

Thessaloniki

The Summer Course on “International Economic Relations and the Law: The World Economic System in Crisis” will be held in Thessaloniki. At the crossroads of the West and the East, Thessaloniki is a lively city, home to the biggest Greek University and famous for its Archeological Museum, the White Tower (symbol of the city) and it’s night life. Nearby, one can find the sandy beaches and Chalkidiki or the impressive sceneries of Mount Athos and Mount Olympos.



Foundation

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Under the aegis of:



Thessaloniki Summer Course 2021

Social Rights in International Law: From Theory to Practice

The 2021 Summer Course will be held online



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Course Description

The 2021 Thessaloniki Summer Courses is an intensive 10-days course that will focus on social rights in contemporary international law. Although all human rights are nowadays considered as indivisible and interdependent, economic, social and cultural rights have received less attention than civil and political rights in both domestic and international law, due to the prevalent perception in past decades that they were non-enforceable and non-justiciable programmatic rights. The Summer Course will approach this perception critically and will highlight recent developments that illustrate the renewed interest and relevance of social rights in the contemporary world.

Target Group

The 2021 Thessaloniki Summer Courses on "Social Rights in International Law: From Theory to Practice" is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students, especially LLM students and PhD candidates, young academics, personnel of international organizations, researchers and practitioners from all over the world with a keen interest in International Law, International Human Rights Law and International Social Rights Protection. In the framework of the course, participants will have the chance to engage in discussions with some of the most renowned scholars in the field and get acquainted with cutting-edge research in the field of social rights.

Fees and Accommodation

The participation fee for the Thessaloniki Summer Course is: A. Early-bird application: Candidates applying until 31 March 2021 will get a reduced application fee of 250€. B. Closing date for application is 31 May 2021 and the application fee is 300€. The fee covers registration, course material and the appropriate certificate of attendance.

Diploma Exam and Scholarships

The Foundation will also award a Course Diploma. Only participants holding a law degree will be eligible to apply for the Diploma exam. To obtain the Diploma, you will need to attend diligently the courses, lectures and workshops and participate in an online examination in English on Thursday, 1 July 2021 in the afternoon. The Foundation reserves the right to make a choice of the most qualified candidates to sit in the exam. The Foundation may offer a limited number of scholarships upon its discretion to candidates who are nationals of non-EU and non-OECD countries and hold a law degree at the time of application. For more details, visit the website of the Summer Course.

Registration Process

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1. The deadline for application is 31st May 2021. The participation fee is 300€.
2. Download, fill in, and submit electronically the Application Form together with a CV of yours at summercourses@koufafoundation.org. Send the CV irrespective of whether you apply for scholarship or/and the Diploma Exam.
3. In case you apply for scholarship, please request two persons to submit recommendation letters on your behalf within the deadline for application at summercourses@koufafoundation.org.
4. You will be notified about the selection decision by 5 June 2021 at the latest.
5. In case you are selected, pay participation fee by 10 June 2021 at the latest. All the details on the payment of the fee will be included in the email informing you about the selection process. Please send us a copy of the payment sheet.
6. By 15 June 2021 at the latest, you will be sent a username and a password in order to access the reading material for the course. You will also be informed about the Diploma Exam.

Course Faculty & Programme

Keynote

Contemporary Perspectives on Social Rights

Manfred Nowak (Professor, University of Vienna; Secretary-General, Global Campus of Human Rights, Venice; Founder, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights; Independent Expert leading the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty)

Lectures

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

Zdzislaw Kedzia (Professor, Adam - Mickiewicz - University of Poznań; former member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)

The protection of social rights in the Inter-American Human Rights System

Flavia Piovesan (Vice-President, I-ACmHR; Professor of Constitutional Law and Human Rights, Catholic University of São Paulo)

The International Protection of the Right to Education as a Human Right

Fons Coomans (Professor and UNESCO Chair in Human Rights and Peace, Department of International and European Law, Faculty of Law, Maastricht University; Director of the Maastricht Centre for Human Rights)

Social Rights as Human Rights

Christina Binder (Professor, Bundeswehr University Munich)

The European Social Charter

Karin Lukas (President of the European Committee of Social Rights; Senior Legal Researcher, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights)

The Extraterritorial Reach of Social Rights

Ralph Wilde (Associate Professor, University College London)

Social Rights of Minorities

Aristoteles Constantinides (Associate Professor, University of Cyprus)

Social Rights in Europe

Amaya Úbeda de Torres (Senior Lawyer at the Department of the European Social Charter of the Council of Europe; Adjunct Professor, School of Global and Public Affairs, IE University)

International Investment Law and Social Rights

Ursula Kriebaum, (Professor, University of Vienna)

Social Rights in Armed Conflict

Solon Solomon (Lecturer in the Division of Public and International Law, Brunel University London)

The Social Rights of Refugees in European Law

Anna-Maria Konsta (Assistant Professor (elected), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki; National Co-ordinator, Réseau Académique sur la Charte Sociale Européenne et les Droits Sociaux)

Provisional Measures for the Protection of Social Rights in the CESCR and the ECSR

Vassilis Pergantis (Assistant Professor, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

The Right to Health and Racial Discrimination during the Covid-19 Pandemic

Stamatia (Tina) Stavrinaki (Member of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination)