

Short-Bio of Professor Tonia Novitz

Tonia Novitz is Professor of Labour Law at the University of Bristol. Her research interests encompass the legal regulation of workers' organisations and their activities, international and EU trade, migration and the protection of human rights.

A graduate of the University of Canterbury (Christchurch, New Zealand) and Balliol College, Oxford, Tonia Novitz has held fellowships at the International Institute for Labour Studies (Geneva), the European University Institute (Florence), the University of Melbourne and the University of Auckland. She has been a professor at Bristol since 2008. She is chair of the steering committee of the Labour Law Research Network (LLRN), the UK representative on the advisory board of International Lawyers Assisting Workers (ILAW), a member of the executive committee of the Industrial Law Society, as well as a Vice President of the UK Institute of Employment Rights. She is an honorary member of Old Square Chambers (based in Bristol and London).

Tonia Novitz is currently engaged in research on the relationship between labour and trade. In this context, her work pays attention to the role of temporary migration within trade in services. She is also engaged in analysing the relevance of sustainable development norms for workers. She was a participant in an EU Horizon 2020 project on Sustainable Market Actors for Responsible Trade (SMART) led by the University of Oslo (2017 - 2020); and is providing an international and UK comparative perspective on a Swedish Research Council funded project on 'inclusive and sustainable Swedish labour law - the ways ahead' (2018 – 2020). These projects have led her to expand her earlier research on the links between labour law, sustainability and worker voice, which have additional relevance in the context of negotiated trade agreements and Brexit-related issues.

Research interests

Areas on which Prof. Novitz writes: Labour law, international and EU law, trade, sustainable development, migration, and legal mechanisms for the protection of human rights.