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.
Tuesday 15 April

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**