

International Seminar– Precarious Work. Current reality and perspectives

**The Faculty of Law and Administration of University of
Lodz is pleased to invite you to the International Seminar –
Precarious Work. Current reality and perspectives**

23-24 of March 2017, Lodz, Poland

I. Introduction

Precarious work is currently one of the core concerns of contemporary labour law research. The need to examine closely the notion of precariousness in employment relationships emerged in the context of increasingly commonplace practice of using new forms of employment which deprive working people the whole spectrum of rights associated with standard full-time permanent employment relationship. Needless to say, such a shift in the nature of employment relationship has engendered labour market fragmentation and social polarisation, as the persons working in conditions perceived as precarious are not fully equal participants of business transactions/economic trade.

In light of the above considerations, addressing the issue of precarious employment from a comparative perspective that would also include legislative and labour market policy strategies of preventive character appears as particularly necessary/advisable. Such an approach should not only allow to identify the reasons, main characteristics and current dynamics of precarious work but also offers invaluable insight into the potential methods of addressing this phenomenon.

II. Venue

Lodz is the third largest city in Poland located at the very centre of Poland, with partnership agreements signed with 18 cities worldwide. A visible boom of the city dates back to the 19th century, when Lodz became one of the Europe's biggest and fastest growing textile industry centre. At that time, a new identity of the city – 'a promised land' and 'a city of many cultures' (Polish, German, Russian and Jewish), *nota bene* vividly documented in the novel '*The Promised Land*' written by Polish Nobel Prize-winning author Władysław Reymont, was created. Today Lodz is a city of modern technologies, creative enterprises and culture (design, fashion, film), where a landscape of revitalized industrial architecture mixes with modern silhouettes of office, culture and sports buildings, of which some have been recognized by National Geographic as 'wonders of Poland' (Off Piotrkowska, EC 1 Planetarium).

The highly respected University of Lodz is one of the biggest institutions of higher education in Poland, and the Faculty of Law and Administration for years has been securing its leading position in

national rankings. Since 2008, the Faculty is located in the only §-shaped building in the world! Within its 29 departments and 7 independent research centre (i.a. *The Alexis de Tocqueville Centre for Political and Legal Thought*, *Centre for the Theory and Philosophy of Human Rights*, *Centre for Personal Data Protection and Information Management*) the Faculty offers education in the field of law, administration, social politics, doctoral studies in the field of law along with a wide range of postgraduate courses.

III. Call for papers

International Seminar - Precarious Work. Current realities and perspectives will be held on 23-24 March 2017 at the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Lodz. It is planned to encompass 15 presentations of approximately 15 minutes, accompanied by 4 keynote speeches and panel discussion.

The Call requests papers concerning national/comparative and/or international labour, employment law and employment policy perspectives. Research of an empirical as well as theoretical (conceptual) nature within the Call's purview is most welcome.

Scholars who are interested in presenting papers on topics related to the theme of the Seminar are invited to submit an abstract in English of up to 500 words. Please include in it: title of the paper; the name of the author, degree and current position, and author's e-mail. Abstracts should be submitted to precarious-work@wpia.uni.lodz.pl by **15 December 2016** at the latest.

Decisions on acceptance of papers will be taken by a scientific committee chaired by Professor Zbigniew Góral and Professor Mirosław Włodarczyk by 15th of December 2016.

Confirmed contributor: **Professor Łukasz Pisarczyk** (i.a Member of Polish Labour Law Codification Commission).

IV. Seminar fee

The conference fee of **55 EUR/250 PLN** for regular participants covers participation in all lectures, lunches, coffee breaks, conference materials and short sightseeing tour in Lodz. Conference fee does not cover transportation costs and accommodation. Organisers can arrange accommodation for the speaker on the campus of the University of Lodz, in the immediate vicinity of the Faculty of Law and Administration.

The payment of the conference fee should be done by **bank transfer** either in EUR or PLN. Please note that in order to get invoice in case of transfer from your private bank account you need to include your academic affiliation in the title of the transfer. Account number will be provided with a confirmation of registration

V. Key dates

December 15, 2016 Last day to submit abstracts/register as a conference participant (*please note that the number of participants is limited to 50 people – applications will be handled on a first come, first served basis.*)

December 20, 2016 Decisions on acceptance of papers

January 20, 2017 Last day to pay conference fee

March 23-24, 2017 Conference

VI. Organising Committee

Prof. Zbigniew Góral

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VIII. Registration

Please use the form attached to register for the Seminar.