ABOUT THE ILO

Established in 1919, and since 1946 a specialized agency of the United Nations Organization, the International Labour Organization (ILO) has focused on workplace issues, actively seeking to create decent work for all – work which is freely chosen and performed in an environment of equity and human dignity. While promoting individual and collective rights at work, social protection and occupational safety and health, the ILO encourages social dialogue and supports an open and constructive industrial relations policy between governments, employers and workers.
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The International Labour Organization and the Quest for Social Justice, 1919–2009
Gerry Rodgers, Eddy Lee, Lee Swepston and Jasmien van Daele

This book tells the story of the International Labour Organization, founded in 1919 in the belief that universal and lasting peace goes hand in hand with social justice. Since then the ILO has contributed to the protection of the vulnerable, the fight against unemployment, the promotion of human rights, the development of democratic institutions and the improvement of the working lives of women and men everywhere. In its history the ILO has sometimes thrived, sometimes suffered setbacks, but always survived to pursue its goals through the political and economic upheavals of the last 90 years.

The authors have between them many years of experience of working in and studying the ILO. They explore some of the main ideas that the ILO has developed and championed, and tell how they were applied, and to what effect, at different times and in different parts of the world. There are chapters on rights at work, the quality of employment, income protection, employment and poverty reduction, a fair globalization and today’s overriding goal of decent work for all.

Hardback edition available in North America, co-published by ILR Press.

Edward Phelan and the ILO
The life and views of an international social actor

This book is a remarkable portrait of Edward J. Phelan (1888–1967), a man who dedicated his life to social justice and whose views and actions guided the work of the ILO for decades. One of a small group of people who mapped out the design of the ILO in the Treaty of Versailles in 1919 and one of the principal authors of the ILO Constitution, Phelan became the ILO’s fourth Director-General in 1941 until his retirement in 1948.

Phelan’s personal memoirs, long unpublished, are brought together in one volume along with a biographical essay by labour historian Emmet O’Connor, texts by Brian Cowen TD, Seán Lemass TD and former ILO Director-General Wilfred Jenks, and a selection of Phelan’s lesser-known writings on the ILO’s later development, offering a unique perspective on key episodes in the history of the ILO.

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Labour Law and Worker Protection in Developing Countries
Edited by Tzehairesh Teklé

This important new study shifts the focus of scholarly and policy debates around the role of labour law in an era of globalization away from the countries and labour law systems of the North to those of the global South. Placing its analysis within the context of the current scholarly debates on the challenges and future of labour law, the book critically reviews the relevant literature and reflects upon the way workers’ protection tends to be conceptualized as well as on the adequacy of the legal categories and tools used to further it, with special attention given to the effectiveness of labour legislation to promoting gender equality.

The book argues that there is a mismatch between the realities of the developing world and the social, economic and political underpinnings of labour law, which dates back to its development in post-colonial African and South Asian countries and, to a lesser extent, in Latin American ones. This difference persists, while new manifestations have appeared due to globalization, resulting in a significant number of workers falling outside the scope of labour law and needing protection. Against this background, the book reflects on and explores regulatory and policy responses at different governance levels to enhance the scope and application of labour regulation in Latin America, South Asia and Southern Africa.

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Blunting Neo-Liberalism
Tripartism and economic reforms in the developing world
Edited by Lydia Fraile

Blunting Neo-Liberalism is, to our knowledge, the first book to examine the impact of tripartism across the developing world. Tripartism refers to the consultation and negotiation of public policies between government, business and labour. Whereas this mode of policy-making has commanded much scholarly attention in advanced industrial countries, the literature on tripartism is scarce in the rest of the world and largely limited to descriptive accounts of institutions in particular countries or regions. The present volume covers eight case studies from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. It focuses on the 1990s and early 2000s, a time of economic liberalization. Did tripartism alter the path of neo-liberal economic reforms? Did it make reforms more socially equitable and/or politically sustainable? Did it increase the maneuvering room for national policy-makers vis-à-vis international actors? These are the questions addressed by the case studies, which provide rich first-hand empirical material.

