

**Current Issues in Labour & Employment Law**  
**Labour Law in the Global Economy: Canada as a Case Study**

An intensive short-course

**Professor Judy Fudge**  
**Innis Christie Visiting Professor**  
**Faculty of Law, University of Victoria**

**Schulich School of Law, Dalhousie University**  
**October 3-5, 2013**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2013**

Full Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you ever applied to, attended, or worked for Dalhousie University, University of King's College or the former TUNS?  Yes  No

If yes, please provide your ID#: B00\_\_\_\_\_

Please register me as a special student for LAWS 2231 – Current Issues in Labour & Employment Law: Innis Christie Visiting Professor

---

Signature

Date

- There is no cost for this course.
- You will not receive Dalhousie credit for this course.
- This course can be considered for Continuing Professional Development. For more information, please contact the Nova Scotia Barrister's Society at [CPD@nsbs.org](mailto:CPD@nsbs.org).

This course will explore the extent to which the “new global economy” (global integration of production and increased migration, digital and informational technologies, transformations in work and production processes, the changing demographics of the workforce, and the shift to services) has undermined norms of employment, forms of workers organization, the traditional structure of the firm, assumptions about who workers are and what they need, and ideas about how regulation works – assumptions, norms, and techniques that have been the foundation upon which national regimes of labour regulation have been built. The specific focus will be on Canada, and we will consider changing forms of regulation (from collective bargaining to rights claims, the rise of class actions), the changing ‘subjects’ of labour law (women and migrant workers), and the changing goals of labour law (flexibility and competitiveness versus security and protection). The course will place labour law in its social, economic, and political context.

Broad topics to be covered include:

- Legal pluralism and the regulation of the labour market;
- The informalization, feminization, and commercialization of employment;
- Outsourcing, off-shoring and business networking and their impact on labour law;
- The challenges of finding effective mechanisms for worker representation, or ‘voice’, in an era of declining union membership;
- Labour migration as a form of labour market regulation; and
- The challenges of new technology and work organization on working patterns and conditions of work.

Students who successfully complete this course will be able to demonstrate:

- Knowledge and understanding of the relationship between contemporary economic events and the evolution of labour law;
- Knowledge and understanding of the debates about the future of labour law;
- An appreciation of the significance of globalization in shaping contemporary national labour law regimes;
- Knowledge of international influences on labour law in Canada;
- An appreciation immigration as a source of labour market regulation;
- Knowledge of how to identify and analyze particular legal rules and practices in light of the pressures of globalization.

You will be responsible for reading the daily assignments. Reading materials will be provided together with web-references for primary documents (conventions, treaties, cases, statutes etc). In addition to the readings, you will be asked to prepare short assignments for class discussion. In-class exercises will be interspersed with discussion of the readings. Active participation is encouraged. Come prepared and eager to test your ideas and engage each other drawing upon your knowledge and experience.

**Format:** 1 credit intensive course (13 to 16 hours).

**Evaluation:** In course assignments and a take home exam on a pass/fail basis.

**Schedule:**

Thurs, Oct. 3	12:00-1:00 pm (public lecture – attendance required) 6:30- 9:30 pm (class)
Friday, Oct. 4	1:00-4:00 pm (class) <b>and</b> 6:00-9:00pm
Saturday, Oct. 5	9:00am-12:00pm <b>and</b> 1:00-4:00pm (class)

**Location:** Classes will be held in the Weldon Law Building, Room TBD, and the public lecture will be in Room 105.