

Editorial

The ETUI organised a workshop and roundtable debate in partnership with the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW), which is the biggest business and employers' economic research institute in Germany. This first-time event took place on 1 June 2017 at the representation of Baden-Württemberg in Brussels.

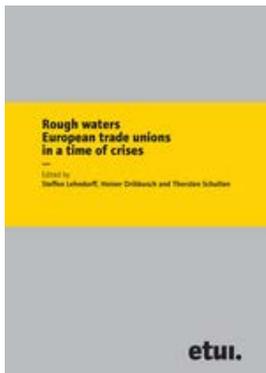
The debate addressed the challenges posed by new forms of work, focusing in particular on key issues such as working time and social security systems. Researchers from the ETUI and the IW presented empirical findings from their research and discussed them with trade union and employers' representatives.

This format appeared to be very stimulating and there was eager participation in the discussions from the audience. As organisers, we were very pleased with this exchange between our researchers, and we are looking forward to organising more seminars of this kind in the future. You can find the joint report of the discussions in the news section below, and can download the presentations from the [website of the Cologne Institute for Economic Research](#).

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications

Rough waters: European trade unions in a time of crises



This book analyses the development of trade unions in eleven countries (Austria, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden and the UK) since the early 2000s. The individual chapters focus on unions' structural, organisational, institutional and discursive power resources.

Editors: Steffen Lehndorff, Heiner Dribbusch and Thorsten Schulten

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Innovative union practices in Central-Eastern Europe

This book provides a detailed account of the innovative practices pursued by trade unions in Central and Eastern Europe since 2008. The book covers eleven post-

Focus

ETUI online learning platform

On 30 May the ETUI launched its brand new online learning platform. It is aimed at trade unionists who wish to keep their skills and knowledge up to date and have access to quality training, particularly with a European dimension.

There are currently two courses on offer: 'Being a citizen in Europe today' and 'EWCs: the rules of the game'. Presently, they are available only in English, but additional languages will be added later on.

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Events

Save the dates

- 15/06 - 07/07: [Exhibition 'Bread and Roses'](#)
See also the article [Du pain, des roses et des congés payés](#), Le Soir, 20 June 2017.
- 26/06: Debate - [The precarious state of journalism](#)
- 26-27/06: Conference - [Workers and creativity: How to improve working conditions by participative methods](#)
- 27/06: Book launch - [Myths of employment deregulation](#)



socialist states that joined the EU in 2004, 2007 and 2013: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

Edited by: Magdalena Bernaciak and Marta Kahancová

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The impact of trade and investment agreements on decent work and sustainable development



This guide provides an analysis of past trade agreements, set within the context of developments in international economic relations. It shows that there can be gains from more trade and economic integration, but that there have also been losers.

Author: Martin Myant

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Digitalisation: between disruption and evolution



What are the implications of the 'digital revolution' on the quantity and quality of jobs? Does the digital economy undermine the traditional employment relationship? Are we really living in a different and disruptive time or are we witnessing a gradual evolution of the trend towards an information or knowledge-based society? The May 2017 issue of *Transfer* focuses on the platform economy, addressing in particular regulatory issues.

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HesaMag: Journalism, an increasingly precarious

- 28/09: Collective Bargaining in a changing world of work - Key results from the OECD Employment Outlook

Recent events

Trade union-related researchers from across Europe come together for ninth conference

Members of the trade union-related research institutes (TURI) network met for their ninth annual conference to discuss current research agendas and to exchange views and findings. This year the conference took place at the Unison centre in London, from 17 to 19 May. Brexit was obviously an unavoidable topic, especially with the first session of the conference devoted to social dialogue in the UK and the current challenges facing British trade unions.

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Progress report on 'flexicurity' in the Netherlands: the system must provide greater security

Greater labour market flexibility has been a major focus of the Dutch Government's policy measures over the past decade or so, and flexible (i.e. temporary or freelance) workers currently account for almost one third of the Dutch working population. A progress report has now been published on this Dutch system of 'flexicurity'.

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Joint roundtable: 'The Future of Work – Challenges for social partners and legislators'

Digital change already today has an impact on the design of our working environment, from flexible working conditions to the automation of routine work. This trend will continue to intensify in the coming years. But which developments are likely to occur and how to shape the future for the benefit of employees and companies alike? These questions were discussed by about 50 participants from science, social partners and EU-institutions on 1 June 2017, at the first joint roundtable by the ETUI and the Cologne Institute for Economic Research (IW Köln).

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Rebuilding trade union power in the age of austerity

Philippe Pochet, ETUI General Director, opened the international seminar 'Labour Market: Trends, Power, Actors', which took place in Lisbon on 7 June, with some challenging questions to the

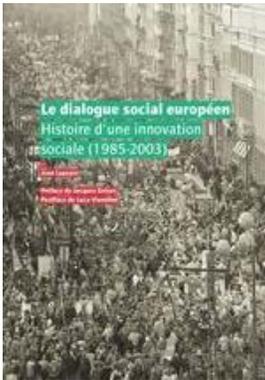
profession



There appears to be no end in view to the crisis gripping the mainstream media, the profit statements of the various media companies are far from the only pitiful sight, and information professionals are also feeling the pressure – these are just some of the conclusions to emerge from the analysis of the state of journalism in Europe which appears in the latest issue of *HesaMag* which was carried out in collaboration with the European Federation of Journalists (EFJ).

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Le dialogue social européen. Histoire d'une innovation sociale (1985-2003)



This book recounts the history of the social dialogue, from its birth to its achievement of greater autonomy, through the different accounts of the actors who conceived and developed it, with reference to various texts, joint opinions and autonomous agreements, and through an analysis of the functioning of the social dialogue.

Author: Jean Lapeyre

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Is Europeanised board-level employee representation specific? The case of European Companies (SEs)

This working paper investigates whether European board-level representation of employees in European Companies (SEs) is really 'Europeanised' or is coloured by the national system of their company's country of origin.

Authors: Jeremy Waddington and Aline Conchon

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Bilan social de l'Union européenne 2016

The French version of the book *Social policy in the European Union: state of play 2016* has now been published.

participants about the future of European labour relations.

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Other activities

- Philippe Pochet participated in the roundtable "L'UE de demain : quelles avancées?" during the conference "60 ans après le Traité de Rome : comment relancer le projet européen ?" organised by Centre d'études politiques économiques et sociales (CEPESS) in Louvain-la-Neuve on 9 May 2017.
- On 19 May, the International Trade Union Confederation, the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Friedrich Ebert Foundation and the European Trade Union Institute co-organised a policy debate on the impact of EU economic policies on international human rights obligations. Bela Galgoczi (ETUI senior researcher) participated in the seminar.
- Laurent Vogel (ETUI senior researcher) participated in the symposium organised by GISCOP 93, '[Breaking the invisibility of occupational cancers](#)', which took place on 1 and 2 June in MSH Paris Nord with the support of the ETUI. He talked about the European Union's strategy on occupational cancers.

Training

Course for EWC coordinators in cooperation with UNI Europa

In cooperation with UNI Europa, a course for EWC coordinators was organised in Bilbao from 3 to 4 May 2017, with a focus on placing them 'at the heart of transnational trade union strategies in multinational companies'. It was a very interactive and intensive exchange, with 14 trade union officers and company representatives from 10 different countries in attendance.

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