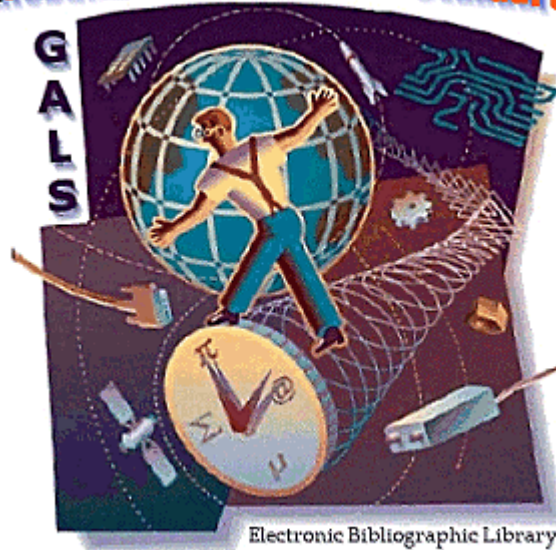


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### Child Labor

**Kilkelly, Ursula, "Economic Exploitation of Children: A European Perspective", *St. Louis University Public Law Review* v. 22 no321 (2003) p. 321-358**

#### **Abstract:**

In this article, the author provides a European perspective on the economic exploitation of children. First, the author details the applicable international and European child labor standards and surveys compliance with those standards in terms of ratification, implementation and enforcement. Second, the author considers the extent of economic exploitation in Western and

Eastern Europe, providing data on the number of working children and detailing the types of exploitation these children face. Lastly, the author discusses the role that the European Union could play in the elimination of child labor in Europe and beyond, and evaluates the extent to which European states could impose standards on developing countries to achieve the elimination of child labor globally.

**Subjects:** [Child Labor](#), [European Union](#)

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## Country-Specific Case Studies

**Cameron, Christopher & Ruiz, David**, "Law and the Border: Borderline Decisions: Hoffman Plastic Compounds, the New Bracero Program, and the Supreme Court's Role in Making Federal Labor Policy", *UCLA Law Review* v. 51 no1 (October 2003) p. 1-34

### Abstract:

In this article, the author discusses Hoffman Plastic Compounds, Inv. V. NLRB, in which the United States Supreme Court held that an undocumented alien who is illegally fired for exercising her right to join a labor union is not entitled to collect backpay for her employer's misconduct. The author analyzes the effect that Hoffman will have on undocumented workers in the U.S. Part I explores the rationale underlying the Hoffman decision, noting that the Supreme Court did not display its usual deference to the NLRB's expertise in interpreting and applying the NLRA. Part II explores three earlier decisions that the Court relied upon, and argues that those decisions did not compel the result reached by the Hoffman majority. Part III criticizes the Supreme Court for usurping Congress's role in setting federal labor policy.

**Subjects:** [Country-Specific Case Studies](#), [Labor Rights in General \(Misc.\)](#), [Undocumented Workers](#)

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## World Trade Organization (WTO)

**DiMatteo, Larry A. et al**, "The Doha Declaration and Beyond: Giving a Voice to Non-Trade Concerns Within the WTO Trade Regime", *Vanderbelt Journal of Transnational Law* v. 36 no95 (January 2003) p. 95-160

### Abstract:

In this article, the author examines the current WTO framework and reviews the arguments that the WTO needs to incorporate non-trade concerns (NTCs) into the next round of trade negotiations. Part II examines the intersection of environmental concerns with the liberalization of trade under WTO accords. Part III reviews international labor issues and their relationship with the WTO. Part IV examines consumer protection concerns, and Part V discusses the issues relating to national sovereignty and the enforcement mechanisms of the WTO. Finally, Part VI attempts to provide insight into how the WTO can better accommodate NTCs. It reviews the

Doha Declaration, which reflects some of these concerns, to gauge the WTO's likely response. Notably absent from the Doha Declaration's response to NTCs, however, is any statement committing the WTO to active intervention in the promotion of labor standards.

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**Trade Unions and Labor Relations Database:** <http://www.polwiss.fu-berlin.de/tu/english/>

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