PHILOSOPHY OF JUSTICE IN POST-MODERN LABOR LAW: WHAT AND HOW?

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Abstract
This research examines the concept of justice in labor law, which has developed in the post-modern era as marked by rapid social and technological changes and a more inclusive view of justice. Using normative research, the research was conducted through an in-depth analysis of relevant literature on the philosophy of justice, labor law, and postmodernism as part of primary and secondary legal materials. The data collection process involved: A thorough literature review, Analysis of legal texts, Examination of related documents and articles from reliable sources. The differentiation of this study from other studies is its comprehensive analytical approach to understanding justice in labor law and its focus on changes and adaptations that occur in the post-modern era. These findings show that the concept of justice in the workplace has adapted to the challenges of the times. The results of this study are that in the modern pots era, there are various orientations for the development of legal philosophy in the field of employment, which orient the need for legal protection for workers in access and the digital realm. By paying attention to social dynamics, technology, and postmodern values, it can be concluded that the post-modern era of labor law is more responsive and flexible in maintaining a sense of justice and the balance of power between employers and workers.

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with the increasing complexity of challenges faced in the modern world of work, the paradigm of labor law also needs to keep up with these changes. Since the birth of the justice philosophy in employment law, this concept has been essential in understanding various aspects of labor relations. The classical approach to fairness in labor law emphasizes absolute and universal concepts (Johan Nasution, 2014). However, as post-modernism has developed, new paradigms challenge previously established assumptions. Over the past few decades, issues related to fairness in labor law have become increasingly complex and have attracted the attention of academics, legal practitioners, and social observers (Sinaga & Zaluchu, 2017). In the face of the rapid development of society and technology, the understanding of the concept of justice in labor law also needs to be updated to remain relevant and respond to future challenges. Therefore, research on the philosophy of justice in labor law from a post-modern perspective becomes necessary.

The post-modern approach presents a new point of view in analyzing the phenomena of law and justice in contemporary society. In the context of post-modern societies, the existence of diverse values, identities, and opinions on life has significantly changed the way of viewing labor law. The emergence of new dynamics in the world of work, such as flexible employment contracts, gig work, and digitalization, has raised various questions about how the philosophy of justice should be structured and applied in this context. As a paradigm, post-modernism emphasizes reflective and critical thinking, challenges absolute truths, and emphasizes openness to diverse interpretations. In labor law, the post-modern approach requires us to rethink how the parties involved interpret, implement, and access justice (Zubaedi, 2013).

The issue of fairness in labor law has become more complex due to fundamental changes in the employment and labor relations paradigm. The development of a technology-based economy and digitalization has changed the traditional job structure and significantly impacted workers' rights. In addition, increasing unemployment, poverty, and economic uncertainty raise questions about how the labor law system can provide fair protection for all members of society (Sitabuana & Kurniawan, 2021).

**Research Problems**

This research will focus on two problem formulations at the core of the research. First, this research examines the understanding of how the concept of justice philosophy in labor law has undergone changes and developments along with the entry of the post-modern era. This involved exploring the shifting
values, views, and assumptions underlying the concept of justice in the increasingly complex context of modern work. Second, this study will investigate the influence of social dynamics, technology, and post-modern values on applying and implementing justice in labor law today. By considering these various factors, the research will analyze how the labor law system adapts to changing times, as well as the challenges and opportunities faced in realizing justice in an increasingly heterogeneous and diverse working world.

Research Methods

This research uses a conceptual approach by conducting an in-depth analysis of relevant literature on the philosophy of justice, labor law, and post-modernism views. Data collection involves literature study, analysis of legal texts, and searching for documents and related articles from reliable sources. This research will focus on the analysis of employment law in a post-modern environment and will not discuss in depth the aspects of employment law in previous eras (Efendi et al., 2019). However, this study does not aim to provide specific policy recommendations but rather a theoretical understanding of the paradigm shift in justice in labor law. With a better understanding of this concept, it can be found that changes in the paradigm of justice in labor law and how these changes affect the perspective, rights, and obligations of workers and entrepreneurs. This research can contribute to meaningful thinking in developing more inclusive labor law and response. In addition, this research aims to identify the challenges and opportunities in an increasingly heterogeneous and diverse working world. By understanding the factors that influence the implementation of justice, this research guides policymakers and related parties in designing a more adaptive and just labor law system.

