

CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

LLC Early Career seminars on Comparative Labour Law – ECOLL

4-8 October 2025 @ Salina, 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 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 2022-2025 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 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 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

○ *The first ECOLL Seminar (2022)*

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). Around 20 early career scholars were selected and actively participated. A video of the presentation is available [here](#).

○ *The second ECOLL Seminar (2024)*

The 2024 ECOLL seminar took place in the beautiful Italian island of Salina (Aeolian Islands, Sicily) from the 6th until the 9th of October 2024, and focused on “*Unjustified dismissal and judicial compensation: which role for the judge?*”. The following scholars have actively participated Marzia Barbera (Brescia, Italy, LLC President), Tatiana Sachs (Paris Nanterre, France), Valerio Speciale (Chieti-Pescara, Italy), Rüdiger Krause (Göttingen, Germany), Mette Sjøsted Hemme (Aarhus University, Denmark), David Mangan (Maynooth University, Ireland). Around 20 early career scholars were selected and actively participated. More information on the 2024 Seminar is available [here](#).

❖ The 2025 ECOLL Seminar

The next ECOLL Seminar will focus on the topic: ***The right to take collective action.***

Confirmed speakers include **Tonia Novitz** (University of Bristol), **Benjamin I. Sachs** (Harvard University), **Antonio Lo Faro** (University of Catania), **Julia Lopez Lopez** (Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona), **Andrea Iossa** (Kristianstad University), and **Elisabeth Brameshuber** (University of Vienna).

The 2025 ECOLL seminar will be hosted again in the beautiful Italian island of **Salina** (part of the Aeolian Islands of Sicily) **from 4 to 8 October 2025.**

In preparation of the 2025 edition, selected participants will be offered the opportunity to participate to online seminars on comparative methodologies and international labour law.

❖ **Who can participate to the 2025 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 2025 edition (see details below).

❖ **How to participate to the 2025 ECOLL Seminar?**

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 February 2025**, enclosing:

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

Applicants will be notified the results of the selection no later than 31 March 2025. 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 seminar early-career participants. Travel costs are not covered and will be borne by each participant.

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