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Jean Monnet Chair of European Integration and Employment Relations

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Project Summary

The proposed "Jean Monnet Chair in European Integration and Employment Relations" will explore the tensions, challenges and possibilities that the interventionist turn in EU's new economic governance regime (NEG) poses to employment relations. Thus, the action will pursue the following objectives: 1. To deepen students' understanding of the EU's new economic governance regime and its implications for growth, democracy and social dialogue. Our Irish, European, and American students have only limited exposure to EU integration studies, even if employment relations are increasingly affected by European aspects. We therefore aim to strengthen the European dimension in the curriculum of our undergraduate and postgraduate programmes in employment relations with Cornell University and with our partners from the European Masters in Labour Studies consortium of leading universities in the field. 2. To open up new analytical approaches that go beyond methodological nationalism in employment relations. This should allow us to capture horizontal and the new vertical European integration processes at work. We are proposing a corresponding research programme and a workshop with international scholars in the field, which will lead to the publication of a book on the topic with a leading scholarly publisher. 3. To involve EU-level industrial relations practitioners and EU officials in our teaching activities to facilitate students' active learning. We will therefore organise annual fieldtrips to EU institutions and business and union confederations in Brussels and to the tripartite EU agency "European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions". 4. To raise the awareness of industrial relations practitioners concerning NEG and its workings in different areas of employment relations. Thus, we will organise public lectures on the topic. 5. To promote European integration studies and employment relations to a position of eminence in the UCD School of Business.

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