**Comparative Labour Law Methodology in the Changing World of Work**

**ONLINE SEMINAR 5 May 2025**

This online seminar, organized by the Labour Law Research Group of the Faculty of Law at the University of Helsinki and the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law (ISLSSL), explores key methodological issues in comparative labour law. It analyses challenges comparatists encounter when analyzing labour law developments across different countries and from global or transnational perspectives.

The seminar is open to all interested participants but requires prior registration by 2 May 2025 at https://www.lyyti.fi/reg/Comparative_Labour_Law_Methodology_in_the_Changing_World_of_Work_8294

We particularly encourage early-career researchers and doctoral students engaged in legal comparison to join us.

**Programme**

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| 14:30 – 14:35 Helsinki time | Opening |
| | **Part I** |
| 14:35 – 15:05 Helsinki time | *Legal Transplants in Labour Law: Board-Level Representation of Workers as an Example*<br><br>Professor Achim Seifert, Chair of Civil Law, German and European Labour Law and Comparative Law at the Saarland University |
| 15:05 – 15:35 Helsinki time | *Reflections on the Complex Study of Comparative Labour Law: The Case of the Ecological Just Transition*<br><br>Ángela Martín-Pozuelo López, Assistant Professor of Law at the University of Valencia |
| 15:35 – 16:05 Helsinki time | *And if there was a Foreign Element in the Employment Contract? On the Use of Comparative Labour Law in French Court Practice and Scholarship*<br><br>Marcel Zernikow, Dr., Contractual Lecturer-Researcher, University of Corsica Pasquale Paoli |
| | **Part II** |
| 16:05 – 16:35 Helsinki time | *Describing West African Labour Laws - Some Methodological Concerns*<br><br>Jérôme Porta, Professor of Private Law at the University of Bordeaux |
| 16:35 – 17:05 Helsinki time | *Culture and Labour Law: The Case of Laws on Occupational Health and Safety in China* |

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| | Yifeng Chen, Associate Professor at the Peking University Law School |
| 17:05 – 17:35 Helsinki time | *The Importance of Cultural and other Non-Legal Dimensions in Comparative Labour Law* |
| | Jean-Michel Servais, President of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law (ISLSSL) |
| 17:35 – 18:05 Helsinki time | *Some Thoughts about Comparative Labour Law from a Decolonial Perspective* |
| | Ulla Liukkunen, Professor of Labour Law and Private International Law at the University of Helsinki |
| 18:05 – 18:20 Helsinki time | *Comments and Reflections* |
| | Cynthia Estlund, Crystal Eastman Professor at the New York University School of Law |
| 18:20 – 18:25 Helsinki time | Conclusion |