

The Trade Union Bill

implications for industrial relations

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BUIRA Day of discussion

Friday 27 November 2015

The Mechanics Centre,

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The Conservative government's Trade Union Bill threatens the most sweeping and radical tightening of the rules on industrial action and trade union representation seen since the Thatcher era of the 1980s, with a battery of restrictive measures that could potentially rebalance power in the workplace, reduce the capacity of unions to represent their members at work and undermine the ability of workers to take collective action to protect their interests.

This special one-day **British Universities Industrial Relations Association** conference will bring together leading industrial relations academics with national trade union officers and other practitioners to discuss the nature of the proposed changes and their implications for industrial relations, employee voice at the workplace and trade union representation.

PROGRAMME

9.30-10.30am

Registration and refreshments

10.30am-11.45am:

The Bill, historical overview, and current wider political and austerity context

Paul Nowak (TUC assistant general secretary), John Hendy QC (Old Square Chambers, London), Professor Tonia Novitz (University of Bristol)

Chair: Professor Jane Holgate (University of Leeds)

11.45am-1 pm

Consequences of the strike, picketing and political fund provisions

Mick Cash (RMT general secretary) and Professor Ralph Darlington (University of Salford)

1pm-2pm: Buffet Lunch: provided in attendance fee

2pm-3pm

Consequences of the removal of check-off and reduction to facility time provisions

Heather Wakefield (Unison national secretary, head of local government service group), Nick McCarthy (PCS director of communication: campaigns and organising), Professor Kim Hoque (University of Warwick) and Professor Nick Bacon (University of Nottingham)

3pm-4.30pm

Wider industrial relations and civil liberties consequences and the campaign of opposition

Sara Ogilvie (Liberty policy officer) and Professor John Kelly (Birkbeck University)
Chair: Professor Mark Stuart (University of Leeds)