This book is essential reading for all interested in political science, industrial relations, globalization, political economy and labour in developing countries.

Co-published with Palgrave Macmillan.

Forced Labor
Coercion and exploitation in the private economy
Edited by Beate Andrees and Patrick Belser

“Excellent…. This state-of-the-art volume provides a first-rate analysis of the dynamics leading to the occurrence of forced labour, its global distribution, and different types of policy responses.”

– Jens Lerche, SOAS, University of London

Two centuries after the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade, at least 12.3 million people continue to be subjected to modern forms of forced labour characterized by coercion and exploitation. The original field research presented in this volume shows that the victims include not only indigenous workers in Andean countries or people of slave descent in Niger, but also migrant workers trafficked into Europe and the US and vulnerable members of the labour force in Brazil or Pakistan. The book highlights some of the measures that can be taken to combat these unacceptable practices. The authors argue in favour of a labour market approach, which includes the regulation and monitoring of labour intermediaries, the strengthening of labour inspection systems, as well as a stronger involvement of trade unions and employment tribunals.

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Labour Issues and Labour Law

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Fighting Forced Labour: The Example of Brazil
Patricia Trindade Maranhão Costa
Brazil has been successfully fighting forced labour since 1995, when a new inter-ministerial body was created to coordinate action against it. Government agencies, employers’ and workers’ organizations, civil society and others have participated in the struggle. The creative measures taken, which include publishing a “dirty list” of offenders, reflect the need for extraordinary steps to deal with a human rights problem difficult to identify and to punish through effective law enforcement, especially in remote areas. Brazil has also developed a highly effective media campaign to raise mass awareness of the problems caused by forced labour in the country today, and to mobilize public opinion against it. The book shows how Brazil is leading the way for the rest of Latin America, where similar patterns of forced labour can be found.

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The Financial and Economic Crisis: A Decent Work Response
The banking crisis of 2008 has brought about the worst global economic catastrophe since the Great Depression. The real economy is at risk and job prospects continue to diminish. This timely study reviews worldwide responses to the crisis and contributes to the ongoing debate on restoring stability. The study pinpoints global imbalances, decent work deficits and inequalities as significant contributors to the crisis and discusses the need for a global jobs pact in order to support recovery. With a focus on promoting employment and social protection, and international commitment to a strong, clean and fair economy, the recovery stimulus pact would pave the way for sustainable growth and development. Written in preparation for the discussions at the International Labour Conference in June 2009, the objective of this book is to provide timely evidence-based policy analysis on how to best mitigate the effects of the crisis on enterprises and workers.

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International and Comparative Labour Law
Current challenges
Arturo Bronstein
Written by a leading expert in labour law, this invaluable study provides a comprehensive analysis of the challenges facing labour law in the twenty-first century across the globe. It focuses in particular on labour law and international trade, the employment relationship and the fundamental rights of the person in the employer/employee relationship, work in the informal economy and outsourced work, as well as discussing the most noteworthy changes in labour law at the regional level.

The international nature of global supply chains means that nationally defined labour laws are increasingly unable to provide effective protection against inhumane working conditions. The author offers different approaches to improving the effectiveness of labour law in the globalized era, including ratification of ILO Conventions, the harmonization of labour legislation in areas with an important trade market, the inclusion of social clauses in international trade agreements, and the application of corporate social codes across supply chains.

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The Cost of Coercion
Global Report under the follow-up to the ILO Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work, 2009. International Labour Conference, 98th Session 2009, Report I (B)

This Global Report sheds new light on forced labour in today’s global economy. It examines the daunting challenges faced by the many actors and institutions involved in a global alliance against forced labour, from the conceptual and political through to the legal, juridical and institutional. It shows how challenges have been met so far, often with the support or involvement of the ILO, and points to substantial examples of good practice that can guide future efforts to tackle forced labour in all its forms. It highlights the need for labour administration and inspectors to be at the forefront of action against forced labour and human trafficking, complementing other law enforcement and prevention mechanisms.