The Concept of Justice Philosophy in Labor Law in the Post-Modern Era: What and How?

The philosophy of justice in labor law has undergone exciting changes and developments in the post-modern era. Social dynamics, technological developments, and post-modern values have significantly impacted how we understand and apply justice in the context of employment (I. G. A. Kurniawan et al., 2023). In this age, we have witnessed an increasing awareness of the injustices and social inequalities faced by various groups in society, including workers. The understanding of justice is no longer fixated on a single and objective view but instead acknowledges the complexity and diversity of
perspectives on what is considered fair. Post-modern values, such as inclusivity, equality, and active participation, are becoming key drivers in the search for new solutions more in line with rapidly evolving social and economic realities (Hasan & Azis, 2018).

This affects how labor laws are designed and implemented, considering the social, economic, and cultural context of setting standards of fairness for workers. The rapid influence of technology also must be addressed. Advances in technology have brought about changes in labor patterns and labor distribution. This demands critical thinking about how workers’ rights can be protected in this increasingly flexible and connected era. In addition, recognition of non-traditional rights, such as the rights of women workers, minorities, and migrant workers, is becoming more prominent in justice today. The diversity of workers' identities and backgrounds must be recognized and respected to create a fair and inclusive employment system (F. E. Kurniawan & Aruan, 2021). The philosophy of justice in labor law is a field of study that involves consideration of how labor laws and regulations should be shaped and applied to achieve equality, fairness, and balance between the rights of workers and employers. First of all, let us define what is meant by the post-modern era.

Diversity, complexity, and rapid societal, cultural, and economic changes characterize the post-modern era. This can impact views and approaches to labor law and change the philosophy of justice in this context (Adlhiyati & Achmad, 2020). Changes and developments in the concept of justice philosophy in labor law post-modern era have been influenced by shifts in social, technological, and understanding paradigms of human rights. The post-modern era marks a period after modernism in which the values and ideas that were dominant in earlier times were criticized and debated (Weruin, 2018). In the context of labor law, several significant changes and developments can be seen:

1. **Raising Awareness about Social Justice**
   The post-modern era has witnessed increased awareness about social inequalities and injustices experienced by different groups in society, including workers. The concept of justice in labor law has gradually moved from focusing only on the interests of parties directly involved in employment relations (employers and workers) to broader social justice.

2. **Human Rights of Workers**
   The understanding of workers’ human rights is growing in the post-modern era. Workers are recognized as having fundamental rights, such as the right to work in safe conditions, the right to fair wages, the
right to join trade unions, and the right to fair treatment without discrimination.

3. **Equality and Inclusion**

   The concept of fairness in labor law has changed to pay more attention to equality and inclusion (Ukokhe & Florah, 2022). In the post-modern era, greater attention is paid to the protection of workers from different backgrounds, including women, minorities, and migrant workers.

4. **Flexibility in Employment Contract**

   In the post-modern era, flexible working patterns are becoming more common, including temporary employment contracts or freelancers. The concept of fairness in labor law must adapt to address protection issues for workers with diverse employment statuses.

5. **Technology and Employment**

   Technological developments in the post-modern era have changed the employment paradigm with the adoption of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation. The concept of fairness in the face of this challenge includes considerations about workers' rights in the context of technology use, as well as the ethical responsibility of employers in engaging the technology.

6. **Increased Access to Information**

   With advances in communication technology and easy access to information, workers can now be more educated about their rights. This can lead to stronger demands for fairness in employment relationships.

