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Trade unionists, employment lawyers working in support of trade unions, and academics and students with an interest in human rights, industrial relations and labour law.

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Human Rights: possibilities and problems for labour law

A one day conference
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The Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

Liverpool
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The Institute of
Employment Rights

About the conference

At the Tory party conference in 2014, Cameron announced that he was ready to remove the UK from the European Convention on Human Rights. In April 2015 that threat was included in the Conservative Party election manifesto, reflecting Tory plans to replace the Human Rights Act 1998 with a British Bill of Rights.

So what would be the impact of such a change on workers' rights? To begin with it would enable British Judges to ignore rulings of the European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) and would undermine the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) – the international treaty first drafted in the post-war years to protect fundamental rights and freedoms.

A flood of watchdogs and organisations have come out against the move, which despite government claims, is clearly intended to remove rather than strengthen civil liberties and will further deregulate and remove health and safety and employment protections from the statute book.

The plan has been extensively critiqued by the Tories own Dominic Grieve, who said; "Such a course may be strictly lawful, but its practical consequences are likely to be as devastating both for ourselves domestically as it will be for the future of the convention." And the Shadow Justice Secretary, Sadiq Khan said; "five more years of the Tories would mean the systematic dismantling of the postwar human rights system that has done so much to protect people's basic rights here and across Europe".

So what would withdrawal from the ECHR mean for employment rights and worker protections? This conference aims to shed light on the issues by focusing on the kind of workplace abuses that the Convention aims to protect us against. So, whether it's surveillance at work, blacklisting of trade unionists, the systematic removal of access to justice or the need to defend the protections provided against discrimination under Article 14 of the Convention, expert speakers at this event will look at the possibilities and problems of the developing human rights agenda.

Programme

9.30	Registration
9.50	Welcome from Chair <i>Carolyn Jones, Director: Institute of Employment Rights</i>
10.00	Human rights : A post-election overview <i>Michelle Farrell, Liverpool Law School</i>
10.30	Surveillance and monitoring at work: How much is too much? <i>Shah Qureshi & Peter Daly, Bindmans Solicitors</i>
11.00	Questions and discussion
11:15	BREAK
11:30	Whistleblowing, freedom of expression and Article 10 of the European Convention on Human Rights <i>Dominique Lauterburg, Manchester Law School</i>
12.00	Article 11: Resisting attacks on Trade Union freedoms <i>Neill Todd, Thompsons Solicitors</i>
12.30	Questions and discussion
12.45	LUNCH
1.45	Access to Justice: Article 6 and the right to a fair hearing <i>Nicole Busby, Deputy Head of the Law School, University of Strathclyde</i>
2.15	How to raise complaints to international bodies <i>Daniel Blackburn, ICTUR</i>
2.45	Trade union rights are human rights <i>Hannah Reed, TUC</i>
3.15	Questions and discussion
3.30	Close