
EU Austerity Policies undermine Human Rights?

European austerity policies – potential impact on the realisation of economic, social and cultural (human) rights

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The European financial crisis has confronted affected EU Member States with a demand for financial austerity measures in order to combat fiscal deficits. As a result, substantive budget cuts have been designed in these countries with far reaching social effects. The event's purpose is to shed light on three different country situations and to analyse the impact of policy changes introduced as a result of austerity measures on the realisation of economic, social and cultural rights.

Moderation:


Lisa Sterzinger, Coordinator, Austrian Forum ESC Rights (Forum WSK Rechte)

Speakers:

- **Alan Miller**, Chair of the European Network of NHRIs, Scottish Human Rights Commission:
 - **Why austerity policies are an issue for NHRIs in Europe**
- **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 cultural rights:
 - **Impact of austerity measures on the realization of human rights in Greece**
- **Nicholas Lusiani**, Senior Researcher at the Center for Economic and Social Rights:
 - **Lessons learned: Ireland and Spain**
- **Aldo M. Caliari**, Director Rethinking the Bretton Woods Project, Center of Concern:
 - **Righting Finance**
- **Sophia Spiliotopoulou**, Member of Greek HR Commission:
 - **Lessons learned: Greece**
- **Michael Windfuhr**, Deputy Director, German Institute for Human Rights:
 - **Focus on particular groups: Impact of Austerity Measures on Women and children**

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