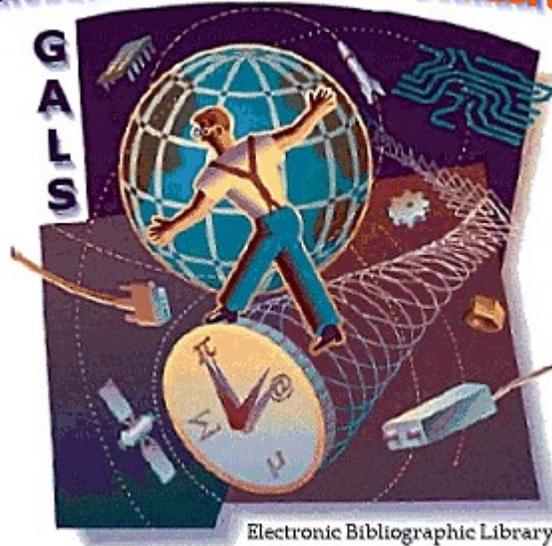


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## Corporate Accountability

Doorey, David J., "Who Made That?: Influencing Foreign Labour Practices Through Reflexive Domestic Disclosure Regulation", *Osgoode Hall Law Journal* v. 43 (2005) p. 353-405

Abstract:

The author discusses efforts by governments and by non-state actors such as activist shareholders and NGOs to force greater transparency of labor practices of multinational corporations (MNCs) and mandatory disclosure of global supply chain information. The author situates these proposals in a theory

of the "decentred state" whereby states seek to indirectly influence the practices of MNCs supranationally by compelled information-sharing. After discussing the potential of disclosure mechanisms, the author cautions that while increased transparency alone is not sufficient to improve labor practices. In addition, actors must ensure information disclosed is useful and verifiable and that disclosure does not lead to unintended consequences, such as when MNCs "cut and run" from suppliers whose poor practices are divulged, leaving behind greater unemployment and destitution. Moreover, he admonishes that disclosure methods must be crafted to empower workers and other actors in developing states to pursue local solutions, and must not interfere with efforts by supplier nations to regulate domestically. The author analyzes three current disclosure proposals in light of the foregoing concerns. The author concludes that a Canadian NGO's proposal to require disclosure of factory names and locations is a promising approach because it would enable advocacy groups can mine the data and mediate its dissemination in ways that would mitigate the unintended consequences and yet promote indigenous efforts to improve working conditions.

Subjects: [Codes of Conduct](#), [Corporate Accountability](#), [Labor Rights as Human Rights](#)

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## Immigration

**Preliceanu, Raluca, "The New Migration Patterns of Educated Romanians to the EU: What Challenges for the Individuals and for the Nation-State", Romanian Journal of European Affairs v. 8 no4 (2008)**

Abstract:

Recent years have seen a spike in migration of highly educated Eastern European professionals to European Union member countries. That migration has been driven by the draw of more financially remunerative work and has been facilitated by the immigration policies of European Union member countries which tend to favor highly skilled workers. This article explores the effects of that migration through a case study of highly skilled Romanian immigrants living in France. These immigrants face challenges with social and professional integration in France, but are able to maintain close ties to Romanian because of the rise of cheap travel and communication. The maintenance of these close ties in turn facilitates a convergence between the two cultures. This article concludes that the challenge now facing the Romanian government with respect to this migration is how to encourage the positive effects of this convergence throughout the Romanian economy.

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

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## Links to Related Projects

**The International Labour Organization's (ILO) Informal Economy Resource Database:**

<http://www.ilo.org/dyn/infoecon/iebrowse.home>

The Informal Economy Resource Database contains a myriad of ILO activities, research or tools directly or indirectly related to the informal economy and decent work. This source is a "living" and dynamic inventory of information on labour issues relating to the informal economy, such as access to finance, data and statistics, employment, gender equality, policy, rights, social protection and working conditions. It is a valuable tool for anyone undertaking research or working on labour issues and the informal economy.

**International Labour Organization's (ILO) Conditions of Work and Employment Laws**

<http://www.ilo.org/travdatabase>

The Program maintains a Database of Conditions of Work and Employment Laws, which provides information on laws from around the world. The database covers measures on minimum wages, working hours and holidays, and maternity protection and provides information on around 130 countries from all regions.

**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/ceirl/>

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>

ETUI Labourline is a database of European labor information resources covering European, international and comparative aspects of industrial relations and health and safety issues, developed by the Documentation Centres of the European Trade Union Institute and the European Trade Union Institute for Health and Safety (Brussels). The consolidated bibliographic database contains more than 20,000 references to documents focusing on industrial relations, and more than 15,000 references to documents on health and safety issues.

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

The Globalization Bulletin is a weekly e-newsletter providing linked access to the latest articles, research, and web resources on a range of global labor issues—ranging from union organizing and labor markets to immigrations and trade agreements. The Bulletin is produced by the Globalization Task Force of the New Jersey Division of the United Nations Association-USA and the Department of Labor Studies and Employment Relations School of Management and Labor Relations, Rutgers University. To subscribe, email David Bensman at [dbensman@smlr.rutgers.edu](mailto:dbensman@smlr.rutgers.edu).

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

The Labor and Global Change Database provides bibliographies, citation information and (where available) web links to the full text of research exploring connections between labor and globalization. The database aims to provide researchers with an easy means to make the results of their work widely available to other scholars and the interested public. The database is run by and continually updated by the Labor and Global Change Program of the University of Michigan.

**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:** <http://www.csmb.unimo.it>

The Marco Biagi Centre for International and Comparative Studies at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Italy, functions as policy resource center on comparative labor issues. Besides publishing books and law journals, the Center provides a clearinghouse of international law journals, including the International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations (<http://www.csmb.unimo.it/journal.html>). Currently only in Italian, the Center's website will soon offer an English version.

**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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