



**Conference "The Shield of Europe: the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights -
13th of January 2016**

Programme

09:00 - 09:15 - Opening remarks

MEP Barbara Spinelli, GUE/NGL

09:15 - 11:00 (Room P1C047)

**1° Session: EU Governance vis-à-vis democratic sovereignty: the role of national
Parliaments and Constitutions.**

Chair: MEP Barbara Spinelli, GUE/NGL

- **Ingolf Pernice** - *Director of the Walter Hallenstein-Institute for European Constitutional Law and Director of the Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society*
- **Emilio De Capitani** - *Visiting Professor, Department of Law at the Queen Mary University of London and Executive Director of the Fundamental Rights European Experts Group (FREE Group)*
- *Debate*

11:00 - 11:15 - Coffee break

11:15 - 13:00 (Room P1C047)

**2° Session: The EU Charter of fundamental rights as foundation of a European
rule of law?**

Chair: MEP Martina Anderson, GUE/NGL

- **Giuseppe Bronzini** - *Judge in the Supreme Court of Cassation, Italy*
- **Pier Virgilio Dastoli** - *President of the Italian Council of the European Movement (CIME)*
- *Debate*

13:00 - 15:00 - Lunch break

15:00 - 16:30 (Room ASP1G2)

3° Session: Economic crisis and austerity: an undemocratic state of emergency?

Chair: MEP Marie-Christine Vergiat, GUE/NGL

- **Zoe Konstantopoulou** - *Former President of the Hellenic Parliament*
- **Olivier De Schutter** - *Member of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, Professor of Law at the University of Louvain and Director of the Interdisciplinary Research Cell in Human Rights (CRIDHO)*
- *Debate*

16:30 - 16:45 - Coffee break

16:45 - 18:15 (Room ASP1G2)

4° Session: Towards a Europe based on human and social rights.

Chair: MEP Helmut Scholz, GUE/NGL

- **Stefano Rodotà** - *Professor emeritus of Civil Law, University of Rome "La Sapienza"*
- **Valsamis Mitsilegas** - *Head of the Department of Law, Professor of European Criminal Law and Director of the Criminal Justice Centre at Queen Mary University of London*
- *Debate*

18:15 - 18:30 - Conclusions

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