

European Colloquy  
**The European Convention on Human Rights  
and  
the Employment Relation**

Strasbourg, 30-31 January 2014, University of Strasbourg

The obligation for the European Union to accede to the European Convention of Human Rights (ECHR) opens a window of opportunities for the recognition of fundamental social rights in the European Union. The prospects of the accession for strengthening workers' rights have been examined in a comprehensive study which has been pushed by the Transnational Trade Union Rights Expert Network. It focuses on the ECHR provisions and the Strasbourg case law which is relevant to strengthen workers' protection, *inter alia* through safeguarding civil and political rights at work. The Dialogue between the European Court for Human Rights and other European judicial or quasi-judicial bodies is at the heart of this publication. It also focuses on the tribute paid by the Strasbourg Court to international instruments.

The Colloquy seeks to present the outcome of the research project by some of the authors of the book and to allow for a critical debate with other European academics who are renowned social rights and human rights scholars. We are pleased that some of the judges (still in office or honorary judges) of the European Court for Human Rights, present and former members of the European Committee for social rights and a member of the ILO Expert Committee for the application of Conventions and Recommendations have accepted to participate to this Conference.

\* F. Dorssemont, I. Schömann, K. Lörcher (eds), *The ECHR and the Employment Relation*, Hart Publishing, 2013.

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Comité scientifique : Filip Dorssemont (Université catholique de Louvain) – Nicolas Moizard, Mélanie Schmitt, Sébastien Touzé (Université de Strasbourg)

**First session:**

**From Dialogue to Cooperation, what Stakes for Human Rights at Work?**

*Chair: Luis Jimena Quesada, president of the European Committee of Social Rights*

- 14h Opening speeches
- 14h15 : *Speech of Mrs Angelika Nussberger, judge at the European Court of human rights*
- 14h30 : *Human Rights at work/ Human Rights and the Employment Relation* : Olivier De Schutter, Université catholique de Louvain
- 15h00 : *Demir and Baykara, an iconic ruling for international labour standards* : Klaus Lörcher, ETUI, TTUR group
- 15h30 : *Dialogue between the European Committee of Social Rights and the European Court of Human Rights*: Jean-François Akandji-Kombé, Université de Paris I, École de droit de la Sorbonne

*16h : Coffee break*

- 16h15 : *The Accession by the EU to the ECHR*, Frédérique Berrod, Université de Strasbourg
- 16h45 : Discussant : Jean Mouly, Université de Limoges
- 17h15 : Discussion with the audience
- 17h45 : End of the first session

**Second session:**

**From “work” in the Convention to Human Rights *at Work***

*Chair: J.-P. Costa, former President of the European Court of Human Rights*

- 9h : *From « revival » of Servitude and Forced Labour in France: lessons from the ECtHR*, Nicolas Hervieu, Université de Paris 10
- 9h30 : *Freedom of Religion and the Principle of Neutrality after the Eweida Judgment*: Fleur Laronze, Université de Strasbourg
- 10h : *Freedom of Expression at Work* : Dirk Voorhoof, University of Gent

*10h30 : Coffee break*

- 10h45 : *Principle of Equality and Prohibition of Discrimination: Contribution of the ECtHR* : Niklas Bruun, University of Helsinki and Stockholm

- 11h15 : Discussant : Alexia Gardin-Scons, Université de Lorraine
- 11h45 : Discussion with the audience

### Third session:

## Freedom of Association, a Challenge for the Dichotomy between Civil and Political rights and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

*Chair : Isabelle Schömann, ETUI, coordinator of the TTUR group*

- 13h45 : *The Right to Form and Join Trade Unions* : Isabelle Van Hiel, University of Gent
- 14h10 : *The right to Collective Bargaining* : Mélanie Schmitt, Université de Strasbourg
- 14h35 : *The Right to Take Collective Action*: Filip Dorssemont, Université catholique de Louvain

*Coffee break*

- 15h15 : Discussant : Antoine Jacobs, University of Tilburg

- 15h40 : « **Conclusive** » **Roundtable**

*Chairman : Nicolas Moizard, Université de Strasbourg*

- ❖ *How to promote a “holistic” approach of human rights at Work and, especially avoid a too individualistic approach of freedom of association?*
- ❖ *How to improve dialogue and cooperation between “judges” including Constitutional Courts and European and international Committees?*

**Speakers:**

Csilla Kollonay, University of Central Europe, Budapest, former member of the European Committee of social rights

Simon Deakin, University of Cambridge (to be confirmed)

Bruno Veneziani, University of Bari

Pierre Lyon-Caen, member of the ILO Expert Committee for the Application of Conventions and Recommendations

## **Renseignements pratiques**

### **Droits d'inscription :**

**Tarif normal : 150 €**

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### **Lieux du colloque :**

Maison des Sciences de l'Homme – Alsace (MISHA)

5 allée du Général Rouvillois – 67083 Strasbourg cedex

Salle de conférence (rez-de-chaussée)

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Prendre le train jusqu'à la gare centrale de Strasbourg

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