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## CALL FOR PAPERS

Re: International Conference on « The Democratic Principle and the Economic and Monetary Union », Rome, 22 January, 2016.

The Research Unit of the University of Rome – Tor Vergata, under the coordination of Professor Luigi Daniele, is organizing an international conference to be held in Rome, on 22 January 2016, on the following topic: « The Democratic Principle and the Economic and Monetary Union ». The conference will be part of a research run under a PRIN 2012 Project (*Progetto di Rilevante Interesse Nazionale*) and is funded with the contribution of the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR).

Although democracy lies at the heart of European political tradition and culture, the European project has suffered, all along its history, of the so called *democratic deficit*. The Lisbon Treaty marked a new step towards a full and satisfactory respect of the democratic principle in the EU. However, shortly after its entry into force, the financial crisis forced the EU and its Member States to issue several unprecedented measures, which are generating increasing political tension: the new measures, despite their far-reaching impact on the sovereignty of the involved Member States, do not or could not take sufficiently account of the democratic principle. This originated a growing trend of litigation before both Member States Constitutional courts and European courts, where the respect of the democratic principle is being put into question under newly emerged angles (including transparency).

It is beyond any doubt that a new institutional equilibrium in the European economic governance – including democratic processes and structures – still needs to be found. Indeed the last phase of the Greek crisis reached its highest peak and threw the EU in an unprecedented political and confidence crisis. A new challenge is now on the table, which demands to dramatically enhance the democratic dimension of the EU and of the common decisions taken by its Member States.

The programme of the Rome Conference includes four panels, each composed of three or four highly distinguished speakers. The topics are as follows:

- The New Institutional Balance and Democracy
- The European Central Bank and Democracy
- The Economic and Monetary Union and the Banking System
- The Economic and Monetary Union as a field for Dialogue or Conflict between National and European Courts?

It is envisaged to allow a limited number of short presentations, addressing any of the above topics. Proposals should be sent to [dirittoUE@juris.uniroma2.it](mailto:dirittoUE@juris.uniroma2.it) by 30 September 2015 and must include a CV, the title of the presentation and an abstract drafted in English of no less than 400 and no more than 700 words. Proposals from scholars in an early stage of their career, like PhD students or postdoctoral researchers, are especially welcomed. The selection shall be completed by 10 October 2015 and all candidates shall be informed. Selected candidates will be invited to present their paper at the Conference in 15 minutes and to submit the final version within two month after the event, in view of the publication of the proceedings of the Conference with a suitable international publisher.