

Editorial

The issue opens with the contributions by Matthew Finkin & Sanford Jakoby, Alan Neal, and Orsolya Farkas & Olga Rymkevitch presented at the annual colloquium of labour law journals held in Modena in April 2004 on the problems of labour mobility. The papers underline the complex and sometimes contradictory nature of policies in this field. Finkin & Jacoby explore the reasons for the differences between European and US mobility, whereas the paper by Alan Neal discusses the Nordic experience in regulating the free movement of individuals in a historical perspective, considering it a source of inspiration for the establishment of the European Union open labour market model. The paper by Farkas & Rymkevitch focuses on recent developments in European immigration policy and the choices made by the Member States relating to EU enlargement and the free movement of individuals from the new Member States.

The paper by Brian McArthur deals with the crucial question of the decline in union membership. The author concentrates on the problem of trade union recognition in the UK with an interesting historical excursus and a jurisdictional comparison with the US and Canadian systems of union recognition.

Maximilian Fuchs concludes his analysis of the development of the European labour legislation, the first part of which appeared in the previous issue.

This issue also includes an article by Klara Boonstra offering an analysis of the decisions made by the ILO Committee on Freedom of Association concerning the right to bargain collectively in Sweden and Denmark, in relation to some issues in the Netherlands and EU obligations.

The Documentation section includes a report by William Bromwich & Olga Rymkevitch on the Conference on labour market reform held in Rome on 18-19 March 2004 in commemoration of Marco Biagi, the late Managing Editor of the *Journal*.

In the Book Review section Roger Blanpain discusses Kenner's *EU Employment Law. From Rome to Amsterdam and Beyond* that provides the reader with an interesting survey of European employment legislation. Finally, William Bromwich reviews the latest edition of Julia Palca & Catherine Taylor's *Employee Law Checklists*.

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