

Methodology Masterclass
St Catherine's College Oxford
29th-30th July 2019

Registration details

This two day methodology retreat brings together doctoral students and experienced socio-legal who are working on empirical studies of law and legal phenomena. Now in its fourth year this methodology masterclass opportunities for students to examine the methodological, practical and ethical issues involved in exploring law from a socio-legal perspective. The focus this year will be on the interface between qualitative and quantitative methodologies and methods. More specifically we will be exploring the concept of mixed methods and triangulation, randomised controlled trials, content analysis of corporate reports, working in the field, the quantification of fieldnotes and using government statistics.

The Masterclasses are intended to provide students with the opportunity to spend time with experienced socio-legal scholars in exploring the challenges they have faced in their own empirical work and how they have overcome them. Workshop leaders this year include:

- Professor Linda Mulcahy, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Oxford
- Dr Marina Kurkchiyan, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies
- Professor Sally Wheeler, Australian National University
- Dr Eleanor Marchant, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies Oxford
- Dr Meredith Rossner, London School of Economics and Political science
- Dr Rebecca Sutton, Edinburgh University
- Professor Phil Thomas, Cardiff University

There are only 20 student places at this event in which the focus is on high quality group discussions. Places are free for ESRC funded research students (except for travel costs) and there are competitive bursaries for other places. 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.

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). It has been made possible as a result of generous support by the ESRC, the Journal of Law and Society, the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and the Socio-legal Studies Association means.

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 last year's Masterclass commented:

"It was great to hear about others' fascinating projects under the umbrella identity of socio-legal. I am the only one from my University in this field so it was valuable to feel part of a research community and relate to others in the field."

"I found the opportunity to network with other PhD students to be invaluable; doing a PhD is a very isolating experience and it was wonderful to share concerns/thoughts with other like-minded people. However, I think this event was uniquely helpful as it felt like a safe space to discuss different elements, particularly methodology, with other PhD students and established scholars."

"I liked...the opportunity to learn from leading socio-legal scholars who drew on their extensive experience of a wide variety of types of socio-legal research. In particular, I greatly appreciated their honesty about what went wrong with their research and how they addressed those issues. I also greatly appreciated the opportunity to meet and learn from other PhD students who are doing socio-legal research."

How?	Register at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/methodology-masterclass-2019-tickets-63330086995
What?	Methodology Masterclass 2019
When?	Monday 29 th – Tuesday 30 th July 2019
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	28 th June 2019

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 29th July. 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 001 Taxis – 01865 240000

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