

11th - 15th May 2015

EIUC Lido (Venice), Italy

THE GLOBAL CLASSROOM

**THE IMPACT ON HUMAN RIGHTS
OF FOREIGN DEBT AND ECONOMIC CRISES**

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The Global Classroom is an activity designed to strengthen the integration of the Master's Programmes and Diplomas in Human Rights and Democratisation of the Global Campus.

After the first and second edition of the Global Classroom in 2013 and 2014, this year's edition from 11 to 15 May 2015 will enhance discussion and explore broadly the nexus between foreign debt or economic crisis and human rights in a global perspective.

The event will be strongly connected to the GC Research Programme, another main activity of the Global Campus, which will provide an in-depth analysis of the same topic through the lenses of the different macro-regional perspectives. The discussion of the Global Classroom will therefore feed into the Research programme and further enrich the overall final conclusions and recommendations.

While the first day of the event is devoted to an introduction to the topic and to presenting different perspectives from the State's and civil society's point of view, the rest of the week focuses on the presentation of reports providing specific case-studies and the main findings of the regional reports of the GC research programme.

PROGRAMME

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Monday 11th May

09.15 - 09.30

Welcome and introduction

- Veronica Gomez, Vice-President of the Global Campus
- Valentina Abita, Project Manager of the Global Campus

09.30 - 10.30

Speech: The UN Guidelines on foreign debt and human rights and main challenges

- Prof. Cephas Lumina, UN Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and economic rights.

10.30 - 10.45

10.45 - 11.45

Coffee Break

Panel discussion on the responses to the impact of external debt and economic crisis on human rights

Panellists:

- Dr Daniel Kampel, Economist and Researcher, Former Advisor to the Board of the Central Bank in Argentina
- Aleksandra Ivankovic, Senior Legal Adviser at Milieu Belgium
- Gaby Oré Aguilar, Deputy Executive Director of the Center of Economic and Social rights
- Dr Fanwell K. Bokosi, Executive Director of the African Forum and Network on Debt and Development

11.45 - 13.00

13.00 - 14.30

Discussion

14.30 - 15.30

Lunch

Presentation of the research objectives of the GC research programme the impact on human rights of foreign debt and economic crises and Impact of the economic crisis and foreign debt on human rights in the Eastern partnership countries

15.30 - 15.45

- Prof. Vahan Bournazian, Coordinator of the GC Research programme and professor of the CES programme

15.45 - 16.45

Coffee Break

In-depth cases and historical background of the Eastern partnership countries

16.45 - 18.00

Presentation by the students

Recommendations, conclusions and discussion

19.30 - 20.30

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Tuesday 12th May

09.30 - 09.45	Summing up of the previous day - Dr Matthew Mullen, MHRD Programme
09.45 - 10.45	Challenges of an Incomplete Framework for Sovereign Debt Restructuring: a Human Rights and Development Perspective - Dr Daniel Kampel, LAT.MA programme
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	In-depth cases and historical background of Latin America and the Caribbean region Presentation by the students
12.00 - 13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 15.30	Contesting market-based human rights advocacy: the rising importance of collective action in the World's Factory - Dr Matthew Mullen, MHRD programme
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 - 16.45	In-depth cases and historical background of the Asia-Pacific region Presentation by the students
16.45 - 18.00	Discussion
19.30 - 20.30	Dinner

Wednesday 13th May

09.30 - 09.45	Summing up of the previous day - Dr. Lisa Ginsborg, E.MA Programme
09.45 - 10.45	The impact of the economic crisis on human rights in Europe and the accountability of international institutions - Dr. Lisa Ginsborg, E.MA Programme
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	In-depth cases and historical background of the European countries Presentation by the students
12.00 - 13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
15.00 - 18.00	Tour to Torcello island
19.30 - 20.30	Dinner

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Thursday 14th May

09.30 - 09.45	Summing up of the previous day - Dr. Rachel Kurian, ERMA Programme
09.45 - 10.45	Violent Transitions: Debt, Economic Restructuring and Human Insecurity in South Eastern Europe - Dr. Rachel Kurian, ERMA Programme
10.45 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 - 12.00	In-depth cases and historical background of South Eastern Europe Presentation by the students
12.00 - 13.00	Discussion
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 15.30	The global economic crisis and its impact on the realisation of socio-economic rights in Sub-Saharan Africa - Nicholas Wasonga Orago, LLM Programme
15.30 - 15.45	Coffee break
15.45 - 16.45	In-depth cases and historical background of Sub-Saharan Africa Presentation by the students
16.45 - 18.00	Discussion
19.30 - 20.30	Dinner

