



EDELNet+ PhD Training Programme in Methods and Skills of Legal Research

Online Seminar “Contemporary Methods of Legal Research”

(18 September-14 December 2023)

Call for Applications

The EDELNet+ PhD Training Programme in Methods and Skills of Legal Research invites students who have already started or are planning to start in the near future their PhD studies in Law or another discipline, like Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Philosophy, with a focus on law to apply for participation in the 2023 edition of the interinstitutional online seminar on “Contemporary Methods of Legal Research”.

During the seminar students will work in cross-national groups of PhD students from seven European countries to get acquainted with the theory and practice of a series of methods of great relevance to legal research.

The seminar begins with a short theoretical input organized in online lectures, readings and exercises (duration of this phase approx. 1.5 months). After this, students will be assigned to a cross-European team of PhD students and will be requested to fulfil group tasks geared towards the practical application of the methods learned (duration of this phase approx. 2.5 month). The assignment will be evaluated by a team of more than 30 experienced lecturers and researchers from the partner universities. The seminar guarantees feedback from and interaction with fellow PhD students and instructors throughout the programme.

Seminar contents

1. Doctrinal methods of legal research
2. Doctrinal methods vs. legal philosophical work
3. Comparative legal research in private and public law

4. Historical legal research
5. Critical legal research
6. Feminist approaches

Seminar Schedule

Date	Time (CEST/CET)	Activity
18 Sept.	19:00	Introduction to the seminar and Phase 1
26 Sept.	19:00	Q&A Doctrinal Legal Research
04 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Philosophical Legal Research
09 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Historical Legal Research
11 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Critical Legal Research
16 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Comparative Research in Private Law
18 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Feminist Approaches
23 Oct.	19:00	Q&A Comparative Research in Public Law
29 Oct.	23:59	Deadline Forum Entry
31 Oct.	19:00	Introduction Phase 2
11 Dec.	17:00	Presentation & Feedback Comp LR in Pub Law
11 Dec.	19:00	Presentation & Feedback Doctrinal LR
12 Dec.	17:00	Presentation & Feedback Phil LR
12 Dec.	19:00	Presentation & Feedback Historical LR
13 Dec.	17:00	Presentation & Feedback Critical LR
13 Dec.	19:00	Presentation & Feedback Comp LR in Priv Law
14 Dec.	17:00	Presentation & Feedback Feminist Approaches

Participation is free of charge.

Applications should be sent to applications.rewi@fernuni-hagen.de (please, indicate as subject “2023 CMR – Application”) until 11 September 2023.

For more information, please contact the EDELNet+ coordinator, juan.garciablesa@fernuni-hagen.de