

Biennial Report 2017-2019 of Research Network 17 (Work, Employment and Industrial Relations)

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Activities between Athens and Manchester (2017 – 2019)

Mid-term conference and interim business meeting of RN17:

The ESA RN17 midterm conference was jointly organized with the Industrial Relations in Europe Conference which was managed by KU Leuven, i.e. by Prof. Pulignano. The conference took place in Leuven on 10-12 September 2018.

With more than 140 participants and 5 parallel sessions, the IREC 2018 conference touches on nearly every topic arising in the field, including key trends and emerging technologies. The final conference programme and further information on the conference (participants and key note speakers etc.) is available online. See:

<https://soc.kuleuven.be/ceso/wo/erlm/irec/irec-conference-schedule>

Sessions of RN17 at ESA 2019 conference in Manchester:

The ESA 2017 RN17 overall thematic focus was according to the overall main theme of the conference, i.e. Europe and Beyond: Boundaries, Barriers and Belonging.

For this conference, Research Network 17 (RN17) was interested in exploring the meaning of boundaries, barriers and belongings of work and industrial relations. The network has been traditionally focusing on empirical and theoretical investigations of the Europeanization of work, employment and industrial relations, of all actors and at all levels of analysis (i.e. workplace, sector, national, and supra-national) and many of the presentations captured these aspects accordingly.

In our sessions (with up to 3 parallel sessions) RN17 provided the space for critical and novel discussions of the current European and global challenges of work.

Further plans:

1. Publication of a book on recent developments in the field of work, employment and industrial relations.
2. Realization of a PhD award for young scholars in the field both for the mid-term conference and for the ESA conference in Barcelona.