

Editorial

The *different perspectives of European labour law and industrial relations* are explored in this issue.

To begin with, recent developments in Central and Eastern Europe are examined by Neumann and Casale, who individually discuss the extent to which tripartism and decentralised collective bargaining may coexist. Secondly, Hasselbalch reveals how industrial action is disciplined very differently in the Continental European context, at least in strictly legal terms. Then, attention is shifted to Spain and Italy where pioneering practices which can greatly innovate the job creation role of collective bargaining are looked at. Agut García clearly explains an experience which might be compared with the opening/hardship clauses in Germany. While I try to assess the 'Luxembourg Process' from the labour law and industrial relations' angle.

Europe is indeed a continent which is highly diversified – even in our field. This is why the enlargement of the European Union will undoubtedly be *the* challenge over the coming years.

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