7. **Law Enforcement and Protection**

   The post-modern era has witnessed a change in the approach to law enforcement and protection of workers. Stronger law enforcement is needed to protect workers from exploitation and violation of their rights. The changes and developments in the concept of justice philosophy in labor law in the post-modern era reflect the dynamics of an increasingly complex and diverse society. Increased awareness of social inequality and the protection of human rights has led to a shift in focus in labor law towards a more inclusive, equal, and workers’ rights-oriented perspective (Aprita et al., 2020). The development of the philosophy of justice in labor law in the post-modern era is influenced by several social, political, and economic changes. The post-modern era marks a shift from modern thinking focused on certainty, universality, and an emphasis on a single narrative toward thinking more openly about diversity, complexity, and plurality (Alawiyah & Liata, 2020).
In the post-modern era, the philosophy of justice in labor law has changed and evolved in various aspects. First, there is an increase in awareness about the diversity of understandings of justice (Amin, 2019). Thinkers and academics recognize that the concept of justice is relative and contextual, depending on the perspectives of different individuals or groups. Then, in the post-modern view, there is a more substantial recognition of structural inequalities in the relationship between employer and worker. Factors such as gender, race, social class, and status of migrants are recognized as aspects that influence the distribution of justice in the work environment. In addition, the approach in labor law has also become more contextual and thorough. Recognition of the diversity of individuals and groups has become more critical, so labor law is no longer universally applied but instead considers various contextual factors that include social, economic, cultural, and political backgrounds. In the post-modern era, the concept of justice also focuses on empowering workers.

Furthermore, the law is considered a tool to achieve justice in the post-modern era, not just to maintain order per se. Post-modern thinkers encourage space for creative and flexible interpretations of law appropriate to workers' diverse situations and contexts (Sidorenko & Von Arx, 2020). This change also includes recognition of multiple existences because of justice. The concept of justice is not absolute but rather the result of complex interactions between different values, norms, and interests of stakeholders, including workers, employers, government, and society. The post-modern era also encourages the recognition and protection of non-traditional rights in employment, such as minority group rights, migrant workers' rights, LGBTQ+ rights, etc. Inclusivity and equality are increasingly emphasized in the work environment (Raharja, 2020). In addition, collaborative and restorative approaches are becoming more relevant in handling disputes and conflicts in the workplace rather than relying on traditional litigation processes.

Technological developments and changes in the global economy have also influenced the concept of justice in labor law in the post-modern era. Laws must consider the impact of new technologies and economies on workers' rights, balance of power, and distribution of resources (Rushananto, 2014). The importance of global justice is also becoming more recognized, considering the rights of workers worldwide, given the effects of globalization on the employment order. In addition, critical thinking towards capitalism and neoliberalism has become sharper in the post-modern era, prompting efforts to find fairer alternatives in labor arrangements. The change and development of
the concept of justice philosophy in labor law in the post-modern era reflect an awareness of the diversity of views, the need for inclusivity, worker empowerment, and attention to rapid social and economic change (Keban et al., 2021). This leads to efforts to create a more fair, diverse, and efficient employment system for all parties involved.

This change reflects a paradigm shift in understanding and applying justice in labor law. The philosophy of justice in the post-modern era values diversity, inclusivity, and dynamic change in the world of work, which impacts how labor laws are designed and implemented to achieve social and economic justice.


Figure In the present time, the influence of social dynamics, technology, and post-modern values has brought significant changes in implementing justice in labor law. This era was marked by rapid social change, technological development, and a more inclusive view of justice (Samsudin, 2017). Therefore, it is essential to understand how these dynamics affect the employment order and the implementation of justice in the workplace. Social dynamics have raised awareness of the inequalities and injustices experienced by different groups of workers (Arends, 2020). The understanding of justice is no longer absolute but instead considers the diverse perspectives of different social groups. Inclusivity and equality are increasingly emphasized, so implementing justice in labor law should reflect the protection of workers from various backgrounds, including women, minorities, and migrant workers. The development of technology has changed the way of working and the relationship between employers and workers. The flexibility of work patterns and the use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation have created new challenges in ensuring fairness for workers (Braganza et al., 2021).

Protecting workers’ rights in an increasingly connected and changing work environment is critical to balance power between employers and workers. Post-modern values, such as contextual approaches and active participation, also impact the implementation of justice in today’s labor law. Recognition of the complexity of society and labor relations encourages labor law to become more responsive and adaptive to different situations and contexts. Workers’ participation in decision-making is also becoming more critical in achieving more inclusive and effective justice (Arliman S, 2017). In this discussion, we will explore in depth how social dynamics, technological developments, and post-
modern values have influenced the implementation of justice in labor law today. By understanding these influences, we can identify challenges and opportunities to create a more equitable, equitable, and future-looking work environment for all workers.

