

## Registration Form

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will participate in the Workshop “*The Sinews of Peace. Democratising the Political Economy of the European Union*” which will take place in León on 19-20 September, 2008.

Participants will receive a copy of the materials of the panel discussion.

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*The Workshop is organised by the University of Leon in the frame of the RECON Project.*

*RECON is an Integrated Project supported by the European Commission's Sixth Framework Programme for Research that seeks to clarify whether democracy is possible under conditions of pluralism, diversity and complex multilevel governance. Three different models for reconstituting democracy in Europe are delineated and assessed with the overall aim of developing a theory of democratic deliberative supranationalism.*

## The Sinews of Peace

Democratising the Political  
Economy of the European  
Union



**León, 19-20 September 2008**  
Archivo Histórico Provincial  
Plaza Puerta de Castillo s/n  
León

This workshop aims at reformulating the key questions of the research agenda on the political economy of the European Union. In line with the overall design of the RECON project, the workshop elucidates the democratic implications of the design of the institutional set-up and decision-making processes concerning the policies defining the basic economic structure of the European society, the sinews of the long peace that Europe has enjoyed since the launching of the process of European integration and the establishment of the welfare state.

In concrete, we will be providing answer to some central questions: Is decision-making over macro-economic policy, the design of the common market or tax policy democratic enough? Has the process of European integration decreased or increased the democratic legitimacy of such decisions? Are the democratic shortcomings connected to the peculiar and asymmetric way in which the strings of the purse are divided between the Union and its Member States?

Papers will combine reconstruction of institutional structures, decision-making processes and substantive outcomes in each area with the exploration of policy options which would allow to redemocratised the steering of the public finances of the Union, allowing the citizens of Europe, either as national citizens, as European citizens, or as engaged cosmopolitans who happen to be resident in Europe to have a decisive influence in the shape of the socio-economic arrangements under which they live.

## Program

### Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup>

⊕ 08:30-09:00 **Registration**

⊕ 09:00-09:15 **Opening**

⊕ 09:30-10:45

📄 ***A new research agenda for a new democratic Union: RECON strategies applied to the political economy of the European Union***

🗣 Agustín José Menéndez (*University of León*)

🤝 John Erik Fossum (*ARENA, Oslo*)

⊕ 10:45-11:00 *Coffee break*

⊕ 11:00-12:15

📄 ***Can economic integration be democratic? The case of taxes***

🗣 Marco Gregg (*University of Ferrara*)

🤝 David G. Mayes (*University of Auckland*)

⊕ 12:15-13:15

📄 ***Free Movement of Capital: The savior or the nemesis of democracy?***

🗣 Fernando Losada (*University of León*)

🤝 Pedro Teixeira (*European Central Bank*)

⊕ 13:30-16:00 **Lunch**

⊕ 16:00-17:15

📄 ***Democratising Corporate Income Taxation?***

🗣 Agustín José Menéndez (*University of León*)

🤝 Pedro Teixeira (*European Central Bank*)

⊕ 17:15-18:30

📄 ***The interaction of monetary and income policies. Rule-based wage bargaining and***

***coordination, Is divergence a threat for the euro?***

🗣 Stefan Collignon (*Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies*)

🤝 Jeff Milley (*Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies*)

⊕ 21:00-23:00 **Dinner**

### Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>

⊕ 09:30-10:45

📄 ***Free Movement of Persons: What community and what solidarity?***

🗣 Flavia Carbonell (*University of León*)

🤝 Casiano Hacker-Cordón (*Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies*)

⊕ 11:00-12:15

📄 ***Democratic Forming of Labour Rights in Europe***

🗣 Florian Rödl (*University of Bremen*)

🤝 Casiano Hacker-Cordón (*Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies*)

⊕ 12:15-12:30 **Coffee Break**

⊕ 12:30-13:45

📄 ***Democracy and Non-Contractual Liability in the EU***

🗣 Raúl Letelier (*University of León*)

🤝 Luis Medina Alcoz (*Complutense University of Madrid*)

⊕ 13:45-16:00 **Lunch**

⊕ 16:00-17:15

📄 ***Round Table. Social Justice: The European Way***

🗣 Gianluca Andresani (*University of Hull*)