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Foreword to this Special Edition of the EJICLS

Malcolm Sargeant *

In June 2016 the 5th International Conference on Precarious work and Vulnerable Workers took place at Middlesex University in London, UK. The conference was sponsored by Middlesex, ADAPT and the Auckland University of Technology.

It was a wonderful event with scholars from over 30 different countries and all the world's continents delivering papers on different aspects of this subject. Here we include some of the papers. Not all are here because they may have been works in progress or had been promised for publication elsewhere. The papers published here reflect both the high academic standards and the diversity in subject matter of the conference.

It begins with an introductory paper on what we might mean by the terms precariousness and vulnerability. Although not formally presented at the conference, it contains the themes set out in the introductory session with which I started the event. Thanks to all those who contribute here and all those who attended to make it a really interesting and stimulating conference.

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