

The presence, role & economic impact of employers' associations in Europe

An on-line workshop organised in the context of the EmpRep Action¹

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Friday 18th February 2022

09.00 am – 13.10 & 14.00 – 18.30 (all times are Central European Time)²

Morning Session – Chair: Uwe Jirjahn

09:00 am – 09:05 am	Welcome address
09:05 am – 09:45 am	Keynote address Alex Bryson (UCL) <i>Employer collectives: what are they and what do they do?</i>
09:45 am – 10:00 am	Questions/Discussion
10:00 am – 10.35 am	Peter Sheldon (University of NSW, Sydney), Luca Carollo (University of Bergamo), Edoardo Della Torre (University of Bergamo) and Raoul Nacamulli (University of Milano-Bicocca) <i>Theorising employers' associations strategic responses to new challenges: From Olson to Ostrom</i> Discussant: Susanne Kohaut (Institute for Employment Research, IAB)
10:35 am – 11:10 am	Lorenzo G. Luisetto (University of Trento) <i>Divided we stand: understanding the effect of product market competition on employers' behaviours</i> Discussant: Louise Thornthwaite (Macquarie University, Australia)
11:10 am – 11:45 am	Leon Goberman , Marco Hauptmeier and Edmund Heery (University of Cardiff) <i>Beyond deregulation: employers' organizations' varied responses to employment law</i> Discussant: Jelle Visser (University of Amsterdam)
11.45 am – 12:00 noon	BREAK

¹ EmpRep is a European Commission co-funded Action looking into the structure, conduct and impact of Employers' Associations on bargaining and labour market outcomes. For more details see emprep.eu.

² Presenters are denoted in bold. The workshop has been organized by the members of the EmpRep action with the technical support of Dimitris Sakellariadis (UoC).

12:00 pm – 12:35 pm	Christos A. Ioannou (Federation of Greek Industries) and Vasilis Katsantonis (Panteion University) <i>Representativeness and autonomy of employers' associations: some lessons from Greece</i> Discussant: Markus Helfen (Freie Universität Berlin)
12:35 pm – 13:10 pm	Manuel Marocco and Corrado Polli <i>Structure and consistency of employers' associations in Italy: an analysis through firms' data</i> Discussant: Oscar Molina (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
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Afternoon Session – Chair: Dieter Sadowski

14:00 – 14:35	Pedro Martins (Nova Business School) and Jonathan Thomas (University of Edinburgh) <i>Labour market competition and employee training</i> Discussant: Ernesto Villanueva (Bank of Spain)
14:35 – 15:10	Nikolaos Giannakopoulos (University of Patras) and Daphne Nicolitsas (University of Crete) <i>Union membership & membership in employers' associations</i> Discussant: Jens Mohrenweiser (Bournemouth University)
15:10 – 15:45	Uwe Jirjahn (University of Trier) <i>Membership in employers' associations and collective bargaining coverage in Germany</i> Discussant: Stephen Silvia (American University)
15:45 -16:20	Pedro Martins (Nova Business School) and Panos Panagiotopoulos (QMUL) <i>Employer representation and collective bargaining in private schools</i> Discussant: Peter Kerckhofs (Eurofound)
16.20 – 16.30	BREAK
16:30 – 17:05	Thomas Breda and Nicolas Ghio (Paris School of Economics) <i>Using survey data to study employer associations</i> Discussant: Andrea Garnero (OECD)
17:05 – 17:40	Alex Lehr (Radboud University), Giedo Jansen (University of Twente) and Bernd Brandl (Durham University) <i>Employers' organization as vehicles for political influence? An analysis of the determinants of employers' organizations membership</i> Discussant: Federica Origo (University of Bergamo)
17:40 – 18:15	Bernardo Fanfani , Claudio Lucifora and Daria Viganì (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore) <i>Employer association in Italy: trends and economic outcomes</i> Discussant: Louis Christofides (University of Cyprus & University of Guelph)
18:15 – 18:30	General discussion/Closing remarks