Precarious Work
The Challenge for Labour Law in Europe

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This discerning book provides a wide-ranging comparative analysis of the legal and social policy challenges posed by the spread of different forms of precarious work in Europe, with various social models in force and a growing ‘gig economy’ workforce. It not only considers the theoretical foundations of the concept of precarious work, but also offers invaluable insight into the potential methods of addressing this phenomenon through labour regulation and case law at EU and national level.

‘The publication is certainly worth the attention of those readers who want to know the broader perspective of the phenomenon of precarization of employment in Europe.’
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‘This book offers timely commentary on the rise of precarious employment in Europe following the global financial crisis, sovereign debt crises and the rise of “gig economy” work. Covering developments in a diverse range of States, this book offers cutting-edge analysis from leading scholars regarding the causes of contemporary precarity and the challenges posed to regulation of labour markets.’
– Tonia Novitz, University of Bristol, UK

‘The fragmentation and segmentation of the workforce has led to a multitude of forms of precarious work, now with a new face in the digital economy. It is a big challenge for labour law and industrial relations worldwide. This book focuses on Europe, tries to develop a theoretical framework for this very complex phenomenon, analyses brilliantly the development in different EU Member States and confronts it with the patterns of European and international law, thereby showing the burning need for further regulatory concepts: A must for everybody interested in this topic.’
– Manfred Weiss, University of Frankfurt, Germany