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Editorial

The 15th U.S.-European Transatlantic Social Dialogue meeting took place in September. This annual event brings together researchers and trade unionists from across Europe and the U.S. and is jointly organised by Cornell University, the Hans Bockler Foundation and the ETUI. This year the main topic was 'Labour Solidarity in Divided Times'.

The conference aimed to address the important questions that are emerging today against the backdrop of Brexit, the Trump phenomenon and the rise of populist movements. What are the implications of growing right-wing populism for labour, social rights and cultural pluralism in advanced democracies? What are the current challenges and opportunities for unions and other actors seeking to confront right-wing populism and strengthen progressive coalitions?

One point that emerged from the conversation was that in some cases, although not all, the protectionist discourse of extreme-right/populist movements can be appealing to parts of the working class and trade unionists; Trump is the obvious example here but not the only one. Although we know that most of the promised policies in this discourse will not be implemented, closer attention must be paid to these developments. It was agreed that mapping the political positions of these movements and exchanging trade union (political) education practices should be a central part of our common agenda over the next few years.

Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Publications

Chinese investment in Europe: corporate strategies and labour relations

Bringing together research on the rise of Chinese multinational companies and their activities in Europe, this book focuses on the business strategies of Chinese investors and on employment relations in Chinese-owned companies in Europe.

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Foreign Direct Investment and the development of the automotive

industry in Eastern and Southern Europe

This working paper provides an overview of foreign direct investment in the automotive industry in Eastern Europe and Spain since the 1990s.

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Transfer tackles the consequences of digitalization on the European labour market

The new edition of Transfer explores developments in the digital economy and the likely implications for Europe's workers. This new issue is the second-part of a two issue extensive exploration of the consequences of digitalization on Europe's labour markets.

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Digitalisation and Brexit viewed from a south-east European perspective

The latest issue of the SEER Journal for Labour and Social Affairs in Eastern Europe focuses on the potential effects of digitalization on the labour markets in the region. It also identifies and evaluates the risks of Brexit for Eastern Europe.

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The country-specific recommendations (CSRs) in the social field

This paper provides an overview of the CSRs in the field of employment and social policies and, in particular, an update of previous similar ETUI research.

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What drives wage gaps in Europe?

This working paper investigates wage differences across Europe. It estimates to what extent wage gaps in average wages observed between countries are related to differences in workforce composition, in workplaces, as well as the types of jobs conducted in different countries.

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Events

28/09: [Monthly forum: Collective Bargaining in a changing world of work - Key results from the OECD Employment Outlook](#)

SAVE THE DATE: 26-28 June 2018

ETUC/ETUI conference "The World(s) of Work in Transition", Brussels

Recent events



Can trade and investment agreements provide decent work?

The ETUI debate on trade and investment agreements took place at the European Economic and Social Committee on the 12th of September and was chaired by the ETUI General Director Philippe Pochet.

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Workers in arduous and hazardous jobs see pension rights threatened

The latest ETUI-OSE lunch debate focused on retirement regimes for workers in arduous and hazardous jobs (WAHJ). The discussion drew on a recent ESPN study drafted by Bart Vanhercke, Slavina Spasova and David Natali from OSE.

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Training

EduDays 2017, 4-6 October, Gif-sur-Yvette (France)

The 2017 edition of EduDays will, once again, be an opportunity to gather together the European community of trade union education and training, to have some time for debate, to share experiences and to build and strengthen our networks.

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In the media

24/07: ["Werknemers belonen om niet ziek te zijn, werkt slechts tijdelijk en met neveneffecten"](#), Knack

17/08: [Croatian salaries are growing in line with other CEE countries](#), Emerging Europe

24/08: [Macron tours Central and Eastern Europe in push for labour reform](#), RFI

30/08: [2008: The Year East-West Wage Convergence Came To A Standstill](#), Social Europe

30/08: [Loonkloof tussen West- en Oost-Europa wordt steeds groter](#), nrc.nl

30/08: [L'écart se creuse entre les salaires d'Europe de l'Ouest et de l'Europe de l'Est](#), Trends

30/08: [Croatian wages falling behind EU average](#), Total Croatian news

30/08: [L'écart se creuse entre les salaires d'Europe de l'Ouest et de l'Europe de l'Est](#), La Libre

1/09: [Pourquoi l'écart salarial entre l'est et l'ouest a cessé de se réduire](#), Le Soir

16/09: [Wer geliefert ist: Arbeiter bei Foodora und Amazon kämpfen für bessere Arbeit](#), Digital Present Tagesspiegel

20/09: [Bakom den europeiska jobbexplosionen](#), Dagens Arbete

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