The influence of social dynamics, technology, and post-modern values is very significant in implementing justice in labor law today. Here are some examples of how these factors affect aspects of justice implementation in current labor law:

1. **Social Dynamics:**
   a. **The Recognition of Workers' Rights**
      Social dynamics is a concept that refers to changes and interactions between individuals, groups, or society as a whole. In the context of the recognition of workers' rights, social dynamics can include various aspects that influence how workers' rights are recognized and respected in society. Social dynamics in the post-modern era have brought about a change in the view of workers' rights. There is increasing awareness of the importance of protecting workers' human rights, including the right to safe working conditions, fair wages, and equal treatment without discrimination. These changes are reflected in various labor laws and regulations that provide stronger protections for workers (Smith et al., 2008).

   b. **Inclusivity and Diversity**
      Inclusivity and diversity are two crucial social dynamics concepts closely related to the recognition of workers' rights. Inclusivity refers to striving to create an environment that is welcoming and accommodating to all individuals, regardless of their background, identity, or circumstances. Diversity refers to variations or differences among individuals in a group or society. Post-modern values such as inclusivity and diversity affect how labor law is implemented. Today, it is essential to ensure that equity in employment covers all types of workers, including minorities, migrant workers, and gig workers. This means acknowledging the diverse needs and challenges faced by different groups of workers (International Labour Office., 2011).

   c. **Gender Equality**
      Gender equality is a principle that states that all individuals, regardless of their gender, have equal rights, opportunities, and access to various aspects of life, including in the work environment. This principle emphasizes addressing injustice and discrimination due to gender differences. Post-modern values raise the issue of gender equality, which has influenced efforts to achieve gender justice in the workplace. Efforts to increase the representation of women in
management positions, eliminate gender pay gaps, and address gender-based discrimination are examples of the implementation of justice in labor law influenced by these social dynamics. (Kivijärvi, 2021).

d. Recognition of Cultural Diversity
Recognition of cultural diversity is a principle that recognizes and respects the diverse cultures, traditions, and customs that exist in society. It includes an appreciation of differences in language, religion, customs, art, and social norms that differ between human groups. Increased awareness of the importance of recognition and appreciation of cultural diversity in the workplace also has an impact on the concept of justice. Inclusive labor laws should consider the needs and rights of workers from different cultural and ethnic backgrounds (ILO Office in Jakarta & Indonesian Employers’ Association., 2013).

e. Recognition of Non-Traditional Rights
Recognition of non-traditional rights refers to the principle of recognition and protection of individual or group rights that may not be recognized by the majority or traditional norms in a society. This often happens in the context of human rights, where some minority groups or groups with a particular orientation or identity may face discrimination or unfair treatment for not conforming to majority norms. Social dynamics have also influenced the recognition of non-traditional rights in the labor context, including the rights of LGBTQ+ and informal workers. This reflects an increasingly inclusive view of fairness in employment relations (Moorhead & Jimenez, 2021).

f. Increased Workforce Awareness
Labor awareness raising is the process by which workers or laborers in an organization or industry become more aware of their rights, fair working conditions, safety and health in the workplace, as well as other issues related to their well-being. The proliferation of social media and easy access to information has increased workers' awareness of their rights. This has strengthened workers' demands for fairness on a range of labor issues (Nuraeni & Lilin Suryono, 2021).

g. Awareness of Social Inequality
Awareness of social inequality is an understanding and recognition of inequality or injustice that exists in society, both in terms of economy, education, health, opportunity, and access to other resources. Social dynamics in the current era have increased awareness about social inequalities that occur in society, including in the scope of employment. This increased awareness encourages demands for more inclusive and fair justice for all workers regardless of their background and social status.