Friday 15th May

09.30 - 09.45	Summing up of the previous day - Dr. Nicholas Orago - Valentina Abita, Project Manager of the Global Campus
09.45 - 10.30	MOOT Committee on economic, social and cultural rights - Dr Agatha Hauser, Poznań Human Rights Centre Adam Mickiewicz University
10.30 - 10.45	Coffee break
10.45 - 13.00	Presentation of the conclusions of the MOOT Committee
12.00 - 13.00	Closing remarks and Evaluation of the Classroom
13.00 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30 - 19.30	Free time
19.30 - 20.30	Dinner

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Experts' Bios

Fanwell Kenala Bokosi

Dr. Fanwell Kenala BOKOSI is the Executive Director at AFRODAD since November 2014; he is responsible for the overall development and delivery of the organisation's policies and programmes. He also served as the Policy Advisor (Economic Governance and Development) for AFRODAD between December 2009 and January 2013. Dr BOKOSI holds a doctorate in Economics from the University of Kent (UK) as well as a BSc and an MSc in Agricultural Economics from the University of Malawi.

As the Executive Director of AFRODAD, a Pan-African organisation that operates in 23 countries in the continent, he is responsible for the implementation of policies set by the Board of Trustees as well as annual goals and objectives, and financial, programme and administrative management of the organisation. He is a thorough researcher, data analyst and a versatile project manager. He taught in many economics courses at the University of Kent, London School of Accountancy and Management, the Collaborative Masters programme in Economics at the University of Zimbabwe in 2011. In 2014 he taught a PhD course in Quantitative Analysis of Development Policy for the Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR) in Malawi. Dr Bokosi is an experienced manager in economic development. He has worked at middle to senior management levels in Malawi, United Kingdom, Zimbabwe, and Liberia among others in international development organisations such as Save the Children UK, The Hunger Project, ActionAid International and the Council of NGOs in Malawi. His experience and skills include excellent understanding of economic development; policy and advocacy, economic research, economic governance, project management; budgeting and budgetary control; financial and accounts management; monitoring and evaluation systems and procedures; organisational/institutional capacity building; rights based approach to development and liaison with partners including implementing agencies, donors and government; proposal writing and appraisal, and human resources management among others.

Alexandra Ivankovic-Tamamovic

Aleksandra Ivankovic-Tamamovic is international human rights lawyer, with specialisation in European human rights and human rights of women. Aleksandra started her career in transitional human rights institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina and at the University of Banja Luka. She also worked on the overall reform of the constitutional and legal system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, working for the Office of the High Representative where she also became involved with the taxation reform. Aleksandra continued in this area with work at the EU Customs and Fiscal Assistance Office on the institutional and legislative reforms which brought about the introduction of the VAT system in Bosnia and Herzegovina. She obtained a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Oxford and then spent four years in Strasbourg, France, working as a lawyer in the Registry of the European Court of Human Rights. Aleksandra also acted as an external expert of the Council of Europe in a number of their projects in several CoE Member States, including Armenia, Bulgaria and Serbia, and has co-authored a couple of CoE reports on the implementation of human rights in Serbia and Armenia. Furthermore, Aleksandra obtained a Diploma on Equal Status and Human Rights of Women from the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law in Lund, Sweden and is currently attending a two year Women's Human Rights Training Institute (2013-2015) on violence against women, their sexual and reproductive health, rights and employment discrimination.

Gaby Oré Aguilar

Gaby Oré Aguilar is Deputy Executive Director at CESR. Before joining CESR she worked as a program strategy consultant for international organizations and philanthropies in Europe. Previously, she worked as a grantmaker with the Ford Foundation in Santiago, Chile; she established and coordinated the Latin America Program of the New York-based Center for Reproductive Rights; and worked as an attorney and

human rights educator at the Instituto de Defensa Legal based in Lima. Gaby is a Board member of the UN Voluntary Fund for Victims of Torture Board and an invited lecturer at the EIUC Master on Human Rights and Democratisation in Venice and other universities. She has researched and developed methodological guidelines for conducting case study analysis on the relevance of human rights for local communities in the context of globalization (University of Antwerp) and has conducted research and published on socio-economic rights, social justice and equality issues in conflict situations. She holds an LLM from Columbia University Law School, where she received the International and Comparative Law Diploma awarded with honors by the Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law. She earned a JD and a BA in Political Science from the University of San Marcos, Lima and a Diploma in Gender Studies from the Catholic University, Lima.

