



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

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Call for Applications

Online Seminar “Empirical Legal Research” (26 October 2022-09 February 2023)

The EDELNet+ PhD Training Programme in Methods and Skills of Legal Research invites PhD students in Law or in any other discipline (e.g. Sociology, Economics, Political Science, Philosophy) whose research topic is related to law to apply for participation in the 2022/23 edition of the interinstitutional **online seminar “Empirical Legal Research”**. LLM/MA/MSc students planning to enroll in the future as PhD students are also invited to apply.

Seminar description

The seminar “Empirical Legal Research” aims to get participants acquainted with the theory and practice of a series of methods of growing relevance in legal research (see contents below).

During the seminar students will work in cross-national groups of students from seven European countries. The seminar begins with a short theoretical input organized in online lectures, readings and exercises (duration of this phase approx. 1 month). 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. 1.5 month). Finally, regrouped in different teams participants will be asked to fulfil a final assignment (duration of this phase approx. 1 month) that will be evaluated by a team of experienced lecturers and researchers from the partner universities. The seminar guarantees feedback from and interaction with fellow PhD students and instructors throughout the programme.

Aside from enjoying great networking opportunities, participants may also apply for participation in a 5-day-long face-to-face intensive study programme that will be organized in Spring 2022 (venue to be determined).



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Seminar contents

Empirical Legal Research

1. What is Empirical Legal Studies? Relevance for present-day society and for legal practice
2. Communication between lawyers and other disciplines: challenges and risks
3. General principles of good empirical research
4. Empirical methods that may be used by lawyers, with help of examples of real empirical legal research:
 - Interviews (various types)
 - Observations
5. How to analyze and to present the results of these methods

Additional information

EDELNet+ is an interinstitutional network of 7 European universities, namely the University of Hagen (Germany), the Open University (United Kingdom), the University of Bologna (Italy), the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain), the University of Wroclaw (Poland), the University of Miskolc (Hungary) and the Open Universiteit (Netherlands). This blend of campus-based and online/distance teaching institutions allows this PhD Training Programme to combine best practices in traditional face-to-face teaching with state-of-the-art tools and techniques of blended learning and student-oriented teaching. These features also present a good opportunity for PhD students to actively participate in a diverse and cross-cultural academic environment and benefit from the access to a large pool of experienced legal researchers from across Europe.

Participation is free of charge. Candidates must be enrolled in one of the partner universities either as PhD or as Masters Students.

Applications will be considered until 20 October 2022.

For queries and application submissions, please email:

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