The report expands on the estimates of the 2005 Global Report on forced labour, which put the total number of persons in forced labour at 12.3 million worldwide and calculated the profits generated in one year by trafficked forced labourers at US$32 billion. Today, these figures still form the most accurate estimate of the extent of forced labour worldwide. The report reveals new figures that focus on the cost of coercion to the victims of forced labour.

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The Promotion of Sustainable Enterprises
Graeme Buckley, Michael Henriques and José-Manuel Salazar-Xirinachs

Promoting sustainable enterprises is about strengthening the institutions and governance systems which nurture enterprises – strong and efficient markets need strong and effective institutions. It is also about ensuring that human, financial and natural resources are combined equitably and efficiently in order to achieve innovation and enhanced productivity. This calls for new forms of cooperation between government, business, labour and society at large to ensure that the quality of present and future life and employment is maximized whilst safeguarding the sustainability of the planet.

This volume provides detailed guidance on what constitutes a conducive environment for sustainable enterprises, noting that such an environment combines the legitimate quest for profit with the need for development which respects human dignity, environmental sustainability and decent work. The book underscores the principle that sustainable enterprises need sustainable societies and that business tends to thrive where societies thrive and vice versa.

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The Promise and Perils of Participatory Policy-Making
Research Series No. 117
Lucio Baccaro and Konstantinos Papadakis

Do civil society organizations (e.g. groups representing youth, women, migrants, indigenous people, people with HIV/AIDS, or the poor) have a stronger influence when directly involved in policy-making, or when they are not directly involved but operate indirectly by trying to influence policy-makers from outside? Does participatory policy-making enhance the efficiency and equity of public policy? Does the “best argument” prevail in such participatory processes, as claimed by “deliberation theory”, or is it the “strongest argument” that ultimately carries the day?

This volume explores these questions by contrasting the theoretical underpinnings of participatory governance and deliberation theories with empirical findings from extensive field research in South Africa, a country that has introduced numerous participatory policy-making institutions from the early 1990s on. It argues that civil society organizations might be unable to exert real influence over policy-making unless they possess mobilization capacities and can exert a credible exit option from participatory structures.

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Labour and Social Trends in ASEAN 2008

Driving competitiveness and prosperity with decent work

This report looks at some of the most important current labour and social trends in the ten ASEAN Member Countries. It analyses the key factors that underpin long-term competitiveness and productivity, and the policy challenges that lie ahead if growth and prosperity are to be maintained – including encouraging innovation and progressive workplace practices, raising the quality of the workforce, strengthening social dialogue and cohesion, and tackling vulnerability.

The report highlights three main aims: to present an update in major trends in employment and social conditions in the dynamic ASEAN region; to advance the development of internationally comparable, gender- and age-specific labour market statistics across the ASEAN region and beyond; and to provide analysis and policy recommendations to the discussion on progressive labour practices at the ASEAN Human Resource Summit.

Cooperating Out of Poverty

The renaissance of the African cooperative movement

Edited by Patrick Develtère, Ignace Pollet and Frederick Wanyama

Cooperatives are omnipresent in Africa and represent a significant part of the private sector in most African countries. Successful and economically viable cooperatives create economic opportunities, provide a basic level of social protection and security, and provide their members with voice and representation. Yet, there are weaknesses and deficiencies of cooperatives in certain countries or sectors that result in poor performance. This book offers an objective analysis of the state of affairs of the cooperative sector in Africa since the liberalization of the economy in the early 1990s. It contains a historical overview of cooperative development in the continent and in-depth country studies that illustrate not only the structure and operation of the cooperative sector, but also analyse the major strengths and weaknesses of various cooperative undertakings in Africa. The aim of this book is to alert governments, donors and researchers to a fragmented, dispersed movement and make a case for the viability of cooperatives in Africa.

