

## **LISBON INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

### **«GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW AND THE CONCEPT OF LAW»**

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LISBON CENTRE FOR RESEARCH IN PUBLIC LAW  
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**Venue:** University of Lisbon School of Law

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#### **SUBJECT OF THE WORKSHOP**

In the last decade, Global Administrative Law (GAL) has become a central subject in Public Law, in spite of the inexistence of a scientific consensus about its meaning or about its domain as a field of knowledge. The uncertainty regarding GAL as an object of science is significant and covers a wide range of issues, some intrinsically connected with the most basic features of what can be understood as 'law'.

The workshop «Global Administrative Law and the Concept of Law» aims to study and discuss the main theoretical problems raised by GAL, specifically in what the connection with the concept of 'law' is concerned and which properties are necessary for it to be properly qualified as 'administrative'. It is therefore focused on an attempt to bridge and couple GAL with Legal Theory.

The workshop is an initiative of the Lisbon Centre for Research in Public Law which is part of its research strand on [Global Administrative and Regulatory Governance](#).

The convenors invite the submission of paper proposals on the following questions (among other topics): (i) what is the concept of GAL as a discipline and as a field of law?, (ii) what are the features of Administrative Law that may be found in GAL?, (iii) is it possi-

ble to define boundaries between GAL and other branches of law, such as Public and Private International Law, and what are GAL's recognition criteria?, (iv) what are the comparative advantages of GAL as a legal theory of globalisation when compared to its competing normative theories (eg., Global Constitutionalism, International Institutional Law, etc.)?, (v) which concept of 'Administrative Law' is presupposed by GAL?, (vi) what is the relationship between GAL and national and supranational Administrative Law?, (vii) are there virtues and shortcomings of an expansionist vision of GAL?, (viii) under which theoretical assumptions regarding the concept of 'law' may the array of informal arrangements and non-binding regimes in GAL be qualified as legal?

#### **PLAN OF THE WORKSHOP**

The workshop will include two sessions with the discussion of four papers each. In each working session, a commentator will briefly present and analyse a previously distributed paper, the respective author will discuss it, and then there will be a period of open discussion with the audience.

#### **ABSTRACT SUBMISSION PROCEDURE**

Post-doctoral and doctoral researchers interested in presenting a paper on the workshop subject are invited to submit an abstract (max. 300 words) and a short CV by 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. Applicants will be notified of the selection process results by 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2014. The deadline for papers submission is 31<sup>st</sup> October, 2014. The accepted papers will be distributed to the participants and commentators on 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2014 and might subsequently be published by the Lisbon Centre for Research in Public Law.

Meals during the days of the conference and accommodation (one night) will be provided.

For additional information and submission of abstracts, please contact:

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