

Call for Papers 2021/3

Deadline for paper proposals: February 1st, 2021

Comparative Labour and Social Security Law Journal 2021-3

I- Thematic Chapter

« National labour law and social security systems through the lens of the COVID health crisis. Adaptations or fundamental changes? » (Coordinated by Loïc LEROUGE and Philippe MARTIN, CNRS Research Directors - COMPTRASEC, University of Bordeaux)

II- International Legal News

Legislative news columns covering the first half of 2021 (subjects freely chosen by the authors)

III- Bibliographic Chronicle

Analysis of legal works relating to legal sciences applied to work and social security (texts spontaneously submitted by their authors)

I- Thematic Chapter: Argumentation

For several months now, the world has been going through a health, economic and social crisis unprecedented since the Second World War. The society in its whole built since then has been shaken by the emergence of a new Coronavirus, now called COVID-19. Its novelty and contaminating power, combined with the heavy burden of care provided to those who are severely susceptible to it, compels States to adopt exceptional measures to protect their populations and limit the devastation caused by the spread of the pandemic. These policies have an impact on labour law and social protection law, which are undergoing adaptations - some temporary, others perhaps more permanent - to deal with the emergency of the moment.

The *Comparative Labour and Social Security Law Journal* (RDCTSS)¹, which goal is “to contribute to the development and diffusion of analyses and discussions on labour law and social security, systems of professional relationships across the world and public policies on employment and risks”, aims to collect and put into perspective the analyses of researchers from all continents on the transformations of social law caused by the COVID-19 crisis in their country or geographical area. Given the emergency

¹ <https://comptrasec.u-bordeaux.fr/revue-de-droit-compare-du-travail-et-de-la-securite-sociale>

of the situation, a number of legal journals have already embarked on an immediate description of the measures taken by governments. The objectives and the ambition of the RDCTSS publication project are quite different. In essence, the aim is to provide an in-depth analysis of the impact of the global health crisis on different national laws, through various common issues. The challenge is to ask ourselves, through international comparison, how the social systems that have been challenged by the health crisis and have revealed their limits are likely to be rethought through the prism of law.

Many questions can be raised: what kind of arrangements or re-arrangements have been made in the balance between fundamental freedoms (freedom of enterprise, freedom of work, freedom of movement) and personal health and safety? In other words, what kind of pressure have been put on labour law - the need to maintain economic activity vs. protection against public health risks - and how does the law's resistance to emergency measures taken by public authorities or company management manifest itself? This last aspect invites us to analyze the legal approaches and policies that intervene to resolve these conflicts of logic. How and to what extent does social protection law help to cushion the shock and possibly resolve the tensions mentioned? What legal innovations are emerging on this occasion? What are the limits?

Framework of the Call

In order to facilitate and guide the comparison, it is suggested that the contributors to this publication situate their work of description and analysis of national law with reference to the following themes:

Theme 1: Working conditions: health and safety, work and rest time, work-life balance, salary, notion of "essential workers";

Theme 2: Company, decision-making power and fundamental rights of employees: who are the players? What regulations?

Theme 3: Devices made to support the autonomy of individuals, different forms of social solidarity in the face of risks, precariousness, situations of exclusion, evolution of the Welfare State.

Contributors will be able to draw inspiration from one or more of these themes and will try to answer the general questions - or some of them - raised in the argumentation. **Because the comparative approach is at the heart of this issue, it is possible (but not mandatory), at the author's initiative, to form a collaboration with a second author from another country.**

Format of expected Contributions

The expected contributions will be in French, English or Spanish with a maximum volume of **40,000 characters** including spaces.

In addition, manuscripts must be accompanied by the following items:

- The title of the article;
- 5 keywords to identify the content;
- An abstract of 400 characters;
- The institution to which the manuscript belongs, the title and the postal and electronic address of the author(s);
- Bibliographical indication of the author (two publications of your choice).

Calendar

- Deadline for paper proposals (500 words abstract + title): February 1st, 2021.
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- Response to authors: end of February, 2021.
- Deadline for submission of papers: June 1st, 2021.

Nota Bene: The RDCTSS journal publishes original texts submitted to an anonymous evaluation by two experts.

II- International Legal News

The **International Legal News** section of the *Comparative Labour and Social Security Law Journal* (2021/3) consist of around twenty national columns in order to identify the most significant changes in standards that have occurred during the past semester, in countries in various parts of the world. The subjects of these short chronicles of legislative news are freely chosen by the authors.

The expected contributions will be in French, English or Spanish with a maximum volume of **15,000 characters** including spaces and footnotes.

In addition, manuscripts must be accompanied by the following items:

- The title of the article;
- The institution to which the manuscript belongs, the title and the postal and electronic address of the author(s).

If you wish to join the network of national correspondents for the International Legal News section, please contact Marie-Cécile Clément in advance, specifying the country for which you wish to contribute (marie-cecile.clement@u-bordeaux.fr or revue.comptrasec@u-bordeaux.fr).

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- Deadline for paper proposals: February 1st, 2021.
- Response to authors: end of February, 2021.
- Deadline for submission of papers: September 1st, 2021.

III- Bibliographic Chronicle

The *Comparative Labour and Social Security Law Journal* occasionally publishes **bibliographical chronicles** spontaneously submitted, on legal works whose field is mainly that of legal sciences applied to work and social security.

The expected contributions will be in French, English or Spanish with a maximum volume of **15,000 characters** including spaces and footnotes.

In addition, manuscripts must be accompanied by the following items:

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If you wish to publish a bibliographic chronicle, please contact before Marie-Cécile Clément (marie-cecile.clement@u-bordeaux.fr or revue.comptrasec@u-bordeaux.fr).

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