

**WTFLABOURLAW
SUMMER CAMP
BY THE MOVING
LABOUR COLLECTIVE
3 – 7 JULY 2020**

LABOUR LAW: THEORY & PRAXIS

**EXFADDA @ SAN VITO
DEI NORMANNI (BR)
PUGLIA, ITALY**

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The Moving Labour Collective (MLC) is a community of academics and researchers open to trade unionists and social activists. We came together in 2018 to reaffirm and promote the fundamental socio-political principles and values of labour law and labour solidarity at a local, national and transnational level. We are committed to grassroots struggles, and therefore, seek to produce reflections and investigations that are useful to workers, trade unions, labour collectives and social movements.

In 2018, we organised our first summer camp at ExFadda, in Puglia, Italy. Running over five days, and under the glow of the rejuvenating Mezzogiorno sun, the thirty or so participants explored the future of labour law under the following themes: labour law & new technologies, labour law & migration, labour law & environment, and labour law & economics. The purpose of this investigation was to destabilise taken-for-granted assumptions and reimagine a more relevant, inclusive labour law, both in theory and practice. We also opened a dialogue with labour organisations and social movement actors with the intention of broadening the scholarly enterprise. In our spare time, we learned how to make pasta, saw mozzarella being produced, lazed on the beautiful Mediterranean coast, and made lasting intellectual and political friendships.

We will be meeting again in 2020, at ExFadda, to continue this conversation. The theme of the 2020 summer camp will be 'Theory and Praxis.' The Marxist theoretician and activist, Antonio Gramsci, once wrote that "only antiquated intellectuals believe that a conception of the world can be destroyed by rational criticism." We want to create a transformative labour law informed by a sharp critique of capitalism, infused with the voices of labour movements, and invigorated by the spirit of struggle. As this is an academic gathering, there will be plenty of time for inquiry and discussion, but equally we want to ensure that ample time is dedicated for artistic and social activities needed to nourish the soul and nurture bonds of friendship.

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Broad structure of the 2020 summer camp:

Day 1: Arrival and introducing the MLC

Day 2: Discussion with labour movements and social movement actors

Day 3: Working group meetings (technology, global supply chains, social movements, democracy, migration, time, and environment)

Day 4: Working-group presentations and workshops for broader MLC community

Day 5: Wrap-up, research outputs, and where to from here

To apply, please send us a CV and statement of motivation briefly outlining your research and/or activist endeavours and your interest in the camp and the MLC (no more than 1,000 words) to the **movinglabourcollective@gmail.com** **by 15 December 2019.**

If you have any examples of inspiring grassroots social practices and/or experimentation involving workers from your home country, please tell us about it in your statement.

The participation fee covers accommodation in a shared apartment, lunches, dinners (breakfast not included) during the camp, and the use of facilities at ExFadda. Travel costs are not included, and participants are expected to make their own arrangements. The final fee amount will depend on the overall number of registrants and the specific booking requests each person makes. We anticipate, however, that it would be around 450EUR. The Organising Committee will offer scholarships to fully cover the participation fee for two colleagues with insufficient access to institutional funding.