

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. To sign up, accept the outlook invite or send an email to Kimia Heidary: k.heidary@law.leidenuniv.nl or Sarah Vandenbroucke: s.e.m.vandenbroucke@law.leidenuniv.nl. PhDs can receive 1 EC for attending two cycles.

Date	Session
20 May 2022 10:00 - 11:00	Journal Club Topic: Daily surveys on social stressors at work and their influence on marital behaviors at home by Helen Pluut
17 June 2022 11:00 - 12:00	Work in Progress Session Topic: Case study on dispute resolution technology by Nikki Vosters
1 July 2022 12:00-13:00	Lunch & Learn Statement: "ELS is an interdisciplinary endeavor"

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ELS Lab Meetings - Journal Club

20 May 10:00-11:00 (Hybrid)

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

Daily surveys on social stressors at work and their influence on marital behaviors at home by Helen Pluut
In this Journal Club, Helen Pluut will discuss a recently published paper that she co-authored. This study conducted daily online surveys among 113 Chinese couples for a period of 2 weeks, to test an interpersonal model of work-family spillover. Collecting data twice a day allowed the researchers to test how social stressors at work interact with marital behaviors at home.

Helen will give a presentation of the paper's method and provide insight on the benefits and challenges of daily surveys. The podcast "Taking it out on your partner" (available on Spotify) discusses the outcomes of the study and its relevance for society – a great example of outreach for ELS!

Paper

Pluut, H., Ilies, R., Su, R., Weng, Q., & Liang, A. X. (2021), How social stressors at work influence marital behaviors at home: an interpersonal model of work-family spillover. *Journal Of Occupational Health Psychology*, 27(1).

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ELS Lab Meetings - Work in Progress

17 June 11:00 - 12:00 (Hybrid)

Work in Progress 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

Case study on dispute resolution technology by Nikki Vosters

In this Work in Progress session, we will discuss [Nikki Vosters'](#) (eLaw) research: "Appealing Apps? The use of dispute resolution technology in Dutch administrative appeals and its impact on access to justice." Her research examines the existing landscape of dispute resolution technologies deployed in the Dutch administrative appeal procedure and how the different technologies developed by administrative agencies and commercial parties impact access to justice for citizens.

Nikki will present her current research project focusing on her first case study - a traffic penalty appeal tool implemented by the Dutch prosecutor's office called Digitaal Loket Verkeer - and the various empirical data she is gathering in this context. During this session, there will be plenty of opportunity to brainstorm about the topic, the mixed method approach, as well as to provide feedback on the line of research.

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ELS Lab Meetings - Lunch & Learn

1 July 12:00 - 13:00 (KOG only)

Lunch & Learns are informal, interactive sessions where we discuss a controversial statement relating to an ELS-themed topic while enjoying a healthy lunch. 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.

Statement

“ELS is an interdisciplinary endeavor”

Inspired by the recently published Guide “Interdisciplinarity Beyond the Buzzword: A Guide to Academic Work Across Disciplines”, we will discuss the challenges and opportunities of interdisciplinarity, the struggles of fragmentation, and best practices.

Everyone is welcome to participate in the discussion, no matter your level of expertise with interdisciplinarity.

For catering purposes, please let us know if you will attend this lunch & learn.

Paper (optional read)

[Amsterdam Young Academy \(2022\) “Interdisciplinarity Beyond the Buzzword A Guide to Academic Work Across Disciplines”](#)

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