Open call for master's degree thesis
in labor law and enterprises in the international context

The thesis project proposed, to be carried out individually or in collaboration with a colleague, concerns the impact of the covid-19 emergency on specific profiles of international labor law, trade unions and social security law, with particular but not exclusive attention to the topic of the relationship between work and technologies. The goal is to evaluate which novelties remain confined to the emergency period and which developments can also represent an enrichment for the future. Priority will be given to students who are attending or have attended the course of labor law and enterprises in the international context. The proposal may be subject to slight revisions according to the personal interests of the candidate(s). In the case of group work (maximum 2 people), the themes of the proposal can be revised in order to work on two connected projects.

PROPOSAL N.1
"Workers’ health and safety: international standards and the challenge of the covid-19 pandemic"

It is proposed to examine how the covid-19 outbreak hit workers’ health and safety and to what extent the international standards represent a point of reference to avoid a race to the bottom at national and/or local level. The candidate will choose a specific industry and/or a particular area to study significant cases.

PROPOSAL N.2
"Remote working and new technologies at work: advantages and disadvantages for employers and workers"

It is proposed to analyse the impact of remote working and connected technologies during the pandemic of covid-19 to verify and discuss pros and cons for employers and workers. The candidate will choose a specific industry and/or a particular area to study significant cases and/or to make a legal comparison.

PROPOSAL N.3
“Food delivery during the covid-19 health emergency: which rights and guarantees for riders and other workers involved”

It is proposed to study the rise of food delivery during the outbreak of covid-19 and analyse the characteristic of the working relationships involved in this industry (mostly, the so-called “riders”). The candidate will choose a method of study which can consist in a comparison between different countries or in a focus on the role played by international organizations. The aim could be to distinguish between self-employed and dependant workers or to compare the role of the unions in the sector among different countries.