Introduction to Part Two of the Symposium on *International and Comparative Employment Relations: National Regulation, Global Changes*

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I am most pleased to present the second part of the symposium on *International and Comparative Employment Relations: National Regulation, Global Changes* in this issue's Perspectives section. The first part of this symposium was published in the September 2017 issue of the journal. It included four analytical essays written by Dr. Mathieu Dupuis, a postdoctoral researcher and visiting fellow at the Cornell University ILR School; Dr. Teresa Shuk-ching Poon, Associate Professor of the Lee Shau Kee School of Business and Administration at The Open University of Hong Kong, and Dr. Catherine W. Ng, Senior Teaching Fellow in the Department of Management & Marketing at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University; Dr. Sek-hong Ng, an Honorary Professor in the School of Business in The University of Hong Kong and Dr. Ngan Collins, Senior Lecturer in the School of Management, RMIT University in response to the recently-published volume, *International and Comparative Employment Relations: National Regulation, Global Changes*. In this issue, the authors respond to these essays while further reflecting and elaborating on a number of ideas presented in the 6th edition of their groundbreaking book. Specifically, their essay begins the development of a "novel multi-scalar analytical framework" for the international comparison of employment relations while also discussing "three aspects of the gig economy." Finally, the essay puts forward a research agenda, which goes beyond the Varieties of Capitalism model, for understanding the dynamism of employment relations under various regulatory systems and in the context of recent developments in the world of work.

If any of the readers of this symposium are interested in commenting on this essay in the journal's pages, please do not hesitate to contact me. Other symposiums on important employment relations topics are planned for future issues of the *Employee Responsibilities and Rights Journal*. If any of the journal's readers have suggestions for symposiums on specific topics, please do not hesitate to contact me. I hope that you enjoy this symposium and find it most illuminating.

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