Readings on theory and methods in socio-legal research

Key texts

The following websites contain interviews with prominent socio-legal scholars about their careers and choices and might be of interest in acclimatising you to the field:
Centre of law and Society, Cardiff: https://www.cardiff.ac.uk/research/explore/research-units/centre-of-law-and-society

To help you get a feel for the field you might also like to look at the following specialist journals: Journal of Law and Society, Law and Society Review, Social and legal Studies, Feminist legal studies, Law in Context, Law and Social inquiry, Empirical Legal Studies and the Journal of Social Welfare Law.

Additional reading

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Histories of socio-legal studies


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**Scenario building**
