

Researching from the Bottom Up
Third Socio- Legal Residential Masterclass
St Catherine's College Oxford
3rd-4th September 2018

Registration details

This two day retreat aims to bring together doctoral students working on socio-legal projects involving an empirical element and will examine the methodological, practical and ethical issues involved in exploring law from the bottom up. The focus will be on methods of data collection and analysis which emphasise lived experiences of law. We will use the masterclasses to examine issues of agency and power in the relationship between the researcher and their subject/object; different ways of knowing and seeing; the researcher as translator or interpreter; the hazards of field research and the difficulties of theorising up.

The Masterclasses are intended to provide students with the opportunity to spend time with experienced socio-legal scholars talking about the ways in which methodologies developed by other disciplines can be used to explore law and legal phenomena from the bottom up. The sessions in the Masterclass will take the form of two different types of workshop, both of which are highly interactive and will be led by an established scholar in the field. In the first type of workshop, an expert will talk about the empirical research they have conducted using a particular methodology or method. They will be encouraged to talk about the stories behind the polished research outputs that have been produced as a result of their projects. Students will be set selected academic outputs of the workshop leaders to read in advance of the session in order to facilitate in-depth discussion. In the second type of workshop, students will be asked to flag up issues that they are facing in their own research for discussion by the group.

This event is designed for students working in the field of socio-legal studies in the second, third and fourth years of their PhD (or part time equivalent). Generous support by a consortium of the Oxford and LSE ESRC Doctoral Training partnerships, the Journal of Law and Society, the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and the Socio-legal Studies Association means that this event is free for ESRC funded students (except for travel) and that fifteen bursaries for everything but travel are also being made available. .

Please note only those awarded bursaries or funded by the ESRC will be eligible to attend. If you are not ESRC funded then any places booked will be provisional until the award of a bursary is confirmed.

Delegates who came to our first ESRC funded socio-legal residential masterclass in Windsor 2016 commented:

Thoroughly enjoyed the event and am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to do this. This event has already had a significant impact on how I see my research and no doubt will continue to shape my thinking in future. I'd love to do this again!

Thank you everyone! An amazing masterclass in a beautiful location! The 'retreat' format was really useful, a 'safe space for socio legal scholars'.

I am leaving knowing a lot more about socio-legal research and also feeling as part of a growing academic trend /community. Thank you for organising!'

How?	Register at: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/researching-from-the-bottom-up-third-socio-legal-residential-masterclass-registration-43549642152
What?	Third National DTP socio-legal Masterclass
When?	Monday 3 rd -Tuesday 4 th September 2018
Where?	St Catherine's College Oxford
How can I find out more about the venue?	Please visit: http://www.stcatz.ox.ac.uk/?q=node/37
Who is eligible to attend?	2 nd -4 th doctoral students working in the field of socio-legal studies
Funding application deadline	14 th June 2018

Further details

- St Catherine's College is the University of Oxford's newest mixed college and also one of the largest. It developed out of the St Catherine's Society, and was founded in 1962. The College is proud to count as members of its community **Nobel Laureates**, **Fellows of the Royal Society** and **Fellows of the British Academy**.
- Students will be allocated a single en-suite room for the night of Monday 3rd September. Rooms will be allocated in advance.
- Once you have registered you will be sent a final programme and reading list. There is an expectation that students will complete the reading list in advance of attending the event.
- Delegates are asked to submit by email a one side page of A4 summary description of their research project to admin@csls.ox.ac.uk alongside their Eventbrite registration.
- Please note spaces are limited.
- Students are expected to meet their own travel costs.
- St Catherine's is on the edge of the City Centre and we recommend that visitors arriving at the bus or train station take a taxi to the College, especially if they are bringing luggage. Walking from the City Centre to St Catherine's will take between 15 and 20 minutes or from the train station around 25-30 minutes.

Please note there is **no** on-site parking for delegates.

- Local taxi companies are listed below:

Radio Taxis – 01865 242424

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