal instruments adopted at European or international level in reaction to the Eurozone crisis) on the national legal and constitutional structures of the 28 Member States of the European Union. The study has the following objectives:

- To provide an open-access research tool (eurocrisislaw.eui.eu), based on a set of reports for each Member State, that constitutes an excellent basis for further, especially comparative, studies of the legal status and implementation of Euro-Crisis law at national level, the interactions between national legal systems and Euro-Crisis law and the constitutional challenges that have been faced;
- To investigate the impact of Euro-Crisis law on the constitutional balance of powers at national level;
- To highlight the effects of Euro-Crisis law on the protection of fundamental and social rights at national level;
- To provide an overview of Euro-Crisis law literature and a collection of relevant official documents in the Member States.

Recent scholarly debate on Euro-Crisis law is mainly focused on the European legal dimension, and on normative issues of democratic legitimacy, legality, and the balance between austerity and growth policies. Contributions do also exist on the impact of Euro Crisis Law on specific national constitutional orders, but a comprehensive study is so far lacking. The current project intends to fill this gap.

The project is based at the EUI Law Department and is funded by the EUI Research Council (2013-2015). More than a dozen reports are presently available; the remainder will be added during this year. The reports are based on a detailed questionnaire and on a wider range of sources, including minutes of parliamentary debates, national laws ratifying and implementing Euro-Crisis law, case law of national constitutional or supreme courts. Further details of the project can be found at eurocrisislaw.eui.eu.

PROGRAMME

Friday morning

9.30-10.15 I – The variable geometry of Euro-crisis

Thomas Beukers & Marijn Van Der Sluis
European University Institute

10.15-11.00 II – Ratification of Euro-crisis Treaties (including referenda)

Carlos Juan Closa Montero
European University Institute, Institute of Public Goods and Policies Madrid

11.00-11.30 *coffee break*

11.30-12.15 III – Domestic Effects of Euro-crisis law

Päivi Leino-Sandberg, University of Helsinki and Janne Salminen, University of Turku

12.15-13.00 IV – Powers of Parliaments in Euro-crisis budgetary reform

Cristina Fasone, European University Institute

13.00-14.30 *Lunch for speakers and discussants*

Friday afternoon

14.30-15.15 V – Legal manifestations of emergency in national Euro-crisis law

Euro Crisis Law Project Researchers: Stephen Coutts (Ireland); Leticia Diez Sanchez (Spain); Afroditi Marketou (Greece); Leonardo Pierdominici (Italy)

15.15-16.00 VI – State-region dimensions of Euro-crisis law

Nikos Skoutaris, University of East Anglia

16.00-16.30 *coffee break*

16.30-17.15 IX – Social rights, euro-crisis law and the courts

Claire Kilpatrick, European University Institute

Saturday morning

10.00-10.45 VIII – National constitutions, the courts and euro-crisis law (excluding social rights)

Mattias Wendel, Humboldt Universität Berlin

10.45-11.15 *coffee break*

11.15-12.00 IX – Balanced Budgets and Public Finance Legal Reforms

Violeta Ruiz Almendral, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

12.00-12.45 X – New developments in shared administration

Edoardo Chiti, Università degli studi della Tuscia

12.45-13.00 **Closing remarks**

13.00-14.30 *Lunch for speakers and discussants*

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