



Lecture to commemorate the Centenary of the International Labour Organization (ILO)

“The Role of the International Labour Organization (ILO) for Equal Opportunities for Decent Work for all Women and Men”

Duration of the lecture: 90 minutes

Aim of the lecture: To provide basic information on the structure of the United Nations (UN) System and explain how the ILO, which is the UN Agency for the world of work, fits into this System. To explain the mission of the ILO, its structure and to provide concise information regarding its strategic objectives, its expertise and main activities. To explain and highlight the importance of the role of the ILO for the promotion of decent work for all and the impact of the ILO work on the legal, social, economic and business environments at international and national levels. To provide examples of ratifications by Member States (including Greece) of ILO Conventions, which have been reflected in corresponding national legislation.

Objective of the lecture: After the completion of the lecture, the students and other participants should be able to:

1. Understand and correctly define a number of key terms in relation to the work of the ILO
2. Understand and describe the basic structure of the UN system and of the ILO
3. Understand and appreciate the specialized work of the ILO and how and why the ILO can support good governance and foster cooperation and economic performance, helping to create an enabling environment for the realization of the objective of Decent Work at the national level.

Target audience: University students, members of the academic and administrative staff of the University, invited guests of any academic or business background.

Note: Because of the sectoral approach that is followed by the ILO (i.e. addressing specificities of different economic sectors, such as Hotel and Tourism, Oil and Gas, Construction Industry, Transport, Shipping, Health Services, Agriculture, Education, Financial Services etc.) this lecture would actually provide useful information to students from any course.

Methodology: The lecture would comprise the projection of a power point presentation and a number of short video projections. The engagement of the participants would be prompted and encouraged during some parts of the delivery of the lecture.

A short background note:

The ILO was founded in 1919 (hence pre-existed the establishment of the UN)), in the wake of a destructive war, to pursue a vision based on the premise that universal, lasting peace can be established only if it is based on social justice. The ILO became the first specialized agency of the UN in 1946.

Since this year (2019) the international community is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the ILO, this lecture may be considered as an awareness raising of the role of the ILO in the development of the social, economic and legal environment at international and national level.



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