

YES!

Young Explorers Seminar
2nd edition

29 June 2023

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! 2nd Edition** 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. First edition of the **Young Explorers Seminar YES!** took place in 2021 [[see here](#)].

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'.

Confirmed Keynote Speaker: Professor Tonia Novitz (University of Bristol).

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- **LLRN6** in POLAND. Hopefully this 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 visit and an (in)formal dinner.

3. VENUE

The conference will be held in online formula.

4. KEY DATES

15 April 2023	Last day to submit abstracts/panels/TED talk like proposals [please send abstract from 350 to 500 words to: yes@uni.lodz.pl]
20 April 2023	Decisions on acceptance of papers/panel proposals
21 April -15 May 2023	Registration
29 June 2023	Conference

5. PARTICIPATION FEE

Free of charge!!!

6. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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7. CONTACT

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