



ECOLL 2026

4th Early Career seminar on cOmparative Labour Law

3-7 October 2026, Salina (Aeolian Islands, ITALY)

Call for Participation

What is LLC?

The Labour Law Community-LLC is an association of labour lawyers established in Italy since 2020 aiming inter alia at: a) promoting research and teaching in the field of labour law and disseminating the culture of labour law in the university and social spheres, also through the comparison of methods and topics in the various areas of commitment of labour lawyers; b) fostering the scientific debate at national and international level among academics, scholars, experts, and practitioners of labour law, according to canons marked by pluralism and transparency of ideas and orientations; and c) enhancing the study of labour law amongst new generations of scholars with the aim to foster development of international relations in the field of labour-related research.

What are the ECOLL Seminars?

In the framework of its 2022-2026 work programme, LLC has initiated a cycle of seminars dedicated to early career scholars (including, but not limited to, PhD students). The seminars have a twofold character: on the one hand, the seminars promote comparative labour law methodologies with a view to foster the creation of an academic community dedicated to comparative studies; on the other hand, the aim is to nurture the dialogue between early career scholars and more established researchers. Through the ECOLL seminars, the connexions between academics and research centres belonging to different legal cultures are cultivated. By participating to the ECOLL seminars, early career scholars have a chance to build their own intellectual trajectories, expand their knowledge on labour law in a comparative perspective, and exchange on their research methodologies. The ECOLL seminars promote diversity among participants to enrich perspectives and foster an inclusive environment.

How are the ECOLL Seminars organised?

In order to achieve the aforementioned aims, the structure of ECOLL seminars is ideally as follows:

- a) First part (half-day/morning): theoretical and comparative background.
- b) Second part (two days): group-work.
- c) Third part (half-day/afternoon): restitution of results by the groups and open discussion.

Established scholars will be called to animate the first part – which will indeed take the form of a conference – and will also be asked to provide participants with some essential readings. LLC members of the International Relations Group will animate the Second part (group-work around specific topics and/or practical case studies) and facilitate the final restitution of results during the Third part.

Past ECOLL seminars

ECOLL 2022 (online) 20 May 2022 *The Status of Worker and Labour Law – Beyond Subordination?*

Speakers: Adalberto Perulli (Ca' Foscari University, Venice, Italy), David Mangan (Maynooth University, Ireland), Thomas Pasquier (Paris Nanterre University, France), Jesus Cruz Villalon (Sevilla University, Spain), and Manfred Weiss (Goethe University of Frankfurt, Germany). Around 20 early career scholars were selected and actively participated. A video of the presentation is available [here](#).

ECOLL 2024 (Salina), 6-9 October 2024 *Unjustified dismissal and judicial compensation: which role for the judge?*

Speakers: Marzia Barbera (Brescia, Italy, LLC President), Tatiana Sachs (Paris Nanterre, France), Valerio Speciale (Chieti-Pescara, Italy), Rüdiger Krause (Göttingen, Germany), Mette Søsted Hemme (Aarhus University, Denmark), David Mangan (Maynooth University, Ireland). Around 20 early career scholars were selected and actively participated. Information on the 2024 Seminar are available [here](#).

ECOLL 2025 (Salina), 4-8 October 2025 *The right to take collective action*

Speakers: Benjamin Sachs (Harvard University), Tonia Novitz (University of Bristol), Antonio Lo Faro (University of Catania), Julia Lopez-Lopez (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), Andrea Iossa (Kristianstad University), and Elisabeth Brameshuber (University of Vienna). Around 25 early career scholars were selected and actively participated. Information on the 2025 Seminar are available [here](#).

The 2026 ECOLL Seminar

Hosted always on the beautiful Sicilian island of Salina, from 3 until 7 October 2026, the next ECOLL Seminar will focus on the topic: *Authority, Control, and Power at Work: from the Industrial to the Digital Era*.

The speakers for 2026 ECOLL Seminar are: **Mariapaola Aimò** (Turin University), **Antonio Aloisi** (IE University in Madrid), **Ruth Dukes** (University of Glasgow), **Miriam Kullmann** (Utrecht University), **Marta Otto** (University of Warsaw,) and **Jérôme Porta** (University of Bordeaux).

In preparation of the 2026 edition, a comparative labour law seminar will be held in Luxembourg on 29 and 30 June 2026, with participation provided both in presence and online.

Who can apply to the 2026 ECOLL Seminar?

The ECOLL seminars are open to all labour law scholars in the early phases of their career, including PhD candidates and post-doctoral researchers within five years from obtaining their PhD.

A maximum number of 25 early career scholars will be selected for the 2026 edition (see details below).

How to apply?

Interested early career scholars are kindly invited to manifest their intention to participate in our next ECOLL Seminar by filling out this [form](#) no later than 15 April 2026, enclosing:

- a) an academic CV and
- b) a motivation letter.

Applicants will be notified the results of the selection no later than 30 April 2026.

Accepted applicants will be sent further instructions.

Costs

The participation in the ECOLL Seminars is free of costs.

Accommodation and food costs will be covered by the Labour Law Community for all participants.

Travel costs are not covered and will be borne by each participant.

The ECOLL Organising Committee: Cinzia Carta (University of Genoa), Chiara Garbuio (Ca' Foscari University), Elena Gramano (Bocconi University) Vincenzo Pietrogiovanni (Southern Denmark University - SDU), Luca Ratti (University of Luxembourg), Tatiana Sachs (University Paris Nanterre)

The Local Organising Committee: Antonio Lo Faro & Mariagrazia Militello (University of Catania)

For further information, feel free to contact any of the member of the Organising Committee.

More information on LLC available at: <https://www.labourlawcommunity.org>