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Call for papers

**Labour Migration in the time of COVID-19:
Inequalities and Perspectives for Change**

Deadline for the submission of abstracts: 30 September 2020

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The collective volume is one of the initiatives related to the **EULab – Summer School on Labour Migration in the European Union**, which is funded with the support of the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union. EULab is organized by the Department of Law of the University of Naples “Federico II”, in cooperation with the Institute for Research on Innovation and Services for Development of the National Research Council of Italy (IRISS-CNR). The dynamic and interacting setting of the Summer School – and the related events – aims at promoting an interdisciplinary approach to labour migration, also thanks to a combination of theoretical and practical perspectives.

The edited book intends to analyse the diverse difficulties posed to migrant workers by the current COVID-19 pandemic, and to explore the complex role played by international and EU law in this context.

The COVID-19 pandemic outbreak has produced a dramatic impact on economies and societies worldwide. Migrant workers in host countries and labour migration fluxes have been affected in diverse and significant ways. The International Labour Organization has already highlighted the serious consequences for already vulnerable categories of migrants, such as those employed in the agricultural sector and domestic workers. Containment measures are bound to **aggravate previous situations of social exclusion as well as further reduce their employment opportunities** – both formal and informal. Furthermore, the International Organization for Migration has reported **increasing xenophobia, discrimination and violence stemming from the stigmatization of migrants, misrepresented as allegedly responsible for spreading the virus.**

The current global health crisis has not created but simply **unveiled and aggravated pre-existing sources of vulnerability and structural inequalities** generated by a combination of legal, social and political factors within host countries' migration law and policies.

The editors welcome submissions from **scholars with an interest in migration studies from a variety of backgrounds**, including but not limited to law, international relations and social sciences. Submissions that adopt an **interdisciplinary perspective are particularly encouraged**, and may include (but not be limited to):

- The effectiveness of international human rights law in providing remedies to the vulnerability of migrant workers in the time of COVID-19 to xenophobia and discrimination
- The impact of the current pandemic on EU immigration policies in the field of labour migration, including on the availability of legal routes of labour migration and on the possibility for migrant workers to move freely within the EU territory
- The capability of relevant international and EU law sources to ensure the respect of migrant workers' socio-economic rights during the COVID-19 pandemic and in its aftermath
- The impact of the pandemic on the phenomenon of trafficking for the purpose of labour exploitation, including on state obligations in this field and on migrants' actual possibilities to seek legal protections against this crime
- The eventually peculiar effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on certain categories of migrant workers (domestic workers, agricultural workers, seasonal workers and so forth).

Abstracts of no more than 500 words (written in English or French and including the author's name and e-mail address) should be submitted to **eulab2020@gmail.com** by **30 September 2020**.

The authors of selected abstracts will be notified by **15 October 2020** and are expected to submit the final version of their contributions (approximately 8000 – 10000 words) by **28 February 2021**.

Contributions will be **peer-reviewed** before final acceptance for publication.

Contributions will be collected in an **open-access volume**.



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