

Call for Proposals

5th Volume in the ILERA/ILO/Edward Elgar Publication Series

The International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA), in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO) and Edward Elgar Publishing, is pleased to invite proposals for the fifth volume in its prestigious publication series. This series reflects ILERA's ongoing commitment to supporting high-quality, policy-relevant research in labour and employment relations.

About the Series

Since its inception, the ILERA/ILO/Edward Elgar publication series has showcased cutting-edge research addressing critical global challenges in work and employment. The series has established a strong reputation for scholarly rigour and real-world relevance, with Volumes 1–4 including:

- Volume 1: Trade Unions and Migrant Workers: New Contexts and Challenges in Europe: Edited by Stefania Marino, Judith Roosblad, and Rinus Penninx (2017). Explores the challenges and opportunities trade unions face in representing migrant workers, offering comparative insights across Europe.
- Volume 2: Organizing Matters: Two Logics of Trade Union Representation: Authored by Guy Mundlak (2020). Examines contrasting approaches to trade union representation—organising and servicing—and their implications for union renewal and labour market outcomes.
- Volume 3: Global Labour Capitalism and Platform Work: Edited by Julieta Haidar and Maarten Keune (in press). Investigates how platform work is reshaping global labour markets, focusing on the intersections of capitalism, technology, and labour rights.
- Volume 4: Making and Breaking Gender Inequalities in Work: Edited by Susan Hayter and Mia Rönmar (2024). Developed with the ILERA Gender and Employment Study Group, this volume explores gender as a mainstreaming principle and a distinct focus in shaping global labour policy and practice.

Call for Proposals: Volume 5

ILERA now invites proposals for the fifth volume in the series, aimed at advancing both scholarly and practical insights into key issues in labour and employment relations. Proposals should demonstrate innovative thinking and engage with contemporary challenges facing the field.

Proposed volumes may centre on a unifying theme but should also address broader developments within industrial and employment relations. Editors are strongly encouraged to include contributions from across ILERA's global network, reflecting a diversity of regions, perspectives, and career stages and well as including chapters which cover a diversity of workforce groups and sectors.

Proposals must outline the editorial selection process and include a plan for scholarly peer review to ensure academic quality and integrity.

The ILO will contribute to production costs and promote the volume through its global communication channels, helping to ensure wide dissemination and engagement with policymakers, researchers, and practitioners.

Submission Guidelines

Interested potential editors should submit a proposal of up to 5 pages noting the following:

1. Title and Abstract – A working title and brief description (up to 500 words, excluding references) outlining the volume's focus, scope, and contribution to the field.
2. Structure – A proposed outline including tentative chapter titles / themes and short descriptions of each.
3. Relevance – A statement explaining how the volume aligns with ILERA's objectives and the aims of the series.
4. Editors and Contributors – An overview of the proposed editors' relevant experience (e.g., edited volumes, journal issues, conference proceedings), along with a list of potential contributors (if applicable), noting their expertise and institutional affiliation.
5. Peer review process – A brief overview of how this process will be organised.
6. Timeline – A proposed schedule for manuscript development, including key milestones such as peer review.

*Note: As a guide the 2024 edition was approximately 65,000 words.

Submission Deadline

Proposals should be submitted to the ILERA Secretariat at ILERA@ilo.org no later than close of business 31 July 2025. The selection process will be managed by the ILERA Executive Committee in collaboration with the ILO.

Selection Criteria

- Relevance to global and regional labour and employment challenges, in line with ILERA's mission
- Scholarly rigour, originality, and contribution to advancing theoretical, methodological, and applied knowledge in the field
- The inclusion of chapters and themes which cover a diversity of workforce groups and sectors.
- Involvement of contributors across career stages, global regions, genders and population groups
- Clarity and feasibility of the proposed timeline and process

Volume 5 Timeline

- Proposal submission deadline: 31 July 2025
- Decision notification: late September 2025
- Expected publication: Mid-2027, aligned with the ILERA World Congress in Australia (September 2027)

We look forward to receiving proposals that advance knowledge, promote diversity, and strengthen the global impact of research in labour and employment relations.

For further inquiries, please contact the ILERA Secretariat: ILERA@ilo.org