



LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

Long Work Weeks in Australia: The Empirical Evidence

There is a widespread public debate about whether Australians are working longer hours, and whether this is because, or in spite of, their own preferences about work/life balance. This debate also generates contrasting approaches to regulating working time, since the preferable form of regulation depends, at least in part, on empirical evidence about what workers actually seek. Researchers at the Melbourne Institute have access to what is arguably the most significant set of data about working hours in Australia. Professor Wooden will explain some of the key findings from that data, using a framework examining gender differences as well as the distinction between 'conscripts' and 'volunteers'.

Professor Mark Wooden is a Professorial Fellow and Acting Director of the Melbourne Institute, which is based in the Faculty of Economics and Commerce at the University of Melbourne. He has developed a reputation as one of Australia's leading commentators on contemporary developments in the labour market, with numerous publications in the field. He is currently the Director of the HILDA Project, Australia's first large-scale household survey, examining economic and subjective well-being, labour market dynamics and family dynamics.

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A light lunch will be served