



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.

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| 16 September 2022 12:00 - 13:00 | Lunch & Learn Topic: "ELS is a solo endeavour" |
| 7 October 2022 10:00 - 11:00 | Journal Club Topic: What went wrong? Methodological barriers to ELS by Jessie Pool |
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Lunch & Learn

16 September 12:00 - 13:00

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

“ELS is a solo endeavor.”

Is ELS an endeavor that you should take up all on your own? We think not. Therefore, we would like to use this Lunch and Learn as an opportunity to catch up on each other's work and research plans for the coming academic year. What is everyone currently working on, or interested in exploring? During this meeting, we will informally catch up and take stock of our research needs, all while enjoying a nice, healthy lunch.

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Journal Club

7 October 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.

Topic

What went wrong? Methodological barriers to ELS by Jessie Pool

When conducting quantitative or qualitative research, researchers often encounter problematics and barriers, where (methodological) decisions need to be made. Some of those decisions may relate to the number of interviews to be conducted, the size of sample, the targeted population, and other decisions to be made involving a compromise. These barriers and difficulties will be discussed during this Journal Club, led by Jessie Pool.

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Work in Progress Session

28 October 10:00 - 11:00

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 **Working from Home: what empirical questions arise?
by Merel Cornax**

Following her systematic literature review on working from home, Merel wishes to continue her research on the topic by using empirical methods. After presenting her progress on the topic, we will reflect together on her possible next step to integrate empirics into this legal topic.

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