

Call for participation

LLC Early Career seminars on Comparative Labour Law – ECOLL

6-9 October 2024 – Aeolian Islands (Italy)

❖ What is LLC?

LLC-Labour Law Community 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 scholars with the aim to foster development of international relations in the field of labour research.

❖ What are the ECOLL Seminars?

In the framework of its 2022-2024 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 one hand, the seminars promote comparative labour law methodologies; on the other hand, they aim to nurture the dialogue between early career scholars and more established researchers. Through the ECOLL seminars, the links between academics and research centres belonging to different legal cultures are fostered. Furthermore, early career scholars have a chance to build their own intellectual trajectories, to expand their knowledge on labour law in a comparative perspective, and to build their own research methodology, in cooperation with their peers who do research in other universities.

❖ How will the ECOLL Seminars be organised?

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

- a) First part (half-day/morning): theoretical background provided by established scholars.

b) Second part (half-day/afternoon + next-day/morning): group-work around practical case studies.

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 proper 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 a practical case study) and facilitate the final restitution of results during the Third part.

d) Fourth part (Half-day/morning): presentation of PhD works (for those who wish to).

❖ **Who can participate into the ECOLL Seminars?**

The ECOLL seminars are open to all labour law scholars in the early phases of their career, including PhD candidates.

A maximum number of 20 early career scholars, including PhD students, are selected (see details below), in order to allow an efficient management of group work.

The Organising Committee will further support and coordinate the group work.

❖ **The first ECOLL Seminar**

The first ECOLL seminar took place online on 20 May 2022, on “*The Status of Worker and Labour Law – Beyond Subordination?*”, with the participation of 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). A video of the presentation is available [here](#). Around 20 early career scholars were selected and actively participated.

❖ **The next ECOLL Seminar**

The 2024 ECOLL seminar will be held in the beautiful Italian island of Salina (Aeolian Islands, Sicily) from the 6th until the 9th of October 2024. The topic will be “*Unjustified dismissal and judicial compensation: which role for the judge?*”.

The first part will be animated by the following confirmed speakers:

- Marzia Barbera (Brescia University, Italy) – Introduction and coordination
- Tatiana Sachs (Paris Nanterre, France) – Keynote speaker
- Jesus Cruz Villalon (Sevilla University, Spain) – Discussant
- Valerio Speziale (Chieti-Pescara University, Italy) – Discussant

- Rüdiger Krause (Göttingen University, Germany) – Discussant
- Mette Søren Hemme (Aarhus University, Denmark) - Discussant
- David Mangan (Maynooth University, Ireland) – Discussant

❖ **How to participate to the 2024 ECOLL Seminar?**

Interested early career scholars are kindly invited to manifest their intention to participate in our next ECOLL Seminar [here](#) **no later than 10th June 2024**, enclosing their CV and a motivation letter to participate.

Applicants will be notified the results of the selection no later than 30th June 2024. Accepted applicants will be sent further instructions.

❖ **Costs**

The participation to the ECOLL Seminars is free of costs.

Accommodation and food costs will be borne by LLC for each seminar participant.

Travel costs are excluded and will be borne by each participant.

The ECOLL Organising Committee is composed by: Tatiana Sachs (Paris Nanterre - tsachs@parisnanterre.fr), Luca Ratti (Luxembourg - luca.ratti@uni.lu), Cinzia Carta (Genova - cinzia.carta@unige.it), Elena Gramano (Milan Bocconi - elena.gramano@unibocconi.it), Stefano Bini (Cordoba - sbini@uco.es), Chiara Garbuio (Venice - chiara.garbuio@unive.it) and Vincenzo Pietrogiovanni (SDU Odense – vincp@sam.sdu.dk).

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