

KU LEUVEN

Changing Employment Marie Curie ITN

Doctoral Summer School
Flexicurity, Labour Market and
Social Dialogue

At KU Leuven, Belgium
3 - 6 June 2014



Faculty of Social Sciences

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Tackling the major issues in employment in Europe

Recent profound changes in long-established structures of social dialogue and collective bargaining in Europe as well as fundamental discourse shifts towards increased labour market flexibility are having huge implications in how we conceptualise working lives in Europe.

This raises many questions for researchers. How, and for whose benefit, are these developments being pursued by governments in a globalised world? What is the role of employers, companies and employees in shaping these changes? To what extent (if any) is the crisis accelerating the 'neoliberalisation' of industrial relations in Member States? And how has the emergence of discrete anti-austerity social movements in recent years impacted on the ongoing process of union renewal?

The *Flexicurity, Labour Market and Social Dialogue summer school* aims to confront these questions directly with the aid of contributions from **first-rate academics in the field**.

Confirmed speakers include:

- **Prof. Søren Kaj Andersen**, Sociology Institute – Copenhagen University
- **Dr. Ronald Dekker**, Research Institute for Flexicurity, Labour Market Dynamics and Social Cohesion (Reflect) – Tilburg University
- **Prof. Tommy Isidorsson**, Department of Sociology and Work Science – University of Gothenburg
- **Prof. Maarten Keune**, Amsterdam Institute for Advanced Labour Studies – University of Amsterdam
- **Prof. Holm-Detlev Köhler**, Department of Sociology – University of Oviedo
- **Prof. Valeria Pulignano**, Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO) – KU Leuven
- **Dr. Thorsten Schulten**, Hans Böckler Foundation
- **Prof. Wim Van Oorschot**, Centre for Sociological Research (CeSO) – KU Leuven
- **Prof. Eddie Webster**, Society, Work and Development Institute – University of Witwatersrand

The summer school will conclude with a round table event on "**What are the prospects for labour markets and employment in Europe?**" featuring speakers from the European Commission, the ETUC and Business Europe.



Group picture of ChangingEmployment researchers at the previous network school in Paris, November 2013.

4-day residential course

During this doctoral summer school participants have the opportunity to work in a multidisciplinary environment alongside early-stage researchers and more established academics from around Europe on the **pressing issues in employment relations**. Successful applicants will work within one of three specific 'themes' of the *ChangingEmployment* Marie Curie initial training network:

- Theme 1: Management and Employees
- Theme 2: Inclusion and Exclusion
- Theme 3: Employee Wellbeing and Work-Life Quality

Within this structure there will be joint **lectures and seminars** each morning with eminent academics in European employment relations and sociology, followed by **group presentations** each afternoon with fellow researchers in your theme.

International student city

The summer course takes place at KU Leuven, Belgium. The city of Leuven itself is an architectural, cultural and gastronomic delight, vibrantly alive 24/7, allowing you to fully appreciate the best of European lifestyle. By train the town of Leuven is 13 minutes away from Brussels Airport (BRU) and 20 minutes from Brussels' Central Station. Brussels has fast-train connections with London, Paris, Amsterdam and Köln/Frankfurt.

DATES

This 4-day residential course convenes on Tuesday 3 June 2014 and ends on Friday 6 June 2014.

LOCATION

This summer school will be held in the Irish College of the Leuven Institute for Ireland in Europe Janseniusstraat 1 in Leuven (Belgium)



ACCOMMODATION

Check the website for accommodation alternatives.
www.kuleuven.be/summercourses/ChangingEmployment



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- Graduate/doctoral students working on issues of flexicurity and social dialogue.
- Researchers at institutions connected to the *ChangingEmployment* network.
- Junior research and teaching staff at the KU Leuven Faculty of Social Sciences.

Though the general organization costs are met by the *ChangingEmployment* network, there is a registration fee of 80 EUR. The price includes lunch and refreshments at the Irish College for the four days.

It is intended that completion of this intensive four-day course will result in a transcript for **3 ECTS points**, subject to approval from KU Leuven.

To apply please send an email with your name, institution, research topic and one paragraph addressing why you would like to attend (and in which theme) to changingemploymentleuven@gmail.com

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“The changing nature of employment in Europe in the context of challenges, threats and opportunities for employees and employers” is an exciting new international comparative European FP7 Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN) of Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) and Experienced Researchers (ERs) preparing for doctoral and post-doctoral research, called the ChangingEmployment project. It is amongst a small number of multi-disciplinary social science programmes to be awarded funding in the current Marie Curie awards under the European Union’s Seventh Framework Programme for Research and Development (FP7). The ITN, co-ordinated by the University of Strathclyde-Glasgow, has successfully obtained 4,060,000 Euros to support the network bringing together new and recent post graduate researchers working on an international post graduate research programme supervised by internationally renowned senior academics.

For more information on full programme, schedule, accommodation and registration of the **Summer School** at KU Leuven:



[www.kuleuven.be/summercourses/
ChangingEmployment](http://www.kuleuven.be/summercourses/ChangingEmployment)

For more information on the ChangingEmployment project:



www.changingemployment.eu