

8th Roundtable Meeting of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

25 November 2010, 5.30 pm – 10.00 pm, Restaurant Vieux Bois

Regression in the realization of Social Rights in light of current austerity measures

Rationale:

In times of crisis, many governments adopt austerity measures, lowering the standards regarding just and favorable conditions at work. Both Committees are (or will be) faced with the challenge to deal with State Parties' reasoning on the necessity of this regression in the realization of social rights. Committee members could discuss acceptability of such measures, and the respective understandings of their jurisdiction vis-à-vis this challenge...

Program

	Welcome
17:30	<i>Matthes Buhbe</i> , FES <i>Guy Ryder</i> , ILO <i>Ibrahim Salama</i> , OHCHR
	Introductions to the topic
17:45	<i>Eibe Riedel</i> and <i>Philippe Texier</i> , CESCR <i>Angelika Nussberger</i> and <i>Mario Ackerman</i> , CEACR <i>Nikitas Aliprantis</i> , former chair European Committee on Social Rights
18:40	Questions in Plenary and split-up into smaller discussion groups
19:00	Dinner Discussion in separate groups
21:00	Reporting back to the plenary
21:30	Closing debate
