

New Frontiers in Empirical Labour Law Research

B3, Institute of Criminology
University of Cambridge
14-15 April 2014

PROGRAMME

Monday 14 April

10.30am: *Coffee and welcome*

11.00am: **The Case for Empiricism in Labour Law**
(Chair: Catherine Barnard)

Evidence and Ideology

Bob Hepple

Creating a 'Virtuous Circle' between Legal Empirical Research, Knowledge Exchange and Impact

Simonetta Manfredi and Lucy Vickers

The Nature of Law, Individual Labour Rights and Empirical Experimentation

Lizzie Barmes

1pm: *Lunch*

2pm: **Theoretical Considerations – Part 1**
(Chair: Simon Deakin)

Why Bother with Social Ontology?

Tony Lawson

Empirical Subjects? A Socio-Legal Appraisal of Methods and Ontology in use when Labour Law Research Focuses on Women

Lydia Hayes and Roseanne Russell

3.30pm: *Coffee*

4.00pm: **Theoretical Considerations – Part 2**
(Chair: Mark Freedland)

Beyond the Outsider / Insider Divide

Jill Rubery

Quantitative Labour Law

Simon Deakin and Zoe Adams

7.30pm: *Pre-dinner drinks in Lord Colyton Hall, Gonville and Caius followed by dinner at 8pm in the Fellows' Dining Room.*

- 9.00am: **Shedding New Empirical Light on Recurring Issues in Labour Law**
(Chair: Sue Corby)
The Utility of Behavioural Economics to Labour Law
Ewan McGaughey
Collective Labour Law Explored
Sonia McKay and Sian Moore
No Longer a 'Secondary Force...in Labour Relations': A Mixed Methods Study of the Effect on Irish Trade Unions of the Industrial Relations (Amendment) Act 2001
Tish Gibbons

Soft Labour Law: An Empirical Analysis of the Effectiveness of Non-Mandatory Rules
Adrián Todolí Signes
- 11.00am: *Coffee*
- 11.30am: **Using Empirical Methods to Explore Emerging Issues in Labour Law**
(Chair: Ruth Dukes)
The Crisis, the Law and Workers' Mobilisation in the Greek Media Sector
Aristea Koukiadaki
Understanding the Composition of the Labour Market: Legal and Empirical Taxonomies Compared
Jeremias Prassl and Abigail Adams
Using the Delphi Method to Advance Legal Reform: A New Method for Empirical Labour Law Research?
Alysia Blackham
Using Ethnographic Methods to Explore Labour Law Questions: Reflections from a Study of the Workforce Impacts of Prison Privatisation
Amy Ludlow
- 1pm: *Lunch*
- 2pm: **Panel Session**
(Chair: David Cabrelli)
Reflections on the Possibilities and Challenges of Using Empirical Methods in Labour Law
Catherine Barnard, Aristea Koukiadaki and Lydia Hayes
- 3.30pm: **Concluding Thoughts and Discussion**
(Chair: Simon Deakin)
- 4.30pm: *Coffee*