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CALL FOR PAPERS: INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

"INTERACTION BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LABOUR LAW AND SOCIAL SECURITY: STANDARDS AND METHODS" –

WITHIN THE BROADER THEME OF "THE RELEVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS FOR LABOUR LAW AND SOCIAL SECURITY IN INDUSTRIALISED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

Hosted and organised by the Centre for International and Comparative Labour and Social Security Law (CICLASS), University of Stellenbosch and the Institute for Social Law and Policy (ISLP), with the financial support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAS)

Dates: 13-14 October 2011

Venue: Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS), Stellenbosch, South Africa

Through the role that the ILO has played since its foundation in 1919, a variety of international and minimum standards for labour law and social security have been established which have attempted to ensure that countries, both in the developed and the developing world, implement necessary measures in order to protect the human dignity of their citizens, as well as assist in economic growth, development and protection of the employee. Despite the positive effects of international and minimum labour and social security standards, there are a number of deficiencies within the existing standards as provided by the UN system (including the ILO) and in regional instruments. These deficiencies are not only restricted to the content of the standards, but also involve their implementation and regulation, the structure of organisations such as the ILO, the conceptual divide and differences in economic and labour reality between the developed and developing world as well as the institutional systems within states.

The aim of the conference is to investigate critically, on the basis of collaboration and comparison, relevant themes emanating from the sphere of international (and regional) labour and social security standards. These themes include, but are not limited to: (a) the problem of disguised and ambiguous employment relationships, supply chain tracking and deeming provisions; (b) investigating mechanisms and modalities for extending labour law and social security protection to work relationships falling outside the sphere of the traditional employment relationship; (c) two of the core fundamental rights: freedom of association and collective bargaining as well as prohibition of discrimination; (d) health and safety; (e) protection in case of termination of employment; (f) minimum standards on working time; (g) child labour; (h) migration, labour law and social security; (i) reform of social security systems, with particular reference to workers compensation, unemployment insurance and pension schemes

reforms, as well as social assistance reforms; (j) regional integration, labour law and social security; and (k) information and consultation.

The conference will consist of plenary and workshop sessions and will have a strong international and comparative focus. Many prominent international experts will participate. Representatives from governments and civil society will also be invited. We hereby invite research and policy-based papers on any aspect that promotes the overall theme(s) of the conference, including, but not limited to, the themes identified above. The fee for the conference (which includes meals and materials) will be waived for those whose abstracts are accepted.

IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Abstracts deadline: **1 July 2011**

Communication of abstract acceptance: **21 July 2011**

Submission of full papers: **30 September 2011** (it is envisaged that a number of selected papers will eventually be published in the form of an edited volume)

GENERAL POLICY

- Abstracts must be submitted in English.
- Abstracts must not exceed 500 words.
- Authors can submit more than one abstract.
- Incomplete submissions will not be considered.

CONTACT

Contributors can send their abstracts to the Scientific Committee via email to the following addresses: olivier@isl-p.org and ocd@sun.ac.za. More information can be obtained from the conference website: www.iislp.net.au/index.php/call-for-papers