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How are national and international labour laws responding to the challenge of globalization as it reshapes the workplaces of the world?

This collection of essays by leading legal scholars and lawyers from Europe and the Americas addresses the implications of globalization for the legal regulation of the new workplace. It examines the role of international labour standards and the contribution of the International Labour Organization, and assesses the success of the European experiment with continental employment standards. It explores the prospects for hemispheric cooperation on labour standards in the Americas, and deals with the impact of international labour standards on the rights of women and migrant workers.

As the nature and organization of work around the world is being decisively transformed, new regional and international institutions are emerging that may provide the platform for new labour standards, and for protecting existing ones.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

ASEAN Association of Southeast Asian Nations
ASW Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Sub-Committee on Women

ATCA Alien Tort Claims Act

CAFTA Central American Free Trade Agreement
Cairo Declaration Declaration of Human Rights in Islam
CARICOM The Caribbean Community and Common

Market

CEDAW Convention on the Elimination of all

Forms of Discrimination Against Women

CEE States Central and Eastern European States

CEEP European Centre of Enterprises with Public

Participation and of Enterprises of General

Economic Interest

CFA Committee on Freedom of Association
Charter European Charter of Fundamental Rights

CLT Brazilian Labour Code
CMC Common Market Council
CMG Common Market Group
CSO Civil Society Organization
CSR Corporate Social Responsibility
EC Law European Community Law

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EC Treaty European Community Treaty
ECHR European Convention on Human F

ECHR European Convention on Human Rights

ECJ European Court of Justice

ECLAC United Nations' Economic Commission for

Latin America and the Caribbean

ECSC European Coal and Steel Community
EEC European Economic Community
EMF European Metalworkers Federation

EPZ Export Processing Zone

ESCF Economic and Social Consultative Forum
ETUC European Trade Union Confederation
ETUI The European Trade Union Institute

EU European Union

EUCOB European Collective Bargaining

Information Network

EWC European Works Council FDI Foreign Direct Investment

FGTS Fundo de Garantia por Tempo de Serviço

FNT Forum Nacional do Trabalho

FTA Free Trade Agreement between Canada and

the United States of America

FTAA Free Trade Agreement of the Americas

Fundamental Declaration ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles

and Rights at Work

GATS General Agreement on Trade in Services

GDP Gross Domestic Product

GIR Globalization and Information Revolution

GNP Gross National Product

GSP Generalized System of Preferences

HR Human Resources

IACML Inter-American Conference of Ministers of

Labour

ICB Institutional Capacity Building ICCPR International Covenant on Civil and

Political Rights

ICESCR International Covenant on Economic Social

and Cultural Rights

IDBInter-American Development BankILOInternational Labour OrganizationILSInternational Labour StandardsIMFInternational Monetary Fund

International Association The International Association for the Legal

Protection of Workers

IOM International Organization for Migration IPECL International Program for the Elimination

of Child Labour

IR Industrial Relations

JS Just Societies

Maastricht Treaty Treaty on European Union

Mercosur Common Market of the Southern Cone

MNE Multinational Enterprise
MP Member of Parliament

MWC UN Convention on the Protection of the

Rights of All Migrant Workers and

Members of Their Families

NAALC North American Agreement on Labour

Cooperation

NAFTA North American Free Trade Association

NAO National Administrative Office NGO Non-governmental Organization NIS National Innovation System OAS Organization of American States

OECD Organization for Economic Co-operation

and Development

OMU Offshore Mariners United

PICUM Platform for International Cooperation on

Undocumented Migrants

POEA Administrator of the Philippine Overseas

Employment Administration

SEF Socio-Economic Forum

SEWA Self-Employed Women's Association

SLC Social-Labour Commission

SME Small and Medium-sized Enterprise
SNCF National Railway Company of France
Social Charter European Union Community Charter of

Basic Social Rights

Strategy European Union Community Framework

Strategy on Gender Equality (2001–2005)

TNC Transnational Corporation
TPA Trade Promotion Authority
Trico Trico Marine Services Inc.

Tripartite Declaration Tripartite Declaration of Principles

concerning Multinational Enterprises and

Social Policy

UDHR Universal Declaration of Human Rights

UN United Nations

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and

Development

UNESCO United Nations Educational, Scientific and

Cultural Organization

UNICE Union des Industries de la Communauté

Européenne

UNICEF United Nations International Children's

Emergency Fund

WTO World Trade Organization