

Tuesday 21 May 2019

08:15 – 09:00

- ETUI Breakfast meeting - Launch of the book: *The future of Europe/ Jetzt für ein besseres Europa*

This collected volume which will be briefly presented at this ETUI Breakfast meeting aims to inform and advance the debate on how to achieve a more social and sustainable Europe. Its four chapters and a conclusion address the nature of Europe, the future of the European Union and the political and economic development of the continent. The book argues that strong and assertive trade unions are the most reliable representatives of working people; however, they need to change and evolve in order to be able to combat Europe's growing populism.

Speakers: Peter Scherrer, Deputy General Secretary of the ETUC, Juliane Bir, Senior Advisor ETUC and Wolfgang Kowalsky, Senior Advisor ETUC

9:00 – 17:00

- TTUR network meeting

13:00 – 14:30

- ETUI fringe meeting: *Pub Quiz on democracy (at work)*

This ETUI fringe meeting should elicit conversations about the links between civic democracy and democracy at work. The Participants will be asked to answer some multiple-choice questions about the exercise of democracy, links between democracy at work, benefits of democracy at work etc before they get the opportunity to listen to Agnes Akkerman, Professor of Labour Market Institutions and Labour Market Relations, Radboud University, Netherlands who will share some of her findings about the links between democracy and democracy at work. At the end of the interactive event the team rankings will be presented and the winning team will be honoured with a prize!

Moderator: Aline Hoffmann, Head of unit: Europeanisation of industrial relations, ETUI

18:30 - 20:00

- ETUC & ETUI reception – Exhibition hall

Opening of the ETUI Exhibition *Bread & Roses : another history of trade union posters*

The European Trade Union Institute and Meta-Morphosis Editions are pleased to present this exhibition of a selection of imaginary future trade union posters from the years 2036/2037, when we will celebrate 100 years of paid leave and the 40-hour week. The posters, by Belgian and international artists, are from the book *Bread & Roses*.

On New Year's Day 1912, female textile workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts went on strike. A few days earlier a new law had been voted in, reducing the working week from 56 to 54 hours for women and minors under 18 years old, but it had led to accompanying pay cuts. The workers thus began what became known as the 'Bread and Roses' strike, bread symbolising workers' rights and roses the demand for better living conditions.

Meta-Morphosis Editions continue their exploration of Belgium's industrial and social heritage. *Bread & Roses* recounts the artistic history of the Belgian trade union movement. This richly illustrated book is divided in two parts:

- The history of the art of social struggle and trade unions in Belgium, from the creation of the Belgian Workers' Party (POB) up to the present day, with commentary by art historians, political scientists and Belgian and international personalities;
- What will trade union posters look like in 2036/2037 40 Belgian and international artists were given carte blanche to create their own vision.

- **ETUC Brian Bercusson award**

Wednesday 22 May 2019

08:15 – 09:00

- ETUI Breakfast meeting: *Brian Bercusson award 2019: EU Economic governance and the Right to Collective Bargaining*

At this ETUI breakfast meeting the 2019 Brian Bercusson award winner Pieter Pecinovksy will briefly present his winning thesis 'EU Economic governance and the Right to Collective Bargaining - A Legal research on the problematic relationship of European Economic Policy and fundamental social rights'. The doctoral research investigates the problematic relationship between EU economic governance and the right to collective bargaining as anchored in ILO, Council of Europe and EU Treaties and (case) law. In particular, it looks at the question if the country-specific recommendations (CSRs) arising from the EU economic governance mechanisms did not prompt the Member States to (drastically) restrict the right to collective bargaining.

Introduction: Niklas Bruun, ETUI TTUR

9:00 – 17:00

- TRANSFER editorial meeting

11:30 – 12:00

- Book signature session with Professor Joseph E. Stiglitz
Columbia University: **People, Power and Profits: Progressive capitalism for an age of discontent**

13:00 – 14:30

- ETUI Stand presentation: Everything you always wanted to know about Works Councils (but were too afraid to ask) [ends at 13h30]

Speaker: Stan De Spiegelaere, ETUI Senior researcher

“Only 50% of the EWC members are trade union members”. “Most EWCs are informed and consulted before the management takes a decision”. “About one in three EWC representatives has not got any training in the last three years”. Correct or not? Using the results of a large-scale survey of EWC representatives, an ETUI researcher will answer some of the questions you always had about European Works Councils but were too afraid to ask. Come and see the answers yourself to the previous question. Also ask your own questions!

- ETUI fringe meeting: Green/ Just transition

Speaker: Laurent Berger, General Secretary CFDT and President-elect of the ETUC

Moderator: Philippe Pochet, General Director of the ETUI

This ETUI fringe event will look into the long-term demand of the trade unions for a Just transition – a demand that has found more and more resonance among the broader society recently. The ETUI has been arguing for a long time now that we do not only need to organise the transition to an environmentally sustainable economy, but that this transition should also be a Just transition, a transition that is carried by the strongest shoulders rather than the weakest. In order for this to become reality, efforts on different levels need to be made. The current economic model needs to be reconsidered, and with it new social policies need to be developed. Furthermore, the fringe event will give the participants the opportunity to discuss what can be also changed at the level of the relevant actors and alliances which those actors engage in in order to achieve a just green transition.

Thursday 23 May 2019

08:15 – 09:00

- ETUI Breakfast meeting: Book launch: Collective Bargaining in Europe: Towards an endgame

This four-volume collection which will be briefly presented at this ETUI Breakfast meeting charts the development of collective bargaining in the 28 EU Member States since 2000. Although an integral part of the European social model, collective bargaining is under pressure as it is seen by opponents as producing labour market 'rigidities' that undermine economic growth and entrepreneurship. Based on a series of country-focused chapters, the collection documents how the institutions for collective bargaining have been removed, fundamentally altered or markedly narrowed in scope in all 28 EU Member States, as well as providing some examples of where the practice has proven more resilient.

Speakers: Torsten Müller, ETUI Senior researcher and Jeremy Waddington, ETUI Associate Researcher

13:00 – 14:30

- ETUI fringe meeting: Future of work with a foresight perspective

This ETUI fringe meeting will provide you with the experience of how to do foresight with the topic future of work and union organisation and will motivate and inspiration you to tackle changes. You will learn in an interactive way about the definitions and content on strategic foresight and future of work.

Introduction:

Aida Ponce del Castillo, Senior Researcher – Foresight, ETUI

Facilitators: Ilaria Costantini and Bruno Demaître, Education Officers, ETUI

Conclusions: Thiébaud Weber outgoing Confederal Secretary, ETUC and Ludovic Voets Confederal Secretary elect, ETUC