

4TH GLOBAL ADMINISTRATIVE LAW SEMINAR, VITERBO, JUNE 13-14, 2008
PRESENTATION, PROVISIONAL PROGRAM AND CALL FOR PAPERS

1. GAL: From Fragmentation to Unity?

Global administrative law (GAL) is emerging. Yet, should this expression be used in its singular form? In other words: is one global administrative law coming into being? Or is GAL only a way to refer to a plurality of distinct administrative laws by sector corresponding to the many regulatory regimes in which the global administrative space is fragmented?

In national legal orders the various administrations by sector often refer to a single centre. They act according to rules and orientations established by that centre. They are subject to general principles of administrative law, which are enforced by courts irrespectively of the specific field of administrative action. Is it possible to recognize an analogous tendency in the GAL? Is GAL proceeding towards a greater unity? If so, would this tendency mean the end of the current fragmentation? Or are unity and fragmentation destined to coexist in a binary system?

The *IV Viterbo GAL Conference* aims at discussing researches and studies that contribute to reflection on such questions.

The papers should deal with problems such as the following. Do different global systems and organizations share a number of institutes or general principles of administrative law? Can we register any process of cross-fertilization or reciprocal influence among global regimes? Is there an exchange of practices and experiences among global organizations? If so, through which instruments? And what is the extension of such processes? If a tendency towards a greater unity can be registered, which are its main actors and driving forces? Courts? International or domestic bureaucracies? National governments? How do national administrative laws influence the development of GAL general principles? Are there any prevailing models? How can the development of a common GAL applicable to all global administrations by sector compensate the lack of a common constitutional anchorage?

The seminar will be held in Viterbo, at La Tuscia University (June 13-14, 2008).

2. Previous meetings

The previous three seminars (June 2005-2006-2007) brought together mainly academic researchers who were working on disparate issues of Global Administrative Law.

The areas of interest were:

- for the first year, *Cosmos and taxis: the role, governance and networks of global organizations*, *Beyond multilevelism: member States' participation in international organizations*, *Global standards: overlaps and coexistence*, *Global limits upon national regulators: input and mediation between supranational and non-State actors*;

- for the second year, *Accountability and foreign regulation, Accountability and global public regulation, Accountability and global private or hybrid regulation*;
- for the third year, *Public Participation in Global Administrative Organizations, From Participation towards Compliance: The Role of Private Actors in the Making of SARPs by ICAO, Delegation to Private Actors: a Study of the Clean Development Mechanism, Private Parties' Involvement in Prudential Banking Regulation – Some Thoughts on the Underlying Accountability Mechanisms, Voluntary Environmental Standards: the Interplay between Private Initiatives, Trade Rules and the Global Decision-Making Processes, How does TRIPs Transform Chinese Administrative Law?*.

The papers presented at the first GAL seminar are now published in *Global Jurist, Advances*, Volume 6, issue 3 (forthcoming on <http://www.bepress.com/gj/advances/>). They are also available in the Italian version in *Diritto e amministrazioni nello spazio giuridico globale*, a cura di S. Cassese e Martina Conticelli, Quaderno della Rivista trimestrale di diritto pubblico, Milano, Giuffrè, 2006.

The papers presented at the second GAL seminar are available on the website of the *Institute for International Law and Justice*, New York University School of Law (www.iilj.org/research/ViterboConferenceReports2006.html).

The papers presented at the third GAL seminar will soon be available on the website of the *Institute for International Law and Justice*, New York University School of Law (www.iilj.org/global_adlaw/ViterboIIIConference.htm). A report of the seminar is now available on the same website.

3. Provisional Program

Friday

- ✓ Presentation of papers
- ✓ General discussion

Saturday

- ✓ Responses to Friday's comments by authors of the papers
- ✓ General discussion
- ✓ GAL Project: Agenda and Next Steps

4. Call for papers

The advisory group for the conference invites submissions of papers on the seminar themes outlined above (§1).

The abstract must be a minimum of 150 and no more than 500 words. The deadline for submission is December 15, 2007. Abstracts must include an indication of the major arguments to be made as well as a statement of the issue area of the paper. They should state the proposed title for the paper, as well as the postal and email addresses and contact telephone of the author. Abstracts (in PDF, RTF or Word format)

must be sent to infogal2008@gmail.com. A notification of reception will be sent immediately after.

The selection panel of the conference committee will consider all abstracts received by the submission deadline and will accept the most significant in relation to the issue of the seminar. The notification for paper acceptance is due on January 10, 2008.

The submission date for the full paper is no later than May 15, 2008. The final version of the paper must be no longer than 8,000 words (footnotes included) and must be sent to infogal2008@gmail.com (in PDF, RTF or Word format).

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