

# FRAME WP II WORKSHOP: WHEN THE GOING GETS TOUGH: HUMAN RIGHTS IN TIMES OF ECONOMIC HARDSHIP



**19-20  
November  
2015**  
**in Turku/Åbo,  
Finland**

## Preliminary 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**

## 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,  
Member of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe
- 10.30-10.45 Coffee break**

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

- 10.45-11.30 The ESC rights of undocumented migrants**  
Dr Eeva Nykänen, National Institute for Health and Welfare (Finland)
- 11.30-12.15 Crisis and migration: A philosophical perspective**  
Dr Graham Finlay, Lecturer, School of Politics & International Relations  
University College Dublin
- 12.15-13.15 Lunch**  
*Restaurant Hus Lindman, Piispankatu 15, Turku*

### Session IV: Paper presentations

- 13.15-15.15 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

**(Title to be specified)**

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

**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

## **Doing and being done by international human rights law**

Paavo Kotiaho, Research Fellow, Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights, University of Helsinki

## **Group II**

*Venue: Auditorium Atlas, Tehtaankatu 2, Turku*

### **The TROIKA's human rights accountability**

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 Netherlands, Sweden and Italy**

Dr Sabelo Gumedze, Member of the UN Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent, Visiting Senior Fellow, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand

### **On the Political Economy of Dealing with Austerity through 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 and Kamilla Aliyeva

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?

Päivi Mattila, General Secretary, Finnish League for Human Rights

17.45- Possibility for winter bathing

19.30- Dinner

*Restaurant Pub Niska, Kristiinankatu 1, Turku*