Objective

This annual conference aims at keeping employment and labour law practitioners up-to-date by providing an overview of the latest policy developments, legislative initiatives and case law in this field.

Key topics

- The European Pillar of Social Rights
- Update on the revision of the Posting of Workers Directive
- Other recent legislative and policy developments at EU level: work-life balance, insolvency proceedings, Written Statement Directive etc.
- Recent CJEU case law: fixed-term contracts, religious freedom at work, etc.
- Labour law in the on-demand economy
- Consequences of Brexit

Who should attend?

This conference is aimed at lawyers specialised in employment and labour law.

Speakers and Chairs

**Prof Catherine Barnard**, University of Cambridge

**François Biltgen**, Judge, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Elisabeth Brameshuber**, Assistant Professor, WU Vienna University of Economics and Business

**Eugenia Caracciolo di Torella**, Lecturer, University of Leicester

**Stefan Clauwaert**, Senior Researcher, European Trade Union Institute (ETUI), Brussels

**Prof Olivier De Schutter**, University of Louvain (UCL)

**Agnes Jongerius**, Member of the European Parliament, Brussels/Strasbourg

**Tobias Klupsch**, Managing Associate, Linklaters, Frankfurt

**Adam Pokorny**, Head of Unit ‘Working conditions’, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Integration, European Commission, Brussels

**Jeremias Prassl**, Associate Professor, Oxford University

**Claudia Schmidt**, Legal Secretary, Court of Justice of the European Union, Luxembourg

**Rebekah Smith**, Social Affairs Senior Adviser, BusinessEurope, Brussels

**Claire Toumieux**, Partner, Allen & Overy LLP, Paris; Chair of the European Employment Lawyers Association

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Online registration:

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Thursday, 23 March 2017

08:30 Arrival and registration of participants

09:00 Welcome and introduction
  Leyre Maiso Fontecha

I. LEGISLATIVE & POLICY UPDATE

  Chair: Jeremias Prassl

  09:15 The European Pillar of Social Rights
       Adam Pokorny

  10:00 Panel discussion:
       The European Pillar of Social Rights: a step in the right direction?
       Comments from the social partners
       Stefan Clauwaert
       Rebekah Smith

  10:25 Discussion

  10:45 Coffee break

  Chair: Elisabeth Brameshuber

  11:15 Labour law and the on-demand economy
       Jeremias Prassl

  12:00 Discussion

  12:15 Current activities in gender equality and the “new start initiative” on work-life balance
       Eugenia Caracciolo di Torella

  13:00 Discussion

  13:15 Lunch

  14:30 The proposed EU rules for preventive restructurings – consequences for employers and employees
       Tobias Klupsch

  15:00 Discussion

  15:15 The revision of the Posting of Workers Directive – the view of the European Parliament
       Agnes Jongerius (via videoconference)

  15:30 Discussion

  15:45 Coffee break

  16:15 Current issues concerning the Written Statement Directive
       Claire Toumieux

  16:45 Discussion

  17:00 End of the first day

  18:30 Guided city tour of Trier
       (Meeting point: ERA entrance)

  19:30 Dinner at the Restaurant Plaza Grill
       (Hotel Park Plaza, Nikolaus-Koch-Platz 1)

Friday, 24 March 2017

II. CASE LAW UPDATE

  09:15 Fixed-term contracts in the light of recent CJEU case law
       François Biltgen

  09:45 Discussion

  10:00 Other recent CJEU cases
       Claudia Schmidt

  10:45 Discussion

  11:00 Coffee break

  Chair: Claudia Schmidt

  11:30 Wearing religious symbols at work
       Olivier De Schutter

  12:00 Discussion

III. OUTLOOK

  12:15 Consequences of Brexit for (EU) labour law
       Catherine Barnard

  12:45 Discussion

  13:00 Lunch and end of conference

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