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
MEP Barbara Spinelli, GUE/NGL