

# International Conference

## in Commemoration of

## Roger Blanpain

Organised by the Institute for Labour Law, Law Faculty, University of Leuven

## “Game Changers in Labour Law

### *Shaping the future of work”*

*Leuven, 3-4 November 2017*

#### Introduction

This initiative aims to commemorate the late Emeritus Professor **Roger Blanpain** (°5 November 1932 – †11 October 2016) by bringing together international scholars and by setting up the **100<sup>th</sup> Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations**, a series started under his initiative in the seventies, together with an **international conference**. We are looking to deal with ‘**game changers**’ in labour law. This means that we wish to examine evolutions, concepts, ideas or new challenges that we identify as having (had) a major impact on the way how we (have to) understand and approach labour law. While seeking to identify the main game changers in labour law, we are looking for a better insight into problems and challenges and, where possible, we explore new pathways and answers in light of the future of work agenda.

<b>Conference venue:</b> Collegium Falconis Law Faculty KU Leuven Tiensestraat 41 3000 Leuven – BELGIUM	<b>Conference secretariat:</b> Institute for Labour Law Blijde Inkomststraat nr. 17 – Box 3423 3000 Leuven – BELGIUM Tel. +32-16-325202 E-mail: <a href="mailto:josephine.vanrijmenant@kuleuven.be">josephine.vanrijmenant@kuleuven.be</a>
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## PROGRAMME

**Conference presidency: Manfred Weiss** (University of Frankfurt)

**Venue:** Law Faculty, Collegium Falconis, Tiensestraat 41, 3000 Leuven

### DAY 1 : Friday 3 November 2017

**12h30: Welcome with sandwich lunch**

**13h30: From Biagi to Blanpain: 15 years between 2 milestones**

- **Frank Hendrickx** (University of Leuven) and **Manfred Weiss** (University of Frankfurt)

**13h45: Session 1 : The employment relationship**

- **Valeria Pulignano** (University of Leuven): Precarious work , regime of competition and the case of Europe

- **Valerio De Stefano** (University of Leuven): Non-standard forms of work: an interdisciplinary perspective

- **David Mangan** (City University London, Osgoode Hall Law School) Labour law: the medium is the message

**15h00: Pause**

**15h15: Session 2 : Industrial relations and labour law**

- **Janice Bellace** (Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania): Re-imaging freedom of association for the Gig Economy

- **Michael Doherty** (Maynooth University): Trade unions and the 'Gig Economy'

- **Monika Schlachter** (University of Trier): Strikes in essential services

**16h30: Pause**

**16h45: Session 3 : Fairness and rights**

- **Susan Bisom-Rapp** (Thomas Jefferson School of Law): What We Know about Equal Employment Opportunity Law after Fifty Years of Trying

- **Achim Seifert** (University of Jena): Employee data protection in the transnational company

- **Barbara Kresal** (University of Ljubljana): Protection against dismissal in contemporary labour law

### *(DAY 1 continued)*

- **Mijke Houwerzijl** (Tilburg University): The (game changing) role of labour market intermediaries in a Europeanizing labour market: how to ensure fair recruitment and deployment?

**18h15: End**

**(19h00 : Dinner with speakers :**

**Faculty Club, Grand Beguinage 14, 3000 Leuven)**

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### DAY 2 : Saturday 4 November 2017

**09h00: Session 4 : Governance and outlook of labour law: outside-in**

- **Frank Hendrickx** (University of Leuven): European labour law and the millennium shift

- **Alan Neal** (University of Warwick): Labour law and Brexit

- **Csilla Kollonay-Lehoczky** (Central European University): Labour law reforms - intention, promises and results. Who can learn from them?

**10u15: Pause**

**10h30: Session 5 : Governance and outlook of labour law: inside-out**

- **Jacques Rojot** (Université Paris II – Panthéon Assas): Main directions of change in French labour law

- **Michele Tiraboschi** (University of Modena and Reggio Emilia): The Regulation of Agile Work in Italy: The Winding Road towards the Modernisation of Labour Law

- **Merle Erikson** (University of Tartu): Regulating labour relations and new forms of work: the pathways of a Baltic country – Estonia

**12h00: End**