

Comparative Labour Law Methodology in the Changing World of Work

ONLINE SEMINAR 5 May 2025

This online seminar, organized by the Labour Law Research Group of the Faculty of Law at the University of Helsinki and the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law (ISLSSL), explores key methodological issues in comparative labour law. It analyses challenges comparatists encounter when analyzing labour law developments across different countries and from global or transnational perspectives.

The seminar is open to all interested participants but requires prior registration by 2 May 2025 at [https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/Comparative Labour Law Methodology in the Changing World of Work 8294](https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/Comparative_Labour_Law_Methodology_in_the_Changing_World_of_Work_8294)

We particularly encourage early-career researchers and doctoral students engaged in legal comparison to join us.

Programme

14:30 – 14:35
Helsinki time

Opening

Part I

14:35 – 15:05
Helsinki time

Legal Transplants in Labour Law: Board-Level Representation of Workers as an Example

Professor Achim Seifert, Chair of Civil Law, German and European Labour Law and Comparative Law at the Saarland University

15:05 – 15:35
Helsinki time

Reflections on the Complex Study of Comparative Labour Law: The Case of the Ecological Just Transition

Ángela Martín-Pozuelo López, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Valencia

15:35 – 16:05
Helsinki time

And if there was a Foreign Element in the Employment Contract? On the Use of Comparative Labour Law in French Court Practice and Scholarship

Marcel Zernikow, Dr., Contractual Lecturer-Researcher, University of Corsica Pasquale Paoli

Part II

16:05 – 16:35
Helsinki time

Describing West African Labour Laws - Some Methodological Concerns

Jérôme Porta, Professor of Private Law at the University of Bordeaux

16:35 – 17:05
Helsinki time

Culture and Labour Law: The Case of Laws on Occupational Health and Safety in China

Yifeng Chen, Associate Professor at the Peking University Law School

17:05 – 17:35
Helsinki time

*The Importance of Cultural and other Non-Legal Dimensions in
Comparative Labour Law*

Jean-Michel Servais, President of the International Society for Labour and
Social Security Law (ISLSSL)

17:35 – 18:05
Helsinki time

*Some Thoughts about Comparative Labour Law from a Decolonial
Perspective*

Ulla Liukkunen, Professor of Labour Law and Private International Law at
the University of Helsinki

18:05 – 18:20
Helsinki time

Comments and Reflections

Cynthia Estlund, Crystal Eastman Professor at the New York University
School of Law

18:20 – 18:25
Helsinki time

Conclusion