



**A Foreign Policy Centre, European Commission Representation  
in the UK and TUC conference**

# **Single Market, Equal Rights? UK perspectives on EU employment and social law**

**DATE:** Friday 10 February 2012

**TIME:** 2pm-5.45pm (Registration and lunch from 1pm,  
event followed by networking drinks)

**VENUE:** TUC Congress House, Great Russell Street, London WC1B 3LS

The FPC, ECUK and TUC's 'Single Market, Equal Rights?' conference will be a high profile half-day event that will bring together a range of different British perspectives on the EU's role in employment and social law. The Conference will involve a range of high profile speakers, including:

- **Commissioner László Andor**, European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
- **Emma Reynolds MP**, Shadow Europe Minister
- **Brendan Barber**, General Secretary, TUC
- **Professor Anne Davies**, University of Oxford
- **Lord Monks**, former General Secretary ETUC
- **Karen Clements**, British Chambers of Commerce
- **Billy Hayes**, General Secretary, CWU
- **Mats Persson**, Director, Open Europe

The conference will look at the current state of the debate in Brussels on employment and social rights, take the political temperature in the UK around the issue and set out the benefits and challenges for workers, businesses and the country. It will examine:

- The UK-specific dimensions of the debate both in terms of the party politics and the impact it has on the wider relationship between Britain and the EU
- The extent of EU involvement in employment and social protection compared to national action
- The relationship between the single market and EU employment and social law
- The balance between the role of the European Commission and the European Court of Justice
- The Posted Workers, Working Time and Agency Workers directives and other contentious issues

The conference will also launch the FPC, ECUK and TUC's '**Single Market, Equal Rights?**' pamphlet with copies available for participants.

**The conference is free to attend and open to all, though places are limited and will be allocated on a first come-first served basis. If you would like to attend, please RSVP as soon as possible to: [events@fpc.org.uk](mailto:events@fpc.org.uk)**