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Research Themes

CLIS supports all types of socio-legal research, including empirical research. The School of Law, University of Sheffield, has a long-standing reputation for socio-legal research, especially in public law fields. Links with the Sheffield Centre for International and European Law enhance the international, EU and comparative law work of the cluster. The law relating to public services, such as health and housing, is with the cluster’s current interests, and feeds national and international legal politics. The cluster’s work also interfaces with interactions between research and teaching, including the widening access agenda.

CLIS also hosts work on Legal Theory, including the jurisprudential Reading Group.

Research Links

Members of CLIS have many internal and external links. Notable externally are the departments of Politics, Landscape and Architecture, Economics, Sociological Studies and Journalism. Externally CLIS members are linked with the University of Liverpool, University of Newcastle, University of Nottingham, University of Birmingham, Queen’s University Belfast, New York University, De Montfort University, Agence Nationale d’Information sur le Logement

Seminar Series

CLIS organises an annual seminar series with presentations from a wide range of speakers, including internationally renowned academics and Sheffield staff and PhD students. Various topics are explored in the series with the purpose being to stimulate debate and explore different approaches to socio-legal study.

Current and Recent CLIS Activities

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Conference Presentations

- Estella Baker participated in the staff panel session at the University of Sheffield Faculty of Social Science Postgraduate Research Student Conference. Rebecca Sanders also presented a paper at this event that was attended by staff and students from across the Faculty.
- Jane Ball was invited to present ‘Fragmenting property for affordability: Shared ownership or “new” tenures in England and France’, University of Roehampton’s “Touring” Seminar Series, Roehampton, 13 May 2010.
- Tamara Harvery was invited to present ‘Adjudicating in the Shadow of the Informal Settlement?’ at the European Conference on Law and Policy to the Tel-Aviv University, Israel, 11-12 April 2010.
- Tamara Harvery and Mark Flear (University of Sheffield) presented ‘Mapping the defining features of the EU regulatory approach to new health technologies’ at the Regulation in the Age of Globalisation Conference, University of Sheffield, 18-20 May 2010.

Some Current and Recently Completed Research Students

- A Spirgga: Sentence decision making at the custody threshold in English Magistrates Courts following the Criminal Justice Act 2003.
- P Dragneva: Mediating Europeanisation: Challenges to the Transposition and Implementation of the Waste Management Aquas.
- R Sanders: Integration of European Mortgage Laws.

Recently Published Work

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