Active Labour Market Policies Around the World

Coping with the consequences of globalization

Second edition

Peter Auer, Ümit Elendioğlu and Janine Leschke

The second edition of this acclaimed volume has been thoroughly revised and updated to provide an authoritative account of how active labour market policies (ALMPs) can help make globalization work better in the interest of workers around the world. Offering an expanded and current overview of the nature of ALMPs, this new edition gives readers a fresh look at the pitfalls and challenges facing workers, and provides a vital policy tool for establishing more permanent frameworks that allow for labour market flexibility while maintaining security in a globalized world.

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From Conflict to Cooperation
Labour market reforms that can work in Nepal
Robert Kyloh

This book reviews the history of labour relations in Nepal and considers criticisms of the existing industrial relations system. It reports on the re-emergence of the militant Maoist trade union and the recent upsurge in strikes and demonstrations in Nepal. A reduction in workplace tension is required to cement in place the recent peace agreement, facilitate political stability and promote economic growth.

Focusing on broad economic developments since 1990, it sheds light on how labour legislation and labour institutions have influenced investment, growth and jobs over the long term. The views of those most directly affected by the labour legislation, institutions and attitudes that govern industrial relations in Nepal have been collected through surveys and interviews with managers and entrepreneurs, trade union leaders and hundreds of ordinary workers from a range of locations, industries and occupations. These views have heavily influenced the conclusions presented in this volume.

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In Defence of Labour Market Institutions
Cultivating justice in the developing world
Edited by Janine Berg and David Kucera

“This is a timely volume on a critically important topic. Berg and Kucera and their contributors challenge the conventional wisdom that excessive labor market regulation retards growth and development, and that developing countries in particular can ill afford the level of such regulation that they have taken on. Taken as a whole, the papers make a compelling case for skepticism about this conventional wisdom. The volume provides a vital survey of the state of regulatory institutions in the developing world and the main empirical, theoretical, and normative arguments about the alleged regulation/growth tradeoff.”

—Professor Chris Tilly, Department of Regional Economic and Social Development and Center for Industrial Competitiveness, University of Massachusetts Lowell

Though labour market regulations have been blamed for the poor economic performance of many developing countries, the evidence on which this argument rests is weak. Rather than constraining economic development, labour market institutions, including the laws that regulate the labour market, are important for both economic growth as well as the well-being of the workforce. Through analysis of different labour market institutions in developing countries, this volume reaffirms the importance of labour market institutions in this era of globalization.

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The global jobs crisis

The 2009 edition of the World of Work Report examines strategies to overcome the immediate challenges of the current economic and jobs crisis, while also laying the foundation for more sustainable growth.

This includes an examination of the medium-term outlook for the labour market and an assessment of what can be learned from country responses to date. With a view to addressing these medium-term challenges, the report:

- Considers how firms’ financing mechanisms could be made more sustainable
- Examines the linkages between policies oriented to greening the economy and job creation
- Discusses new possibilities for thinking about development, in particular the issue of social protection in developing countries, and
- Explores the issue of globalization and the role of international labour standards in the post-crisis era.

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Growth, Employment and Poverty Reduction in Indonesia

Iyaniatul Islam and Anis Chowdhury

This timely study examines the impact of policies on growth, employment and poverty reduction in Indonesia, reviewing the periods both before and after the 1997 financial crisis and drawing important implications for today’s policy-makers.

Analysing the Indonesian labour market and exploring appropriate responses to foster growth and poverty reduction, the authors argue that “de-industrialization”, decline in employment elasticity and lack of growth of real wages seem to be the key features of labour market performance in the post-1997 period. Influential commentators have suggested that this has resulted from onerous labour market regulations. The authors carefully dissect the evidence and make a case for a new reform agenda that empowers labour market institutions and prioritizes investment in public infrastructure and expenditure on human development over inflation targeting and fiscal conservatism.

Focusing on the sectors of agriculture, manufacturing and construction and services, as well as assessing macroeconomic policies, this book addresses current challenges with respect to past and emerging trends, and advocates recognizing the country’s strengths and fostering a skilled workforce that can adapt and respond to the imperatives of industrial transformation.

