

ELS Lab Meetings - Overview

The Empirical Legal Studies Lab @Leiden is organizing a new series of sessions, for researchers interested in empirical legal research. Are you looking to learn more about empirical methods and/or engage in lively discussions on ELS? Join the upcoming ELS lab meetings!

Ranging from the informal Lunch & Learn to more in-depth paper discussions, the ELS 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, test out ideas and receive feedback on work in progress. You're welcome to join, regardless of your degree of experience with ELS.

Our upcoming sessions are below. Sign up via the following link: <https://cutt.ly/gzedAG9>

Date	Session
12 March 2021 13:00 - 14:00	Lunch & Learn Topic: Law in the books versus law in action
26 March 2021 10:00 - 11:00	Journal Club Topic: Conceptualization and operationalization
16 April 2021 10:00 - 11:00	Paper Development Session Topic: Presentation by Niek Strohmaier on character evidence in court

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ELS Lab Meetings - Lunch & Learn

12 March 13:00 - 14:00 (Online)

Lunch & Learns are informal, interactive sessions where we discuss a controversial 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.

Topic This Lunch & Learn will be on the topic of law in the books versus law in action, with the following statement:

“Legal scholars should (not) be concerned with the actual effects of law and regulation”.

Interested to join? Sign up via the form above and you will receive a link to the Lunch & Learn.

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ELS Lab Meetings - Journal Club

26 March 10:00-11:00 (Online)

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.

- Topic** In this Journal Club, we will explore conceptualization and operationalization as steps of the research process and the challenges involved. We will start with a short introduction based on a seminal paper on justice, after which there will be ample room for discussing our own experiences with conceptualizing and measuring the 'difficult' variables in our research.
- Paper** Colquitt, J.A. (2001). On the dimensionality of organizational justice: A construct validation of a measure. *Journal of Applied Psychology*, 86, 386-400.
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ELS Lab Meetings - Paper Development Session

16 April 10:00 - 11:00 (Online)

Paper Development Sessions involve presentations of work in progress. This can be at any stage of the research process, from the design to writing the actual paper. It is in particular a nice opportunity to receive feedback on empirical ideas and get suggestions on how to improve the methodology.

- Topic** In this Paper Development Session, Niek Strohmaier will present his work in progress on character evidence in court. A key question derived from the literature on this topic is: are judges and/or juries disproportionality affected by information about a party's character? A draft will be provided to those attending the session.
- Presentation** Pride or Prejudice? The biasing effect of character evidence in legal proceedings
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