

Editorial

This issue opens with a contribution by Maximilian Fuchs, who provides us with an interesting critical overview of the dynamics of European Labour Law developments, stressing the crucial role in this process of the European Court of Justice and of the social partners.

The difficulties which UK courts may face in their day-to-day practice are explored by Lucy Vickers, who analyses the highly topical problem of religious discrimination in the workplace, starting with a discussion on how these issues have been dealt with by the courts in Canada. Simon Deakin then deals with the judicial interpretation and control of employment relations, with a particular focus on atypical contracts.

The issues arising from EU enlargement are covered from two angles. Charles Woolfson and Mattias Beck focus the readers' attention on changes in industrial relations in Lithuania following the collapse of communist rule and in perspective of EU accession, whereas Victoria Howes addresses the problems faced by Poland and Hungary in meeting Community requirements in the sphere of health and safety protection.

The Asian dimension is this time examined by Cheng Yanyan, who provides some interesting suggestions on how to improve the labour dispute resolution system in China.

The *Documentation and Comments* section contains Roger Blanpain's contribution on employment in the context of globalization. Finally, Olga Rymkevitch presents a short review of the 13th IIRA World Congress, *Beyond Traditional Employment. Industrial Relations in the Network Economy* (Berlin, September 2003), which was highly successful, thanks also to the undisputed organizational skill of Manfred Weiss.

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