



Are you looking to learn more about empirical methods and/or engage in lively discussions on ELS? Join the ELS lab meetings!

The lab meetings cover a wide range of empirical research methods and ELS-related topics. We offer a possibility to learn about each other's research and experience and test out ideas and receive feedback on work in progress.

**DATE**

**SESSION**

**17 FEBRUARY  
B2.M07**

**JOURNAL CLUB**  
**TOPIC:** Compliance in the financial sector

**10 MARCH  
Global Lounge**

**LUNCH & LEARN**  
**TOPIC:** Interviews 101: Back to Basics

**31 MARCH  
C0.22**

**METHODOLOGY SESSION -  
AI & LEGAL RESEARCH**  
**TOPIC:** Introduction to Bluetick

To sign up, accept the outlook invite or send an email to Kimia Heidary, [k.heidary@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:k.heidary@law.leidenuniv.nl), or Sarah Vandenbroucke, [s.e.m.vandenbroucke@law.leidenuniv.nl](mailto:s.e.m.vandenbroucke@law.leidenuniv.nl). You're welcome to join, regardless of your degree of experience with ELS!



# Journal Club (Hybrid)

## 17 February, 10:00 - 11:00

Journal Clubs are sessions in which we discuss empirical legal articles, focusing on the methodology used in the paper and the lessons that can be learned.

**WHERE** B2.M07 (KOG) and online

**TOPIC** **Compliance in the financial sector**

Sarwesh Ishwardat (UU) will present his research on compliance in the financial sector, investigated in collaboration with the Dutch Authority for the Financial Markets (AFM).

During his presentation, Sarwesh will reflect on different communications styles that can be used to stimulate compliance more (and less) effectively. This was tested with a field experiment, in which different letters were sent to more than 2800 Dutch financial organizations. Results show that writing a letter in a certain way is very influential on the compliance behavior of these financial organizations!



## Lunch & Learn

**10 March, 12:00 - 13:00**

Lunch & Learns are informal, interactive sessions where we discuss a statement relating to an ELS-themed topic. It is an opportunity to share your opinion and experiences with regard to doing empirical legal research and to learn from peers. Join us for this informal session; everyone is welcome to share their opinions, no matter your level of expertise.

**WHERE**

**Global Lounge, KOG**

**TOPIC**

**Interviews 101: Back to basics**

*By Sarah Vandembroucke & Kimia Heidary*

This lunch and learn will host a Q&A on interviews, to discuss our respective experiences about conducting interviews in research. We will touch upon consent forms, saturation levels, respondent samples, transcripts, analysis and any other questions you may have.



# Methodology Session – AI & Legal Research (Hybrid)

**31 March, 10:00 - 11:00**

Methodology sessions aim to introduce new methods to participants, useful for empirical legal scholars. Join us to learn how to use innovative techniques to conduct your research!

**WHERE** C0.22 (KOG) and online

**TOPIC** **Introduction to Bluetick**

This methodology session will be presented by the online search engine [Bluetick](#), specialized for the legal industry. Their platform makes it faster and more intuitive to find and search through legal documents. Bluetick uses state-of-the-art Natural Language Processing (NLP), allowing it to find similar court cases based on the context of a document. Join us to learn how to use Bluetick in your research!