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Trade Union Research and Political Officers, employment lawyers working in support of trade unions, academics with an interest in industrial relations and labour law and trade union activists working hard to influence the policy agenda. The discussion will also be of interest to journalists keen to keep informed and engage with labour law issues high on the trade union agenda.

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Employment law after the election: what kind of laws do we want?

A one day conference
Wednesday 11th February 2015
9.30am to 3.00pm
at UNISON Centre, Council Chamber, 130 Euston Road, London NW1 2AY

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About the conference

As we rapidly approach the next general election, Britain's working population and, in particular, its 6½ million trade unionists need to know how their economic wellbeing is going to improve under a new government. It has been said that the next general election will be won or lost on the issue of employment rights. Whether it's the growth in zero hour contracts, the attacks on pension provision, the undermining of collective bargaining, the limitations on trade union action, the exploitation of agency workers, the restrictions on access to justice or the ease with which employers can impose mass redundancies – workers and their families can see the injustices in the system and want change.

The IER is at the forefront of highlighting the devastating impact of the current Government's labour law policies. Our publications have covered issues ranging from the undermining of TUPE protections, attacks on facility time for trade union representatives and the weakening of health and safety protections for all workers. But as well as highlighting the damaging policy decisions of the Government, we also need to offer policy proposals – and this conference aims to do just that.

In 2014 IER celebrated its 25th anniversary and the theme of our anniversary year was "What kind of laws should trade unions demand from a Labour Government." That theme ran consistently throughout IER's 2014 events, during which we fine-tuned our policy proposals. This one day conference will conclude that process, bringing together a platform of labour leaders, policy makers and legal experts to discuss the way forward for the labour movement.

At the conference, you will have an opportunity to put your questions and ideas to key influencers and decision makers in our 'Question Time' style session in the morning. In the afternoon, you can hear trade union general secretaries give their views on the kind of laws trade unions want to see under the next government.

The conference will be a key event in the run-up to the general election for trade unionists, academics, lawyers and anyone with an interest in workers' rights and trade union freedoms. This is an opportunity to set out what we expect from an incoming government.

Programme

- 9.30 Registration Opens
- 9.45 Opening Address
John Hendy QC, Chair, IER
- 10.00 Question Time Panel
Chair: Prof. Keith Ewing, President, IER
Natalie Bennett, Green Party
Jon Cruddas MP, Chair, Labour Party's National Policy Forum
Len McCluskey, Unite General Secretary
Frances O'Grady, TUC General Secretary
Mark Serwotka, PCS General Secretary
- 11.15 Tea Break
- 11.30 Round Table Discussion – Developing the legal issues:
John Hendy and Keith Ewing with IER experts Simon Deakin, Aileen McColgan and Thompsons Solicitor
- 12.30 LUNCH
- 1.30 Labour law issues on the trade union agenda
Chair: Sonia McKay, Vice President, IER
Billy Hayes, CWU General Secretary
Christine Blower, NUT General Secretary
Matt Wrack, FBU General Secretary
- 2.30 Summing up and moving forward
Keith Ewing & John Hendy
- 3.00 Close