Cephas Lumina

Prof. Cephas Lumina is a Full Research Professor of Public Law in the Nelson R Mandela School of Law at the University of Fort Hare in East London, an Extra-Ordinary Professor of Human Rights Law at the University of Pretoria and an Advocate of the High Court of Zambia. Professor Lumina holds a PhD in International Human Rights Law from Griffith University in Australia and has more than 26 years' legal practice, research and university lecturing experience in several countries. From March 2008 to May 2014, he served as the United Nations Independent Expert on the effects of foreign debt and other related international financial obligations of States on the full enjoyment of all human rights, particularly economic, social and cultural rights. In that capacity, he undertook numerous country visits, conducted analytical thematic studies, engaged in advocacy, raised public awareness, consulted with various stakeholders (including UN bodies, governments, international and regional organizations and civil society organizations), provided advice for technical cooperation concerning the effects of foreign debt and related financial policies on the realization of human rights and contributed to the development of international human rights standards, including the UN Guiding Principles on Foreign Debt and Human Rights ("the Lumina Principles") which he elaborated and which were endorsed by the United Nations Human Rights Council in June 2012. Professor Lumina is a member of the editorial boards of the International Human Rights Law Review and African Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law and he has served as a referee for several international journals and publications, including the Global Corruption Report.

GC Lecturers' Bios

Vahan Bournazian

Vahan Bournazian is Associate professor at the Yerevan State University. He has taught law and human rights in Armenia for the past 10 years. He has participated in human rights investigative missions in Mexico, Guatemala, Cuba and Iraq. He also serves as a legal researcher and consultant for both local and international organizations on topics related to Armenia and the region. He served on the OSF Armenia Board from 2012-13.

Lisa Ginsborg

Dr. Lisa Ginsborg holds a Ph.D. in Public International Law from the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence, Italy. Her Ph.D. thesis *The New Face of the Security Council since 9/11: Global Counter-Terrorism, Human Rights and International Law* focused on the UN Security Council's Counter-Terrorism Committee and Al-Qaeda Sanctions Committee. During her doctoral studies, she was a Visiting Doctoral Researcher at New York University (NYU) School of Law and a Visiting Researcher at the Sydney Centre for International law at the University of Sydney. Before starting her Ph.D. Lisa worked for three years in the legal department of the International Secretariat of Amnesty International (2006-2009). She has also worked in the NGO Liaison Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) (2005-2006). Lisa holds an LL.M in Comparative, European and International Laws from the European University Institute (EUI) and an M.Sc. in Political Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Her research interests include human rights, international organizations and counter-terrorism.

Veronica Gomez

Veronica Gomez is the co-Director of the International Centre for Political Studies at the University of San Martin (UNSAM) in Argentina, and a lecturer of the Global Campus of Human Rights. She has been a Principal Human Rights Specialist at the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the Organization of American States in Washington DC (1998-2009) and a Senior Adviser at the Human Rights Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina (2010-2011).

Agata Hauser

Researcher. PhD in Law (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland, 2013). Lecturer at the Constitutional Law Department of the Adam Mickiewicz University. Her research focuses on judicial protection of individuals by the Court of Justice of the EU and the European Court of Human Rights, as well as interactions between the EU and the Council of Europe and application of the EU law by national courts of Member States. Between 2008-2009 she was a clerk at the administrative court.

Daniel Kampel

I hold a degree in Economics and a Master on Economic Policy from the University of Buenos Aires. I am an associate researcher at CEDES (Centro de Estudios de Estado y Sociedad). I also work as an independent consultant and advisor to different state areas, such as the Ministry of Economy and the Chamber of Representatives of the Argentine Congress. I worked previously in the financial system, as an advisor to the Board of Directors of the state-owned Banco de la Provincia de Buenos Aires (1999-2003) and the Central Bank of Argentina (2004-2011). I teach economics at undergraduate and graduate levels in different universities in the Buenos Aires area, including the University of San Martín, the University of Lomas de Zamora and the University of Bologna at Buenos Aires).

Matthew Mullen

Matthew Mullen, Ph.D. is a lecturer at the Institute of Human Rights and Peace Studies, Mahidol University, Thailand. He has published on oppression and resistance, transitional justice, structural and cultural violence, international human rights law, corporate accountability, and Burma/Myanmar. He is soon to release a book entitled Pathways that Changed Myanmar: From Bullets to Bribery. His most recent publication is "Getting Serious about the Human Right to Play" which was published in the Asia-Pacific Journal of Sport and Social Science, Vol. 3 Issue 2, August 2014.

Nicholas Wasonga Orago

Dr. Nicholas Orago is a passionate and committed human rights advocate. His main area of specialty is economic and social rights. Apart from his research exertions, Dr. Orago has worked extensively in the area of human rights, starting as legal and research assistant at the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Kenya); as a research assistant at the Research, Policy and Legislation Department of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights; as a protection assistant at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); and as a gender based violence field advisor at the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). Dr. Orago is currently a lecturer at the School of Law, the University of Nairobi. His areas of research include constitutional interpretation, comparative constitutional law, international human rights law, international humanitarian law and gender equality.