

**Manchester Industrial Relations Society** **Student Debate**

Thursday 21st November 2019 12:00 – 3:00pm

Sackville Entrance Hall

Sackville Street Building, 60 Sackville St, Manchester M1 3WE

The University of Manchester

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Buffet lunch and refreshments will be provided

We invite undergraduate, master’s degree and doctoral students from the University of Manchester to join a team to debate interesting and sharply contested questions related to the field of employment relations, against teams from Manchester Metropolitan University and the University of Salford

* **Can HRM balance supporting ‘employee well-being’ and supporting ‘employer interests in the market’? (Salford vs MBS)**
* **Is conflict in the employment relationship the result of bad management? (MMU vs Salford)**
* **Will the gig economy and new technologies make employers less important in the future? (MBS vs MMU)**

**Format:** Each university will have two teams of 3 students. Each team will have ten minutes to argue either ‘yes’ or ‘no’ to one of the questions. The debates will be judged by external employment relations practitioners from the **CIPD** and **ACAS**. There will be prizes awarded to the best debater teams.

**Why attend and participate?**

* Learn some debating skills
* See how to win a debate
* Meet other students
* Network with employment relations academic, students and practitioners

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