



International Conference

THE VALUE OF THE POSITIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS BODIES  
FOR NATIONAL LABOUR LAW

Venue: Agerola, Napoli

22-23 June 2023

Deadline for the abstracts: 20 May 2023

Our keynote speakers:

Dr. Roberto Caldas, Former President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Dr. Karin Lukas, Former President of the European Committee of Social Rights, Council of Europe, Head of Programme Lines "Business and Development Cooperation" and "Social Justice" Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Fundamental and Human Rights

International labour law (ILL) might be efficient only in case if the national actors are aware of it and are ready to implement it. The ILO standards and the Human rights treaties are the key pillars of ILL. While the impact of the former upon members of the ILO is traced in the activities of ILO monitoring bodies<sup>1</sup> and in numerous academic papers, the impact of the latter rather remains in shadow. The present call for papers is an attempt to gather researchers who have traced the impact of intentional human rights bodies on national jurisprudence or legislation, considered the difference in the national and international approaches to balancing exercises when labour rights (or a human right realized at work) are to be balanced with the employer's rights or interests, or the State's ones.

In particular, the topics of workplace privacy, religious rights at work, the approach to discrimination and its justification are of interest. Also, the impact of international bodies on public policies in the field of forced labour, employment and collective labour law policies, and struggle with harassment at work, are very welcome. We also invite papers considering the ways of improving the links between international bodies and national courts.

The conference will be held in English without translation and comprise 3 panels:

1. The value of positions of the UN Human Rights Committees and their impact on national law or jurisprudence;
2. The impact of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights on national labour law and the difficulties of ensuring compliance;
3. The impact of the European Court of Human Rights and the European Committee of Social Rights on national labour law/jurisprudence and the points of resistance.

### Important dates

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<sup>1</sup> See, for example, the database of the CEACR General surveys is available here:  
[https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/information-resources-and-publications/WCMS\\_164145/lang--en/index.htm](https://www.ilo.org/global/standards/information-resources-and-publications/WCMS_164145/lang--en/index.htm)

- Abstract Submission Deadline: **20.05.2023**
- Notification of Acceptance: **25.05.2023**

Please submit your proposal (100-150 words) to the Organizing Committee following the link: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL9h\\_b4L1ft9dAwzOjHACytrfCGzSfhkm8ezW32tnrLELWaQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdL9h_b4L1ft9dAwzOjHACytrfCGzSfhkm8ezW32tnrLELWaQ/viewform)

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**Conference venue:**

CAMPUS PRINCIPE DI NAPOLI Via Salvatore di Giacomo, 8 Agerola Fraz. San Lazzaro 80051 - Napoli

The organizers will cover the accommodation for two nights at the conference venue (21-23 June 2023) and transfer from and to Napoli for the speakers.

The organizers will also host 15 PhD students who would like to assist at the conference, covering transfer and one night at the conference venue (22-23 June 2023). The **Young Scholars research seminar** on the methodology of research in international labour law will be organized on 23 June. The expression of interest should be sent by 20 May 2023 stating how the topic of your PhD thesis is connected with the main topic of the conference. Please send the expressions of interest at:

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