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ERC Project Human Sea

The development of human activities at sea - What legal framework? "For a new Maritime Law"



Circular n°1

Seafarers: an international labour market in perspective

CALL FOR PAPERS

The 5-year project HUMAN SEA (ERC-2013-AdG 340770) intends to address issues linked to the development of human activities at sea, which have progressively led to a transformation of the Law of the Sea and maritime Law. Nowadays, these new activities remain poorly regulated.

The HUMAN SEA project, coordinated by Patrick Chaumette, director of the Maritime and Oceanic Law Centre (France), focuses on rebuilding the concepts born from the History of maritime activities and of navigation. It brings up questions about State intervention at sea, in its territorial sea or on the high seas. The compromises found in 1982, now embedded in the Montego Bay Convention, will also be questioned in the light of the development of new threats and techniques.

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The first Work Package of this European Project involves the publication of a reference book about maritime employment, seafarers, changes in working conditions and in professional practices and the legal framework notably with regard to the implementation of 2006 ILO Maritime Labour Convention (2006 MLC). New perspectives should be addressed. The emphasis will be put on merchant shipping as well as industrial fishing. It might be difficult to include the diversity of other fisheries (coastal or small-scale fishing).

The book project presents a thematic and balanced approach about the situation of the world fleet and seafarers' work conditions. It should include an economic synthesis and a global sociological approach. The diversity of legal status of the workers at sea must be defined even though the research project HUMAN SEA plans ahead more precisely these issues.

Various contributions will focus on the choice of flag State, manning agencies, Port State Control regional Memorandums, the dialogue between the social partners including the International Bargaining Forum negotiations.

Other contributions will address the working conditions, seafarers' well being in navigation or in port, transit and transfer of seafarers and identity documents issues, questions about social protection, accidents on board and old age pensions, training, management of professional careers and onshore activities, women working conditions...

The legal part of the book will discuss IMO and ILO conventions, the development of international standards, regional legal frameworks or the Port State Control regional Memorandums.

The implementation of the 2006 and 2007 ILO Conventions on maritime labour and work in fishing led to numerous national reports, highlighting an institutional approach, the modernization of state laws and difficulties arising from the three-party government process. A comparative approach will endeavour to do the synthesis of these national analyses, in order to draw up proposals.

DETAILS

The book will be published in English; each contribution should preferably be submitted in French or in English.

The paper proposals (1-2 pages) should be accompanied by a list of recent publications of the author(s), linked to the themes of the book. Please send your abstract **before September 5, 2014**, to humansea@univ-nantes.fr

The scientific Board will answer not later than September 30, 2014.

Final paper must be submitted before June 30, 2015 (max. 30 000 signs). The publication of the book is scheduled for December 2015.

Scientific Board

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