**Call for Papers**

**New Actors in Industrial Relations**

**British Journal of Industrial Relations**

The *British Journal of Industrial Relations* is holding a one-day workshop on the theme of New Actors in Industrial Relations in September 2005. It is planned that a selection of papers given at the workshop will be published in the journal in 2006.

The purpose of the workshop is to reflect the broadening of the scope of industrial relations analysis. Much IR scholarship continues to focus on a traditional triumvirate of actors, trade unions, employers and their associations and the state as legislator. With the decline in many countries of traditional IR institutions, however, the question arises of whether new institutions, new actors are emerging to represent interests and develop systems of job regulation. The question also arises of whether new (or newly significant) institutions compete with or are compatible with and reinforce the activities of established actors.

The aim of the workshop and Special Issue will be to explore these questions. We welcome theoretical or empirical submissions on the following topics:

- **Worker representation**: social movement, advocacy, support and advisory institutions that engage with the world of paid work; associations of professionals and semi-professionals, including mutual assistance organisations; works councils and other non-union institutions of worker representation; union-backed coalitions and campaigning organisations.
- **Employer representation**: new forms of employer organisation; management consultants and legal advisors; labour market intermediaries and employment agencies; investor organisations and pension funds; regulatory bodies established or used by employers including those governing employment standards in supplier firms.
- **End-users and consumer organisations**: organisations of customers and other consumers that shape the employment
relationship through campaigns on product price, quality, availability and labour standards; worker-consumer coalitions; employers’ use of consumer reports and other measures to control labour.

- **State and supra-state agencies**: new institutions of regulation, advocacy or service-provision, particularly those that arise from the emergence of the ‘contract state’; the role of central banks and associated institutions in shaping employment regimes; the changing role of international and supra-state agencies; regional government and its impact on employment relations.

Abstracts of no more than 2000 words in length should be submitted for consideration by the editors by **Friday 25th February 2005**. Please email abstracts as a Word attachment to Sylvia Roesch, Managing Editor: S.Roesch@lse.ac.uk. Full versions of those papers that are accepted will be sent to discussants at the end of August 2005, with the Workshop taking place at the Centre for Economic Performance at the London School of Economics in mid-September.

If you would like to discuss the Workshop and a possible submission, please contact, the Chief Editor, Edmund Heery: Heery@cf.ac.uk.