

Organised Labour

How worker organisation shapes economic policy.

Political Science

Influence and decline.

Channels of influence

Collective bargaining over wages

Party links and political funding

Sectoral or national wage agreements

Representation on boards in some systems

Drivers of decline

Shift from manufacturing to services

Legal restrictions on industrial action

Fragmented and contracted-out employment

Globalised production reducing leverage

Educational reference. Coverage of collective agreements matters more than membership: some countries extend agreements sector-wide.