2. Technology Dynamics
a. Flexibility and Digital Work
Flexibility in digital work refers to the ability to work with more variable times, places, and ways and is not limited by physical limitations. Digital work includes work done online or with the help of digital technology, such as remote workers, freelancers, or digital entrepreneurs. Technological advances and the development of the digital economy have changed the way things work. Flexible work and digital work are increasingly common, impacting more complex employment relationships. The implementation of justice in labor law needs to adapt to the challenges and rights of workers related to digital and flexible work (Adha, 2020).

b. Protection of Workers' Personal Data
Protection of workers' personal data is the principles and measures taken to protect the personal information of employees or workers in the context of the work environment. Workers' personal data includes information such as name, address, telephone number, date of birth, financial information, identification number, medical information, etc. related to the identity or personal life of a worker. Information and data technology has affected many aspects of life including employment. The collection of workers' personal data is a sensitive issue, and the protection of workers' personal data in the work environment is important in an effort to achieve fairness and privacy (Rahman, 2021).

c. Competency and Expertise Gap
Competency and expertise gaps refer to the mismatch between the skills and knowledge possessed by the workforce and the demands and needs of the labor market. This means that there is a difference between what workers master and what certain employers or industries want. Technology dynamics can also lead to gaps in competence and expertise in the workplace. The implementation of justice in labor law should consider how to empower workers to deal with technological change so as not to be left behind and get fair treatment in the adaptation process (Tampubolon, 2020).

d. Digital Surveillance
Digital surveillance is the practice of monitoring and examining worker activities and behavior using digital technology, such as computers, mobile devices, or special software. This supervision aims to collect data on the performance, productivity, compliance, and behavior of workers in the work environment. The implementation of digital technology in monitoring worker performance also affects fairness. The storage of workers' personal data, the use of algorithms for performance evaluation, and the risk of disproportionate scrutiny can present challenges in maintaining worker fairness and privacy (Farrel Shidqi et al., 2023).
e. Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Automation
The use of artificial intelligence (AI) and automation in the world of work refers to the application of AI-powered technologies and systems to perform certain tasks autonomously or assist human workers in doing their jobs. The use of AI and automation aims to improve efficiency, productivity, and accuracy in various work processes. AI and automation technologies affect the way work is done and impact labor distribution. This raises questions about fairness in addressing issues such as structural unemployment and the rights of workers affected by these technologies (Deranty & Corbin, 2022).

3. Post-Modern Values
   1. Flexibility and Creative Interpretation
      Flexibility and creative interpretation are two aspects that can play an important role in the world of work, especially in a work environment that focuses on creativity and innovation. Post-modern values, such as recognition of diversity and creative interpretations of the law, influence the implementation of justice in labor law. Flexibility in interpreting and applying the law can provide room for better problem-solving and adjustment to unique situations in the workplace (Mustari, 2015).

   2. Contextual Approach
      Contextual approach in the context of the world of work and business refers to a way of approach or adjustment that considers the specific situations and conditions of a particular context or environment. In this approach, decisions and actions are not taken separately from the context, but taking into account the factors that surround them. Post-modern values that emphasize contextual approaches influence the implementation of justice in labor law. Recognition of the complexity of society and labor relations encourages employment law to consider a variety of contexts and provide more responsive and equitable solutions to different problems (Liukkunen, 2021).

   3. The Role of Law as a Tool for Justice
      The role of law as a tool for justice is the principle that the legal system should function to create equality, protection, and justice for all individuals and groups in society. The law acts as a mechanism to balance rights and obligations, as well as establishes standards of fair and ethical behavior for all citizens. Post-modern values view law as a tool to achieve justice, not just to maintain order. This view encourages the labor law system to be more oriented towards achieving inclusive and equitable justice for all parties involved in labor relations.

4. Inclusivity and Balance of Power
Inclusivity and balance of power are two interrelated and important concepts in the social, political, and economic context of society. Post-modern values encourage inclusivity in employment settings, considering the rights of workers from different backgrounds and statuses. In addition, this approach emphasizes on the importance of creating a balance of power between employers and workers (Hidayat, 2019).

5. Emphasis on Worker Participation
The emphasis on worker participation is an attempt to involve workers in decision-making that affects their work, work environment, and working conditions in general. This involves providing opportunities for workers to contribute, share ideas, and have an active role in the decision-making process in the workplace. Post-modern values also emphasize the active participation of workers in decision-making processes that affect their working conditions. The involvement of workers in the process of negotiation and dialogue with employers plays an important role in achieving fairness in labor relations (Panjaitan, 2018).

