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**Concept:** The Joint Seminar will be arranged in cooperation with Prof. Dr. Ayse Nur Tütüncü, Law Faculty of Istanbul University in March 2014 in Istanbul. Law students from Bielefeld University under the direction of Prof. Dr. Fisahn will also participate. All topics are prepared in English and presented by Turkish and German students. The conference will take place in 560 years old Istanbul University.

## **Contents: KONULAR VE İÇERİKLER:**

Seminer'in konusu, dünya, avrupa ve milli toplumun genel çevre konularında yasama, yürütme ve yargı üzerine katılım imkanları ve etkileridir. Bu konuya eleştiriçi bir bakışla yaklaşıyoruz ve yeni katılımcı modellerin gereğini tartışıyoruz.

Vatandaşların çevre konularında katılım imkanları iklim koruma çağında önemi artıyor. Katılımcılık her sivil toplumun özerklik ifadesi olarak ulusal ve uluslararası düzende gitgide halkın tarafından sıkça isteniyor. Bunu Almanyada ve Türkiyede gözetliyoruz. Hukuk bu bakımında yenileniyor. Bizim seminerin araştırma konumus, hukukun katılımcılık bakımında yeni deyişimi olacak.

Dünya düzende devletler hukuku ön planda ve onun bazı özel mevzuları: küresel çevre ve ekonomik politikası. Bu arada Kyoto II-Protokollun uluslararası başarısızlığı ve bu konuda sivil toplumun katılım imkanları, yada serbest ticaret anlaşmaların yan etkisi olarak çevre kirlenmesi ve özelleştirme politikası tartışılabilecek.

Avrupa düzende gitgide katılımcılığın imkanı sağlayan kanunlar Avrupa Çevre Hukukunda geçiyor. Misal olarak Su Çerçeve Yönergesinin 14 maddesi, veya Çevre Enformasyon Yönergesi 2003/4/EG ve saire veriyoruz. Avrupa'nın sivil toplumun ve sivil toplum kuruluşlarının gücü 2013'ün ilk sivil inisiatifinden görüldü. Avrupa komisyonun su sektörünün özelleştirme girişimi engellemek için, internet üzerinden imza kampanyası başlatıldı ve başarıyla tamamlandı.

Türkiye ekonomi ve siyasi bakımında önemi artıyor. Avrupa Birliği Katılım Müzakereleri sürecinde çevre başlığı 2009 yılında açıldı. 2012 yılın raporunda çevre değişimi konu olarak alındı ve Enerji başlığı (Fasıl 15) müzakerelerin içinde açılışını bekliyor. Gezi Olaylarının ardından Türkiye'de çevrecilik ve demokratik katılımcılık vatandaşın duyarlılığı artı ve toplumun ayrılmaz bir parçası olmuş.

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