



Association d'Etudes Européennes

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

DOCTORAL WORKSHOPS IN EUROPEAN ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

More than fifteen years ago, Jörg Gerkrath's doctoral dissertation : "The Rise of a Constitutional Law for Europe" (Ed. de l'Université de Bruxelles, 1997) was the flagship of a rising doctrinal school that has attempted to think anew traditional concepts of constitution law, such as sovereignty, constitutional review, separation of powers, in the light of European law. We know that the apparent failure to adopt the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe has not hindered the development of a European constitutional law that is now more visible than ever, since it affects deeply the constitutional laws of the member States. Nowadays, another phenomenon is emerging in public law: a European administrative law (under this title, see, *inter alia*, J. Schwarze, Bruylant, 2nd ed. 2009, or J.-B. Auby and J. Dutheil de la Rochère, Bruylant, 2007). Its contents and its stakes have yet to be analyzed more in depth.

The underlying idea guiding these doctoral workshops is that the future of European law, and its academic study, will rely increasingly on a distinction between, on the one hand, a European public law, chiefly analyzed by specialists in European law, and, on the other hand, a substantive law that will be "absorbed" by the national laws of the member States. This European public law will be mainly organized around a cardinal distinction between European constitutional law, European administrative law, and European public finances.

University Toulouse 1 Capitole and the CEDECE organize on June 26th and 27th, 2014, a series of doctoral workshops in order to enable doctoral students working on European law and administrative law themes to meet, and to deepen their analyses together.

The workshops will be organized around two main topics:

Theme 1 : Construction of a European administrative Law :

An administrative framework of the European Union can be identified, with its own decision-making procedures, its own structures – and especially its new reliance on regulatory

agencies –, and its own procedures of judicial review. This "framework" constitutes the basis of the European administrative law.

The goal here would be to analyse the elements of this corpus through dissertations on the European civil service, the European regulatory power, the accountability of the European public authorities, the European regulatory agencies, internal measures, the evolution of the European courts towards administrative justice, and so on...

Theme 2 : Deconstruction and reconstruction of the member States' administrative Law:

The goal here would be to analyse the impact of European law, in its different dimensions, on the modes of administrative action, and, more widely, on the core notions of the member States' administrative law.

Doctoral works on local authorities, procurement contracts and more widely the law of public procurement, but also on the evolution of public interventions and their means, and judicial review of public activities... are welcome here. Beyond taking into account the constraints resulting from the "Europeanisation" of national administrative actions, crucial elements of administrative law have to evolve: the unilateral act, the administrative contract, the meaning of public service or of public authority.

The themes of the different workshops will be specified on the basis of the proposals presented by the doctoral and post-doctoral students in relation to the general topic of "**European administrative law**". During these workshops, the students selected by the scientific committee will present their work for no more than 15 minutes, in French or in English. These presentations will serve as a basis for discussion and debates. Each workshop will then have to organize a common reflection on specific questions related to its specific theme, under the guidance of an academic facilitator. This common work will then be presented publicly to all the participants, during the final plenary session of these Doctoral Workshops. This organization will enable the students, beyond the presentation of their work, to be confronted with questions and debates, and to meet with colleagues working on topics closely related to their own. The results of the different workshops will be published.

As for the logistics of this event, University Toulouse 1 Capitole will provide all the meals for all the registered students as well as travel and accommodation for the academics and facilitators. The research centers of the participating Universities will provide travel and accommodation for their own students.

We would be very grateful if you would publicize this message widely within your University, among your students and colleagues.

Conditions of application:

The doctoral or post-doctoral student shall send :

- a curriculum vitae,
- a presentation of her/his doctoral work, indicating the year of registration in a doctoral programme,
- a cover letter from her/his doctoral supervisor, clearly stating her/his identity and address.

The applications will be sent to Toulouse, by electronic mail (e-mail address : gaelle.le-merer@ut-capitole.fr), before February 28th, 2014, in order for the scientific committee to begin the selection process.

We would be honoured to associate you with the realization of this project, helping to foster the networks that will benefit the next generation of researchers in our disciplines.

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