HEC Paris and New York University Law Team-Up to Launch an EU Policy and Regulatory Affairs Clinic

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Initiated by Alberto Alemanno, Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at HEC Paris, HEC Paris and New York University (NYU) School of Law have set up the first EU legal clinic devoted to European policy and regulatory affairs.

By teaming up with selected NGOs and offering pro-bono legal advice, this initiative will allow selected students from NYU and HEC Paris to experience the EU decision-making process through public consultations, access to documents and European Citizens' Initiative, as well as through other elements of participatory democracy. The goal is to challenge and further the knowledge which the students have accumulated in their European studies.

'We are currently witnessing an ever-widening gap between the people and the political elite. At the next European elections, more so than ever will it be time for greater citizen involvement in public decision, on a national as well as European level. Today European affairs are a priority for HEC Paris, who is delighted to announce the launch of this EU Policy and Regulatory Affairs Clinic' explains Alberto Alemanno.

Students will participate in EU consultations on proposed legislation and other policy initiatives, and draft real submissions on behalf of Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) and Civil Society Groups. Given the limited expertise and resources available to these organizations to engage in the policy process, the input of the clinical students will have a real impact.

Students are expected to be pro-active and act in the public interest: they will meet civil servants, lobbyists and members of the European Parliament in order to build their cases. They will also be given opportunities to network, to test their hard and soft skills and eventually think about their future career options.

HEC Paris will also be launching one of the first French MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) on European Affairs, available from 18th February 2014 via the Coursera platform. The clinical students will have the opportunity to present their real-life examples to the MOOC participants, test their ideas and possibly crowdsource this public before finalizing their submission to the EU policymakers.

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