

Conference of the Dutch Platform for Empirical Legal Studies (ELS) for starting ELS researchers

5 February 2021

Online 10:30-17:00 (including breaks)

Are you curious about what researchers are doing at other universities? Are you looking to learn more about the importance of empirical research for law? Utrecht University and Leiden University cordially invite you to the very first online conference for starting ELS researchers. The conference serves as a platform to bring young, enthusiastic and driven ELS scholars together in a research community, enabling discussions and providing networking opportunities.

This event will deal with creating a sound research design by addressing the different ways in which researchers may connect research goals, research questions, and empirical research methods. We will use breakout rooms to allow participants to discuss various research designs that can appropriately deal with current societal and academic questions. The day will also feature plenary presentations by young researchers who have used a combination of research methods in order to answer their research questions, including qualitative, survey and experimental research. During the day, there will be ample opportunity to connect with other researchers and we will close the day on a fun note!

Programme

- 10:30-10:45 Welcome! The Dutch ELS platform presents itself
With Ivo Giesen (Head of the Utrecht School of Law), Rianka Rijnhout, Kees van den Bos and Sonja Bekker (Research cluster [ERI](#): Empirical Legal Research into Institutions for Conflict Resolution - Utrecht University)
- 10:45-11:00 Introduction to ELS by Jessie Pool (Leiden University)
- 11:00-12:00 Parallel interactive workshops on research design (moderated by members of the platform ELS)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch break*
- 13:30-14:15 Presentation: Nina Holvast (Erasmus University Rotterdam) - 'Researching a hidden actor: the role and influence of judicial assistants in Dutch courts'
- 14:15-14:30 Break*
- 14:30-15:15 Presentation: Shosha Wiznitzer (Utrecht University) - 'Combining surveys and interviews in a defensive medicine study: why, how, and what (not) to do'
- 15:15-15:30 *Break*

15.30-15.45 Closing Helen Pluut (University Leiden) and Rianka Rijnhout (Utrecht University)

15:45-17:00 Meet your peers & Pub quiz

Registration

Register before 25 January 2021 by sending an email to ERI@uu.nl
You will receive a link to the online event a few days before the conference.