6. Critique of Capitalism and Neoliberalism
Critiques of capitalism and neoliberalism have been around for many years, with arguments from a wide range of circles and viewpoints. Post-modern values also encourage criticism of capitalism and neoliberalism which are often seen as causes of injustice in labor relations. These values encourage efforts to find new, fairer alternatives in labor settings (Pinkerton & Davis, 2015).

The influence of these social dynamics, technology, and post-modern values reflects the evolution of the concept of justice in labor law today (Disantara, 2021). The implementation of justice no longer only focuses on aspects of legality, but also considers the values of inclusivity, diversity, and protection of workers' rights in various increasingly complex and diverse work contexts. This confirms the importance of adjustment and innovation in the labor law system to ensure equitable justice for all workers. Increased awareness of social inequality, worker empowerment, flexibility in employment contracts, recognition of non-traditional rights, and emphasis on inclusivity and equality are all important factors in shaping the outlook on justice and how it is implemented in today's work environment. Efforts to achieve justice that is more inclusive, fair, and in accordance with the demands of the times are ongoing challenges and commitments in labor law.

In addition, new challenges arising from technological developments and social dynamics demand a creative and adaptive approach in dealing with issues of justice in employment. This challenge requires a creative and adaptive
approach to create a responsive, inclusive, and effective employment system. Here are some of the challenges that arise and how creative and adaptive approaches can be implemented:

1. **Work Flexibility**
   Technological developments have allowed flexibility in work patterns, such as working remotely or freelancing. These challenges include protecting workers’ rights and creating a balance between flexibility needs and workers' rights. Creative approaches can include developing employment agreements that accommodate flexibility while ensuring workers' rights remain protected.

2. **Influence of Technology and Automation**
   The use of artificial intelligence and automation can affect the types of jobs available and change skill demands for workers. The adaptive approach involves training and developing skills for workers to deal with technological change and encourage career sustainability.

3. **Inequality and Discrimination**
   Social dynamics recognize the existence of structural inequality and discrimination in labor relations. Creative approaches involve implementing policies that are proactive in creating equality and addressing inequities, such as diversity quotas and anti-discrimination policies.

4. **Business Model Changes**
   Technological developments have created new business models, including a platform-based economy and a sharing economy. These challenges require an adaptive approach in ensuring workers’ rights and protections in this changing business environment.

5. **Worker Participation**
   Post-modern values emphasize the active participation of workers in decision-making that affects their working conditions. The creative approach involves implementing participatory systems that involve workers in the negotiation and policy-making process.

6. **Job Security**
   Social dynamics and technological developments affect occupational security issues, including occupational health and safety. The adaptive approach includes continuous monitoring and evaluation of safety standards and the implementation of safe technology.

7. **Labor Mobility**
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Technological developments have facilitated labor mobility across countries and between regions. These challenges require creative approaches to address differences in labor law and ensure equal protection for migrant workers.

In the face of these challenges, collaboration between governments, companies, trade unions, and civil society is needed. Creative and adaptive approaches must be based on a deep understanding of social and technological change as well as inclusive values and equality. Thus, the implementation of justice in labor can be more relevant and effective in facing today’s challenges.

Conclusion
In the post-modern era, the concept of the philosophy of justice in labor law has undergone significant changes and developments. Rapid social change, rapid technological development, and post-modern values have shaped a more inclusive view of fairness in the world of work. Social dynamics have raised awareness about the social injustices and inequalities experienced by different groups of workers. The values of inclusivity, equality, and recognition of non-traditional rights play an important role in finding new solutions to achieve fairness in increasingly complex employment relationships. Understandings of justice are also becoming more contextual, adapted for a variety of social, economic, cultural, and political backgrounds.

The development of technology and technology-based economy has brought changes in employment patterns and labor distribution. The protection of workers’ rights in an increasingly connected and changing era is important to ensure a balance of power between employers and workers. Openness to new technologies is also important in confronting workers’ challenges and rights in the context of the use of artificial intelligence and automation. Post-modern approaches that emphasize reflective and critical thinking have influenced how labor law is implemented. The concept of justice is no longer absolute, but rather the result of a complex interaction between different values, norms and interests of different stakeholders.

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