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Globalization and Informal Jobs in Developing Countries

Marc Bacchetta, Ekkehard Ernst and Juana Paola Bustamante

This study presents an overview of current research on the relationship between trade globalization and informal jobs in developing economies. Based on existing academic literature and complemented by new research by ILO and WTO, it discusses the impact of trade reforms on different dimensions of informal employment. Various transmission mechanisms are discussed, setting results from country studies against international comparisons.

The volume analyses the policies necessary for countries with large informal economies to take advantage of trade reforms and maximize the benefits from international trade. It discusses the obstacles to translating trade openness into sustainably higher long-term growth rates and focuses on the connections between trade, labour and social policies that can create conditions for countries to successfully integrate into the world economy. It will be of interest to all those who are involved in this debate, in particular trade specialists, economists, policy-makers, employers and trade unions.

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Concealed Chains: Labour Exploitation of Chinese Migrants in Europe
Edited by Yun Gao

This groundbreaking book exposes the hidden world of Chinese irregular migrants in three European countries: France, Italy and the United Kingdom. Chinese workers migrating to Europe pay huge sums of money to intermediaries, often leaving them trapped in debt before they even begin their journey. Exposed to various risks during their migratory process, they can arrive in the destination country vulnerable to extreme exploitation and sometimes even forced labour.

Through analysis of the employment relationship between the different actors in the labour market, the book seeks to understand the links that connect vulnerable Chinese workers to European labour markets and a complex international production chain. Presenting detailed case studies, a clear explanation of the relevant international and national legal frameworks and an overview of the migration mechanism between China and Europe, this book makes an important contribution to understanding how to break these patterns of labour exploitation.

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ILO Summit on the Global Jobs Crisis
June 2009

The ILO Summit on the Global Jobs Crisis was held on 15–17 June 2009 in Geneva, in response to the financial crisis and its grave impact on global unemployment, poverty and inequality. Addressed by Heads of State and Government, Vice-Presidents, Ministers and leaders of workers’ and employers’ organizations from around the world, the Summit featured three days of intense debate on different aspects of the crisis.

Collecting together the summaries of the panel debates along with the full speeches of the world leaders at the Summit, this volume documents the varied regional and national responses to the jobs crisis and reflects a common commitment to stemming its social and economic consequences. It also includes the text of the Global Jobs Pact, a concrete policy response from the International Labour Conference, which was presented to the Summit and has subsequently received strong support from the international community, including the G8 and G20.

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International Journal of Labour Research

International Journal of Labour Research is a new journal launched in Fall 2009 by the Bureau of Workers’ Activities of the ILO. Its aim is to provide an overview of recent research on labour and social policies from trade union researchers and academics around the world. The journal is multi-disciplinary and of interest to trade union researchers, labour ministries and academics of all relevant disciplines worldwide – industrial relations, sociology, law, economics and political science.

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2008 Labour Overview

This 2008 edition of Labour Overview provides evidence of the effects of the global financial and economic crisis on the employment situation in Latin America and the Caribbean. After several years of favourable economic growth, declining unemployment and modest increases in real wages, the regional economy is showing signs of slowing down. Based on GDP growth of 1.9 per cent in 2009, the report estimates that urban unemployment in the region will rise for the first time since 2003, to around 8 per cent.

As well as offering a comprehensive overview and forecast of labour market trends, the 2008 report focuses on the theme of small businesses and globalization, identifying policy areas needing action to ensure decent work for all and giving examples of good practice. Additional articles explore the topics of informality, social dialogue, minimum wages and social security policy, and agricultural labour in different areas of the region. The report includes full statistical appendices.

Global Wage Report 2008/09

Minimum wages and collective bargaining: Towards policy coherence

The first in a new series of ILO reports focusing on wage developments, this volume reviews major trends in the level and distribution of wages around the world since 1995. It considers the effects of economic growth and globalization on wage trends, looking closely at the role of minimum wages and collective bargaining, and suggests ways to improve wage levels and to enable more equal distribution. Wages are a major component of decent work, yet there is a serious knowledge gap in this increasingly important area which this report begins to address.

