

International Symposium

Rethinking the Law-Collective Bargaining Nexus

Aix-en-Provence
2-3 October 2024

Draft agenda

3 October, 14.30 – 17.30 (CEST)

Welcome address by Jean-François Marchi, Vice-President for International Relations (AMU) and Alexis Bugada, Head of the Centre de droit social (AMU)

Session 1: Theoretical aspects on the relationship between the law and collective bargaining

Chair: Anthony Forsyth

Sergio Gamonal: *Collective bargaining, dignity and spheres of justice*

Paolo Tomassetti: *Contrasting ideas of justice in the law-collective bargaining nexus*

Ulla Liukkunen: *Collective autonomy, party autonomy and the law*

Venera Protopapa: *The nexus between strategic litigation and collective bargaining*

Social dinner

4 October, 9.30 – 12.30 (CEST)

Session 2: Collective agreements as a source of regulation

Chair: Alexis Bugada

Guy Mundlak: *Facilitating transnational collective bargaining*

Angela Cornell: *Enormous wins in collective bargaining despite significant legal constraints in the U.S.*

Mauro Pucheta: *Collective agreements at a crossroads in Argentina: Between the authoritarian neoliberal challenge and the progressive jurisprudence of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights*

Manuel Antonio García-Muñoz Alhambra: *Unravelling the complex relationship between law and collective bargaining: Spain as case study*

Light lunch

4 October, 14.30 – 17.30 (CEST)

Session 3: The scope and structure of collective bargaining

Chair: Paolo Tomassetti

Tonia Novitz: *The 'Fair Pay Agreement': A legislative model for effective sectoral collective bargaining?*

Anthony Forsyth: *What difference can the law really make? 'Ascending' and 'Descending' from enterprise-based bargaining in Australian labour law*

Sara Slinn: *Analytical framework for exploring broader-based and sectoral bargaining in the North American Wagner model context*

Alexis Bugada: *The branch level of collective bargaining redesigned by the law: The French mutation*

Closing remarks by the organisers

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Rationale and objectives

Drawing on a tradition of labour law scholarship grounded on legal pluralism, the international symposium “Rethinking the Law-Collective Bargaining Nexus” brings together legal scholars and academics to discuss, in a comparative perspective, how the law and collective bargaining interact in the regulation of contemporary labour markets. The symposium aims to add a significant contribution to the theory and practice of labour law, and to the ongoing debate on its renewal, by rethinking the relationship between the law and collective bargaining in light of unprecedented social and economic changes.

Organising committee

The symposium is hosted and organised by:

- Alexis Bugada, Aix-Marseille University, *Centre de droit social*, France
- Anthony Forsyth, RMIT University, Australia
- Paolo Tomassetti, University of Milan, Italy

Confirmed speakers

- Angela B. Cornell, Cornell University Law School, USA
- Sergio Gamonal, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Chile
- Manuel Antonio García-Muñoz Alhambra, Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha, Spain
- Ulla Liukkunen, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Guy Mundlak, Tel Aviv University, Israel
- Tonia Novitz, Bristol University Law School, UK
- Venera Protopapa, University of Verona, Italy
- Mauro Pucheta, Kent University, UK
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