

Guidelines for the ETUC – BRIAN BERCUSSON AWARD

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) has instituted an award in order to honour the outstanding and most dynamic scientific work and its high relevance for the European trade union movement of the late Labour Law Professor Brian Bercusson which will be called

ETUC – Brian Bercusson Award.

With this Award, the ETUC and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) support academic research that deepen understanding of and promote transnational workers' rights in Europe. The focus on European Labour Law shall raise awareness about new scientific research in academia as well as among practitioners in the European Union in order to encourage scientific, legal and political actions towards the further development, full recognition and better implementation of trade union- and workers' rights.

Article 1: The Prize

The ETUC–Bercusson Award (hereinafter the “Award”) shall be awarded on the occasion of the ETUC Congress every 4 years in order to reward an outstanding research project that has resulted in a PhD-dissertation on European Labour Law, broadly defined as European individual and collective labour law including in particular transnational workers' rights, thus not including national labour law implementing EU labour law nor comparative labour law projects unless they have a clear European dimension.

Article 2: Nature

The Award shall consist of the publication of the research results by the ETUI in English.

The ETUI will ensure the dissemination of the publication in Europe and provide for special information to labour law faculties and universities in the European Union.

The Award winner:

- will get the possibility to publish the main results of her/his PhD in an ETUI publication.
- will receive, in 2015, the sum of 1000 Euros
- be invited to a special ceremony for the receiving of the Award (see Article 7).

Article 3: Eligibility

To be eligible, individual PhD researcher must be affiliated to a university in one of the European Union Member States, or candidate countries or other countries where the ETUC has member organisations (EFTA) and have successfully defended her/his PhD at the local university within a period of four years before the year of the next ETUC Congress, i.e. for the first time this will be the period between 01 January 2010 and 01 October 2014.

Article 4: Applications

Applications for the Award shall comprise:

- The thesis in the original language,
- An additional 20 pages summary in English including the research questions, the methodology, the arguments used, the results and the academic achievement,
- An additional page specifying the reasons why the applicant's research project can be considered to be outstanding in the field of European labour law,
- The official evaluation of the PhD if such a document exists,
- All other relevant supporting documents.

Applications shall

- be signed by the applicant,
- reach the ETUC by 30 November of the year preceding the ETUC Congress, i.e. by 30 November 2014.

Article 5: Selection Panel

The selection panel is composed of the ETUI research director as chairperson and the Members of the ETUI Transnational Trade Union Rights Experts Network.

The selection panel shall examine the applications and may ask an external referee from the country from where the application originates for comments on the short listed application. The selection panel will make a recommendation to the ETUC as to the Award winner. In the event that the selection panel considers that none of the applications is sufficiently outstanding, it shall inform the ETUC.

Article 6: Decision on the Award winner

The decision on the Award winner shall be taken by the ETUC.

Article 7: Award Ceremony

The Award shall be awarded at a ceremony which shall take place in connection to the ETUC Congress or in exceptional circumstances at another special occasion.