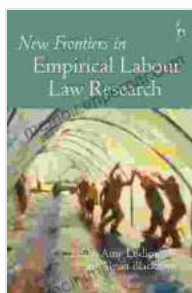


# New Frontiers in Empirical Labour Law Research: The Quest for Scientific Legitimacy and Policy Influence

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## **Methodological Challenges**

One of the biggest challenges facing empirical labour law research is the difficulty of obtaining reliable data. Many labour market data sources are incomplete or biased, and it can be difficult to collect data on individual workers. This can make it difficult to draw reliable s about the impact of labour laws and policies.

Another challenge facing empirical labour law research is the need to control for confounding factors. When studying the impact of a labour law or policy, it is important to control for other factors that could be affecting the outcome. For example, if a study finds that a minimum wage increase leads to an increase in employment, it is important to control for other factors that could be driving the increase, such as economic growth.

## **Methodological Opportunities**

Despite the methodological challenges, there are also a number of opportunities for empirical labour law research. One opportunity is the increasing availability of data. In recent years, there has been a proliferation of new data sources, such as administrative data and online surveys. This data can be used to study labour market trends and to evaluate the impact of labour laws and policies.

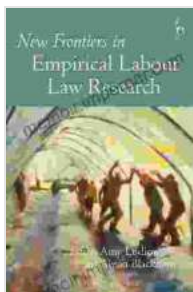
Another opportunity for empirical labour law research is the development of new statistical methods. These methods can be used to control for confounding factors and to draw more reliable s from data.

## Policy Influence

Empirical labour law research has the potential to have a significant impact on policy decisions. By providing evidence about the impact of labour laws and policies, this research can help policymakers to make more informed decisions. For example, empirical research on the minimum wage has helped to inform policy decisions about the appropriate level of the minimum wage.

Empirical labour law research is a rapidly growing field with the potential to provide valuable insights into the functioning of labour markets and to inform policy decisions. However, this research also faces a number of methodological challenges. By overcoming these challenges, empirical labour law researchers can produce more reliable and informative research that can help to improve policymaking.

This book presents the latest advancements in empirical labour law research, discussing the methodological challenges and opportunities in this emerging field. The book is divided into three parts. The first part provides an overview of the field of empirical labour law research. The second part discusses the methodological challenges facing empirical labour law research. The third part discusses the potential of empirical labour law research to influence policy decisions.



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