

Guidelines for the ETUC – BRIAN BERCUSSON AWARD

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) has instituted an award to honour the outstanding and dynamic scientific work, of great value to the European trade union movement, of the late labour law Professor Brian Bercusson. It will be called the

ETUC Brian Bercusson Award

Through this award, the ETUC and the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI) support academic research that deepens understanding and promotes transnational workers' rights in Europe.

The focus on European labour law aims to 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 for 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”) will be presented on the occasion of the ETUC Congress, every four years, to reward an outstanding research project that has resulted in a PhD-dissertation on European labour law. This is broadly defined as European individual and collective labour law including – and especially – transnational workers' rights, but 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 will consist of the publication of the main research results by the ETUI in English (via a working paper or report).

The ETUI will ensure the dissemination of the publication in Europe, providing 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 2023, the sum of 2500 Euros
- will be invited to a special ceremony for the presentation of the Award (see Article 7).

Article 3: Eligibility

To be eligible, individual PhD researchers 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 university within a period of four years before the year of the next ETUC

Congress, i.e. between 2 October 2018 – 1 October 2022. Applications by members of the ETUI Transnational Trade Union Rights (TTUR) network and ETUC/ETUI staff members will not be accepted/ are not eligible.

Article 4: Applications

Applications for the Award should comprise:

- The thesis in the original language,
- An additional 20-pages summary in English or French 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 as outstanding in the field of European labour law,
- The official evaluation of the PhD, where it exists,
- All other relevant supporting documents.

Applications should

- be signed by the applicant,
- reach the ETUI by 15 October 2022

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 (TTUR) Network.

The selection panel will examine the applications and may ask for comments from an external referee from the country of origin of a short-listed application. The selection panel will make a recommendation on the Award winner to the ETUC.

The selection panel will inform the ETUC if it finds that none of the applications is sufficiently outstanding.

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 will be presented at a ceremony to coincide with the ETUC Congress (Berlin, May 2023) or, in exceptional circumstances, at another special occasion.