

## LABOUR LAW SEMINAR

### The Methods and Rationales of EU Intervention in Labour Law

It is not at all easy to determine the role which an international organisation, such as the EU, should play in the labour law arena. This paper considers three plausible rationales for EU intervention in domestic labour law - integrationist, economic and social - and explores where a strong commitment to each might lead. The focus is on the tensions between various methods of intervention, and on the ways in which each of the rationales might be conceptualised so that these tensions are diminished. The open method of coordination (or OMC), the latest of the 'new governance' strategies to be employed by the EU in the labour law arena, is critically considered.

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