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# Government and Services of General Interest in a Global World

# Monday 15 June 2009

<u>Venue</u>: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR. Website: www.ials.sas.ac.uk

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### **SEMINAR PROGRAMME**

# **Monday, 15 June 2009**

9.00-10.00	Arrival, registration and coffee			
10.00-11.00	Opening session: setting the scene. Chair: Judge Dr Henrik Bull, EFTA-Court and Professor Nicholas Green QC			
	<ul> <li>Why is there an interest in de-regulation and re-regulation of SGEIs in the EU?</li> <li>Professor Erika Szyszczak, University of Leicester</li> <li>The European Social Model, SGEIs and Free Movement.</li> <li>Dr Tarjei Bekkedal, University of Oslo</li> </ul>			
11.00-11.15	Coffee			
11.15-1.15	Chair: Sir Christopher Bellamy QC			
	<ul> <li>The Commission Soft Law and Legislative Approach Including the Treaty of Lisbon,</li> <li>Professor Ulla Neergaard, University of Copenhagen</li> <li>USOs, PSOs in Liberalised Sectors,</li> <li>Professor Erika Szyszczak and Jim Davies</li> <li>Social Services of General Economic Interest,</li> <li>Professor Johan van de Gronden, Radboud University Nijmegen</li> <li>Healthcare,</li> <li>Professor Gareth Davies, University of Amsterdam</li> </ul>			

1.15-2.00	Lunch		
2.00-3.30	Chair: Professor Paul Craig QC FBA		
	<ul> <li>Government Services in International Trade Agreements,         Professor Markus Krajewski, University of Bremen     </li> <li>Human and Social Rights in International Economic Law,         Dr Andrew Lang, LSE     </li> <li>Public Private Partnerships and Government Services in LDCs: Regulatory Paradoxes,         Dr Priscilla Schwartz, University of Leicester     </li> </ul>		
3.30-3.45	Tea		
3.45-5.00	Round table chaired by Professor Paul Craig QC FBA		
5.00-5.15	Closing Session		

# **Practical organisation:**

Conference fees, covering sandwich lunch, coffee and tea:

Full Fee: GB £110.00.

Discounted fee for academics, postgraduate students, NGOs/charities: GB £55.00.

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Abstracts to be posted as soon as possible on the CELI website Papers to be distributed in email as PDFs by 1 June 2009.

## Accreditation:

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# Workshop on SGEIs, the European Social Model and Free Movement

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Services of general economic interest constitute a part of the shared values of the European Union. They are different from ordinary services in that public authorities consider that they need to be provided even in the absence of sufficient economic incentives. To implement public policy, the authorities may require entrusted companies to fulfill a public service mission. Classical examples of SGEIs are indispensable services such as telecommunications, transport, mail-distribution, health-care or insurance which are to be made universally available and accessible to all citizens, no matter where they live, and at the same price. Public authorities may also impose quality requirements to guarantee a higher quality of service than the market would otherwise provide, for instance in the broadcasting sector.

Some level of public intervention in the market may be required to ensure the viability of undertakings which are entrusted with a public service mission. Common techniques are the granting of special or exclusive rights, or economic compensation provided by State resources. Such regulation may create barriers to free movement, exclude competition, constitute State aid or public procurement or involve any combination of the rules relevant to this. Article 16 EC provides that services of general economic interest shall be allowed to operate on the basis of principles and conditions which make them able to fulfill their missions. The Charter of Fundamental Rights in the European Union, Article 36, states that the Union recognizes and respects access to services of general economic interest as provided for in national laws and practices. Article 86.2 EC exempts the organization and provision of services of general economic interest from the requirements of the Treaty if they would otherwise obstruct the performance of the operator of an indispensable service.

Article 16 EC is not directly effective, and the Charter not legally binding in a strict sense, so Article 86.2 EC is generally conceived as the most important provision for the reconciliation between the principles of the market on the one hand and public policy on the other in the field of services of general economic interest.

The objective of the work-shop is to continue the seminar and to analyze the position of services of general economic interest within the EC Treaty and the European social model, and particularly to discuss the relationship to free movement.

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9.30 – 10.00	Arrival and coffee		
10.00-11.15	Chair: Professor Ulla Neergaard, University of Copenhagen		
	<ul> <li>SGEIs and public procurement,</li> <li>Professor Christopher Bovis, University of Hull</li> <li>Banks as SGEIs,</li> <li>Professor Takis Tridimas, Queen Mary, University of London</li> </ul>		
11.30 – 1.00	Chair: Professor Takis Tridimas, Queen Mary, University of London		
	<ul> <li>Object versus effect in European Competition Law, Professor Olav Kolstad, University of Oslo</li> <li>The Harmonization Approach (Art. 95 EC) v/Case-by-Case Approach (Art. 86.2 EC) towards the Establishment of a European Social Model, Professor Giandonato Caggiano, University of Roma Tre</li> </ul>		
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch		
2:00 – 3.30	Chair: Professor Mads Andenœs, University of Oslo		
	<ul> <li>Universal Services: Nucleus for a Social Private Law?</li> <li>Professor Hans-W. Micklitz, European University Institute, Florence</li> <li>Public Service obligations as a legal concept in the EU Transport Sector, Research Fellow Martin Hennig, University of Tromsø</li> </ul>		
3.45 – 5.00	Roundtable chaired by Professor Olav Kolstad, University of Oslo		
5.00 – 5.15	Closing Session		

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