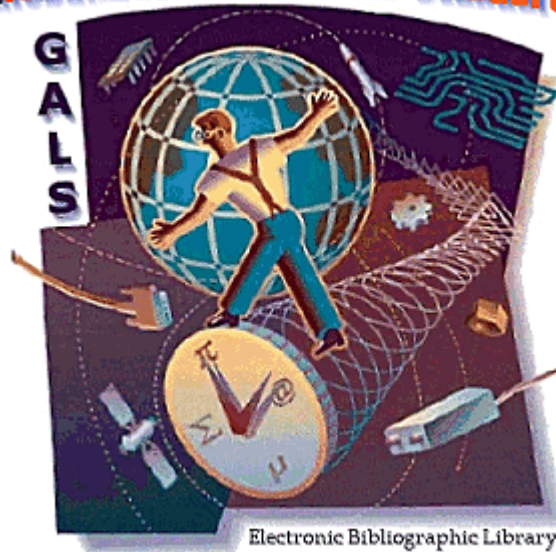


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Immigration

Gordon, Jennifer, "Transnational Labor Citizenship", *Southern California Law Review* v. 80 (March 2007) p. 503-599.

Abstract:

This article develops the idea of "transnational labor citizenship" (TNC), a new approach to structuring cross-border labor migration. In an increasingly global market for labor, the author contends that closed borders are untenable. Instead, she proposes that permission to enter the US in search of work be linked to membership in new cross-border worker organizations, rather than to the current requirement of a job

offer from an employer. Unlike guest worker programs, which ultimately degrade labor institutions and conditions, the TNC approach would facilitate the enforcement of baseline labor rights and allow migrants to carry benefits, services and rights with them as they move. The author contends that linking migration to membership in a transnational worker organization would facilitate the free movement of people while preventing the erosion of working conditions in the countries that receive them. For TNC to work, unions must accommodate an ongoing influx of new migrants and the US government must treat workers' associations as allies in immigration enforcement.

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Zaletel, Petra, "Competing for the Highly Skilled Migrants: Implications for the EU Common Approach on Temporary Economic Migration", *European Law Journal* v. 12 no5 (September 2006) p. 613-635.

Abstract:

This article compares efforts of the European Union and the United States to attract highly skilled workers in the "knowledge economy." The author seeks to contribute to policy design in the EU, where there is a growing need for the highly skilled but so far only Germany and the UK have programs to attract them. The article discusses economic accounts of the importance of highly skilled labor and surveys of global migration of the highly skilled. The author argues that the EU needs a common policy to make the entire region attractive to highly skilled workers in order to increase its competitiveness in the global economy. She concludes that the best legislative strategies involve programs that facilitate a speedy transition to permanent residence, family unification and provide general flexibility.

Subjects: [Contingent Work](#), [Country-Specific Case Studies](#), [Immigration](#), [Labor Mobility](#), [Undocumented Workers](#)

Labor Rights in General (Misc.)

Smith, Jackie, "Economic Globalization and Labor Rights: Towards Global Solidarity", *Notre Dame Journal of Law* v. 20 (2006) p. 873-884.

Abstract:

This article contrasts one vision of globalization, which emphasizes markets and profit maximization, with another which emphasizes democratic values, international cooperation, and human well-being. The author contends that position of workers and unions has declined because workers in rich countries have supported the purely economic vision of globalization and have "abandon[ed] the value of solidarity in favor of narrowly defined and short-term interests." But the disempowerment of workers has lead to a crisis point, which creates a new possibility for dramatic union revitalization. In order to revitalize, a globally organized labor movement must cooperate with civil society movements, even as the latter must address the concerns of people as workers. She suggests that the World Social Forum is a key arena for unions and civil society to do this collaboration and link their struggles together.

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The International Labour Organization's (ILO) Informal Economy Resource Database:
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Asian Law Center: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/bibliography/browse.asp?s=45>

The Asian Law Centre, an initiative of the University of Melbourne Law School, devoted to the development of understanding of Asian law, offers an extensive bibliography of Asian labor law articles and reports.

Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/celr/>

Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law is a research and teaching center devoted to the development of an understanding of labor law at the University of Melbourne. The Center's website describes the activities of the Center and contains links to several databases that are of interest to labor law scholars and practitioners. For example, the Center's Work Relations Law Project contains extensive information about Australian labor law that can be accessed directly at <http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/special/industrial/>.

ETUI Labourline: <http://www.labourline.org/Etui>

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Globalization Bulletin: <http://www.rci.rutgers.edu/~dbensman/bulletin.html>

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and Labor Relations, Rutgers University. To subscribe, email David Bensman at dbensman@smlr.rutgers.edu.

Labor and Global Change Database: <http://www.ilir.umich.edu/lagn/>

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LabourWeb: <http://www.lex.unict.it/eurolabor/en/>

The Labour Web is a comprehensive documentation center for information about European labor law, social law, industrial relations and the welfare state. It contains up-to-date versions of European Union law, directives, pending directives, EU news, press releases, economic statistics and decisions of the European Court of Justice. It also contains a Working Papers series and subject matter reports (dossiers) on issues concerning European integration. The site also provides links to other websites that contain working papers, statistical reports, and other information about social, economic and industrial relations affairs in the European context. It is run by the Massimo D'Antona Centre for the Study of European Labour Law, at the Faculty of Law of the University of Catania.

The Marco Biagi Centre for International and Comparative Studies:
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Trade Unions and Labor Relations Database: <http://www.polwiss.fu-berlin.de/tu/english/>

The database, produced by the Institute of Labor Relations of the Otto-Suhr-Institute of the Freie University of Berlin, contains almost 7,000 citations of books, articles, working papers, brochures, proceedings etc. The bulk of the citations address aspects of labor relations in Germany, but there is a substantial body of literature in the database covering the EU and Eastern Europe.

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