• Part one summarizes the main trends in average wages and distribution of wages, providing a statistical analysis of the links between wages and productivity, along with wage forecasts for 2008 and 2009
• Part two examines the relationship between minimum wage policies and collective bargaining, highlighting the effects of institutions on wage outcomes and the importance of coherent policy articulation
• Part three concludes with concrete policy recommendations and identifies key issues for further research.

The report includes full technical and statistical annexes.

Globalization, Flexibilization and Working Conditions in Asia and the Pacific

Edited by Sangheon Lee and François Eyraud

This unique study reviews employment conditions in Asia and the Pacific in the context of globalization and the increasing pressures towards flexibilization. It places a strong focus on the divergent experiences of individual workers regarding their employment conditions, employment status, wages/incomes, working time, work organizations and health and safety. Along with thematic studies concerning the roles of workers’ voice and labour regulation in determining employment conditions, this book includes eight country studies from Australia, China, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam, based on a common research framework, which offers a rigorous comparative review.

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The Global Employment Challenge
Ajit K. Ghose, Nomaan Majid and Christoph Ernst

"The report was a pleasure to read. It is well written, full of useful information and has a nice combination of data and analytics. Since the latter is rare in reports emerging from international organizations, this was a welcome deviation. The report should be valuable to the research and policy communities."

– Professor Kaushik Basu, C. Marks Professor and Director, Center for Analytic Economics, Department of Economics, Cornell University

This volume offers an in-depth analysis of the state of employment in the world today. The authors argue that the precise nature of what they call “the employment challenge” varies between countries and regions, as do its underlying causes and the responses of governments. But they also suggest that in a globalizing world there are policy challenges that can only be addressed at the international level. The authors warn that if the international community and national governments fail to take corrective action immediately, what is now an employment problem will soon become an employment crisis in all parts of the world.

The book’s empirical focus is on four groups of States: Developing countries, developed countries, Central and Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States. It offers groundbreaking analysis of the nature and characteristics of employment and of emerging trends in these areas, as well as valuable information derived using both new and established indicators of employment and unemployment.

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Working Time Around the World
Trends in working hours, laws and policies in a global comparative perspective
Sangheon Lee, Deirdre McCann and Jon Messenger

John Maynard Keynes once made the bold prediction that the three-hour work day would prevail for his grandchildren’s generation. This pioneering study is the first of its kind to offer a comparative analysis of working time trends in developing and transition countries.

Based on a series of 14 national studies undertaken between 2001 and 2005 to track trends in hours of work and the organization of working time, this book examines the diverse, and often complex, circumstances that exist in the following countries: Brazil, Chile, China, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Mauritius, Mexico, Peru, the Russian Federation, Senegal and Tunisia. The study also analyses data from an even broader range of countries, drawing from the ILO’s new database of working time laws, existing ILO data on average weekly working hours, and a new standardized questionnaire collecting data on the distribution of weekly working hours from national statistics. Thus, the study provides the richest array of data ever assembled for analysing working time in the developing world.

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Building Decent Societies
Rethinking the role of social security in development
Edited by Peter Townsend

The downturn of the global economy has worsened the problems of poverty and unemployment across the whole world. This book makes the case for a comprehensive social security system to be developed in all countries, including the poorest ones, in order to eliminate desperate conditions of poverty, to reverse growing inequality and to sustain economic growth.

The establishment of universal social security systems has been one of the cornerstones of OECD countries’ successful economic and social development and has contributed to reducing poverty and fostering social inclusion in today’s rich countries. It is increasingly understood that universal social security systems have an enormous potential for low income countries which has not yet been sufficiently explored. Recognizing that economic and social development are inextricably intertwined across countries, new international strategies are required to design appropriate social security policies which would effectively help to reduce poverty and productively contribute to economic and social development.

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For parents who work or would like to work, childcare is a problem that is almost universal. One way that workers can be supported is through assistance offered by their workplace. The focus of this book is on why workplace partners around the world have become involved in childcare and the nature of the programmes that have been implemented.

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International Labour Conference, 98th Session 2009, Report VI

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