

2017 Biennial Report of Research Network 17 (Work, Employment and Industrial Relations)

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Activities between Prague and Athens (2015 – 2017)

Mid-term conference and interim business meeting of RN17:

No mid-term conference was organized as focus on larger mid-term conference in 2018 (in Leuven, Belgium)

Sessions of RN17 at ESA 2017 conference in Athens:

The ESA 2017 RN17 overall thematic focus was according to the overall main theme of the conference, i.e. (un)making Europe. In the 25 sessions organized within RN17 we explored different dimensions of the Europeanization of work, employment and industrial relations and the (un)making of Europe. As very different dimensions and spheres of the employment relationship are affected by the (un)making of Europe (i.e. workplace, sector, national, and supra-national level) contributions on different levels as well as for different actors were considered. The sessions were inspiring and encouraged speakers and the audience to critically shed new light on the Europeanization of the world of work, employment and industrial relations. We were happy that also this year many provocative, innovative and critical answers to the European challenges were presented which led to controversial and alternative imaginations.

Further plans:

1. Initiatives: the organization of a mid-term conference in cooperation with the Industrial Relations in Europe Network in Leuven (Belgium) in September 2018.
2. Publication of a book on recent developments in the field of work, employment and industrial relations.
3. Realization of a PhD award for young scholars in the field both for the mid-term conference and for the ESA conference in Paris in 2019.