

Editorial

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This issue of the ILLeJ is dedicated to “Wage-setting” - since the very beginning of free work the hottest element of struggle and, by consequence, one of the most important points of reflection for scholars and practitioners in labour relations. The Authors of the essays - Olaf Deinert (Germany), Filip Dorsemont (Belgium), Attila Kun (Hungary), Pascal Lokiec (France) and Emanuele Menegatti (Italy) - have been involved as national rapporteurs in the XXXV Pontignano Seminar, organized by Lorenzo Gaeta and Edoardo Ales under the aegis of the Italian Association for Labour Law and Social Security (AIDLASS) in September 2018 at the Certosa of Pontignano (Siena). The leading idea of Pontignano is to provide scholars and PhD students coming from various European Countries with the opportunity to tackle topical issues of Labour Law starting from their national perspectives and then sorting out from the presentations some common themes to be analyzed by the participants using a comparative approach. Already in the past, rearranged according to the grid used for the comparison, national reports have been transformed into chapters of books like “Collective action and Fundamental Freedoms in Europe” (E. Ales & T. Novitz eds., Kluwer International, Alphen aan den Rijn, 2012), “Health and Safety at Work” (E. Ales ed., Kluwer International, Alphen aan den Rijn, 2012) and “Core and Contingent Work in the European Union” (E. Ales, O. Deinert & J. Kenner eds., Hart, Oxford, 2017). We are, therefore, very happy and honored to host the 2018 contributions on Wage-setting in this issue. The result is a comprehensive and structured reflection on how, in times of structural economic, social and societal changes, individual contractual parties, social partners and national public authorities have approached the regulation of wage as one of the key elements of any economic policy strategy.

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