

YES! Young Explorers Seminar

1-2 July 2021, Lodz, Poland

SCIENCE is a way of thinking much more than it is a body of knowledge...

- Carl Sagan

1. THE AMBITION

The common vision for the **Young Explorers Seminar YES!** is to enable further integration of labour law scholars with the aim of putting forward a research agenda for the new generation of labour law research i.e. more curiosity-driven research, rather than programmatic research focused merely on understanding the dynamics and consequences of the existing socio-economic phenomena.

In the 21st century it is more than evident that various facets of the current socio-economic realities were born from absolutely not programmed developments. Many of the socio-economic breakthroughs (such as the recent one provoked by the COVID- 19 pandemic) deeply change our understanding of the world and give us a solid incentive to think also about a new world of work. The innovation process is indeed complex, with many linkages and mechanisms, that nevertheless need to be undertaken at a systemic and global level. **The Young Explorers Seminar YES!** aims at breaking the remaining walls between labour law research and innovation by consequently putting curiosity-driven research into practice. It is not about getting the right answers, but rather about building a community of curious souls ready to open a scientific box full of new tools that could be used to grapple with the insecurity and uncertainty of 'liquid modernity'.

2. FORMAT

The format of the seminar is content oriented through sessions with thematically coherent presentations/ panels and small keynote (TED talk like) sessions on specific subjects/scientific methods/tools/research process. The presentations, which are to be held in English, can thus be about the current or past research of the speaker, or they can be organized as short lectures about chosen arguments of interest. Notably, it is not a mere coincidence that **The Young Explorers Seminar YES!**, is planned to take place just after the next edition of one of the most cutting edge labour law conferences - [LLRN5](#) in POLAND. Hopefully this, along with the geographical proximity, will provide an additional incentive to explore more in-depth the Polish/Eastern European scientific scenery, as well as such topical, especially in light of the post-Covid socio-economic developments, issues as: basic income, the relationship between climate change and labour law in the context of migration processes, the potential transformation of the European social model and the privacy paradigm at workplace (to name but a few...).

The conference is open to PhD students, Post-docs and EVERYONE ready to go off the well-trodden scientific routes. Besides the scientific activities, there are networking activities planned such as social visits and an informal dinner.

3. VENUE



Lodz is a city in the central part of Poland, located 120 kilometres (75 mi) south-west of Warsaw - 1h trip by train.



Lodz is an important cultural and industrial centre of the country with a representative Piotrkowska street, one of the longest shopping streets in Europe. Lodz is also a residence of 6 public and 22 private universities, including the University of Lodz.



The University of Lodz was established in 1945 and has long been one of the biggest and most popular universities in Poland. The University of Lodz boasts the oldest and most recognized School of Polish for Foreigners that has educated 26,000 students since 1952.



The Faculty of Law and Administration is one of the twelve faculties at the University of Lodz, one of the original three faculties established at the time of the University foundation. Though its tradition goes back a long way its seat is one of the most modern – the Faculty is located in the only **S**-shaped building in the world!

4. KEY DATES

15 November 2020	Last day to submit abstracts/panels/TED talk like proposals
15 December 2020	Decisions on acceptance of papers/panel proposals
1-2 July 2021	Conference

5. ESTIMATED PARTICIPATION FEE – **50EUR**

The conference fee does not include travel and accommodation costs. Please note that the relevant fee may be slightly changed at the end of the 2020, due to the potential price fluctuations.

6. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Izabela Florczak
Marta Otto
Magdalena Paluszkiwicz
Anna Piszczek

7. CONTACT

All questions and suggestions should be addressed to: yes@uni.lodz.pl.

If you prefer, feel free to contact also any of the organizing committee members.

The website for the conference is under construction at: <https://cooperante.uni.lodz.pl/yes/>

Photo source:

https://pliki.propertynews.pl/i/04/74/18/047418_940.jpg

https://www.bip.uml.lodz.pl/files/public/_processed_/2/e/csm_csm_DSC_1023-Edit_c4d5530472_cb8140fcc9.jpg

http://www.inzynierbudownictwa.pl/images/magda/ib_03/DSC_7266.jpg

https://miro.medium.com/max/650/1*enVjunj_NnULE0hhs1502Q.jpeg