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NEW EUROPE - OLD VALUES? REFORM AND PERSEVERANCE

10 – 11 May 2013 **Venue: Villa Antonio**, Nazorova 2, Opatija



Conference Programme

Friday, 10 May 2013 9:30 - 10:00 Welcome Greetings

Session

CONSTITUTIONAL VALUES, THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS / THE EUROPEANIZATION OF LAW

Keynote speakers

10:00 Peter-Christian Müller-Graff, University of Heidelberg, Director of the Institute for Economic Law and European Law at the University of Heidelberg - "The Role of Fundamental Rights in the Federal Legal Community of the European Union"

10:30 Norbert Reich, University of Bremen – "Discrimination within the EU and in New Member States from a Legal-Constitutional Perspective"

Referents

11:00 Pierre Schlag, University of Colorado, USA - "Formalism and Realism in Ruins"

11:20 Tatjana Josipović, University of Zagreb – "Optional Instruments as the Model for Regulation of the Private Law in European Union"

11:40 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 Branko Smerdel, University of Zagreb – "Is a National Constitution an Old European Value?"

12:20 Siniša Rodin, University of Zagreb - "What Is Seen and What Is Not Seen in the Reform of the Croatian Judiciary"

12:40 - 13:00 Discussion

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 Zdenek Kühn, Charles University Prague - "New Laws and Old Values. The EU Antidiscrimination Law in the Czech Republic Ten Years after the EU Accession"

14:50 Barbara Havelkova, University of Cambridge – "Gender Inequality in Postcommunist Countries: The Case of the Czech Republic"

15:10 Emilia Mišćenić, University of Rijeka – "Approximation of the Croatian Law with the EU Anti-discrimination Directives"

15:30 Nives Mazur / Mirela Župan, University of Osijek – "The Interrelation and Interdependence of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union: Selected Case-law"

15:50 - 16:20 Discussion

Saturday, 11 May 2013

10:00 Welcome address:

Prof. Dr. Ivo Josipović, President of the Republic of Croatia

10:30 Vesna Crnić-Grotić, University of Rijeka – "One Law, One Court and Human Rights - Accession Agreement of the European Union to the European Convention on Human Rights"

10:50 Tommaso Dalla Massara, University of Verona – "Can the Roman Legal Tradition Play the Role of Identity-Factor towards a New Europe?"

Session

INTERNAL MARKET AND ECONOMY

11:10 Meliha Povlakić, University of Sarajevo – "Responsible Lending and Borrowing with regard to Residential Property - Trends in the EU and in Bosnia and Herzegovina"

11:30 Hana Horak / Kosjenka Dumančić, University of Zagreb – "The VALE Case as Direction for New Rules: Dream or Reality?"

11:50 Edita Čulinović Herc / Nikolina Grković, University of Rijeka – "The Madoff Scandal as a Driving Factor of the EU UCITS Law Reform: New Liability Rules for Fund Depositaries in EU Member States"

12:10 Nela Vlahinić Dizdarević, University of Rijeka – "Energy Market Liberalization in the EU: Quo Vadis, Croatia?"

12:30 Janja Hojnik, University of Maribor – "Legal Challenges of the Railway Liberalization in the EU"

12:50 Nada Bodiroga Vukobrat / Ana Pošćić / Adrijana Martinović / University of Rijeka – "New Values in Europe? The Challenges of Convergence between EU Company Law and Labour Law Directives"

13:10-13:30 Discussion and conclusion