

Trade, Labour and Sustainable Development

Leaving No One in the World of Work Behind

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'In this superb and highly original work of scholarship Professor Novitz engages critically, creatively and comprehensively with the protection of labour standards in the context of international trade and global supply chains. In doing so from the perspective of sustainable development, she makes a powerful case for better and more effective trade regulation, while also providing a rich vein of material for all those working to eliminate exploitation and inequality for the benefit of current and future generations.'

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– Julia López López, Pompeu Fabra University, Spain

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– Ruth Dukes, University of Glasgow, UK

Examining the relationship between trade and labour regulation in light of the pressing need to promote sustainable development, Tonia Novitz interrogates how international legal architecture could be reformed so that no one in the world of work gets left behind. She highlights the dangers of pursuing labour and environmental issues on parallel tracks without recognising how they interact, ultimately arguing for the crafting of the content and application of trade rules through participatory processes, which involve the inclusive representation of all sectors of the labour market and all parts of the world.

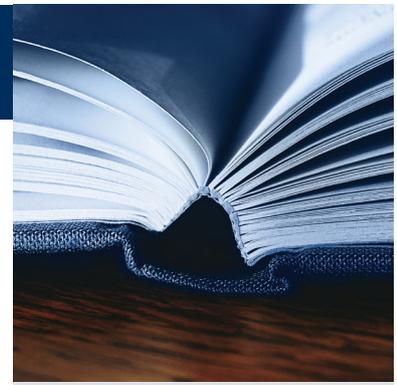
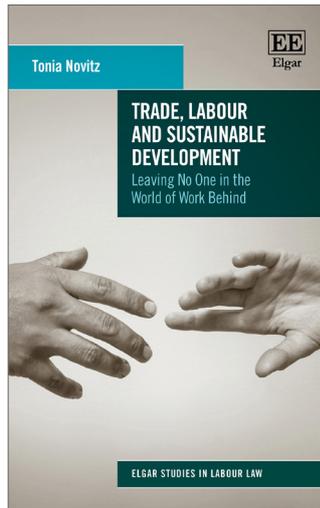
This timely book explores the potential promise of economic, environmental and social dimensions of sustainability, alongside the concrete limitations evident at the International Labour Organization, the International Monetary Fund, the World Bank Group and the World Trade Organization. The author interrogates the capacity for regional trade arrangements to operate in innovative ways, considering the European Union (EU) as a case study. Novitz further considers how corporate governance could be regulated to promote sustainable development in trade supply chains.

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