

# Preliminary Workshop Programme

## Socio-Legal Studies in Germany and the UK: Theory and Methods

Faculty of Law, Humboldt University Berlin

23-24 September 2019

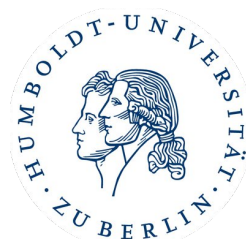
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- The Socio-Legal Studies Association, UK
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### Conveners:

- Dr Jen Hendry (University of Leeds) [j.hendry@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:j.hendry@leeds.ac.uk)
- Dr Naomi Creutzfeldt (University of Westminster) [n.creutzfeldt@westminster.ac.uk](mailto:n.creutzfeldt@westminster.ac.uk)
- Dr Christian Boulanger (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Recht im Kontext) [christian.boulanger@rewi.hu-berlin.de](mailto:christian.boulanger@rewi.hu-berlin.de)

The workshop discusses institutional contexts and scholarly traditions upon the development of those approaches that come under the banner of socio-legal studies in Germany and the UK. It has three core aims: 1) To consider how different academic traditions and institutional contexts have influenced the development of socio-legal research in Germany and the UK; 2) to scrutinise theoretical and methodological approaches with a view to exploring similarities and differences in both contexts; and 3) to start an initial dialogue among participants, and to publish the research resulting from these interactions with a view to forging closer ties across the German and UK socio-legal communities, and to facilitating future connections and collaborations. To achieve these aims, the workshop will reflect upon the similarities and differences between German Rechtssoziologie and socio-legal studies in the UK, with particular focus on the historical development of such ideas and approaches, as well as on identifying points of connection. It will look to generate initial conversations between scholars in these communities and to foster the continuation of such conversations subsequent to this event. Participants will discuss the relevant methodologies, theories and concepts used in the shaping of contemporary socio-legal studies in Germany and the UK.



## **September 23rd, 2019, 19:00**

Informal gathering and networking. Location: Ständige Vertretung (Schiffbauerdamm 8  
10 117 Berlin-Mitte)

## **September 24th, 2019**

Location: Seminar Room E25

08:00 Registration & Coffee

09:00 Welcome

- Antonia Layard, Vice President of the Socio-Legal Studies Association
- Michael Wrase, Vice President of the German Association of Law and Society

### **09:30-11:00 Session 1: Comparative Disciplinary Histories**

Chair: Jen Hendry

Stefan Machura (Bangor University)

Milestones and directions: Socio-legal studies in Germany and the United Kingdom

Ioannis Kampourakis, (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford)

Social Theories of Law in the UK and Germany: Questioning the Place of Theory in Socio-Legal Studies

Comment: Tanja Herklotz (Humboldt-University zu Berlin)

Socio-Legal Studies in Germany, the UK, the USA and India

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

### **11:30-13:30 Session 2: Theory Developments in Comparison**

Chair: Christian Boulanger

Reza Banakar (Lund University, Sweden)

The Rise of the Empirical Studies of the Law

Klaas Hendrik Eller (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin)

Entangled histories of „Contract and society“: Socio-legal influence on paradigms of contract in the UK and Germany

Timur Bocharov (Kent Law School)

Legal Culture v. Recht als Kultur: the UK and German Approaches to Law and Culture

Walter Fuchs (Institute for the Sociology of Law and Criminology, Vienna) &

Andrea Kretschmann (Centre Marc Bloch, Berlin)

Waves of cultural perspectives on law in the history of German-language Sociology of Law

**13:30-14:30 Lunch Break (Buffet)**

**14:30 - 16:30 Session 3: Using Socio-Legal Methods**

Chair: Naomi Creutzfeldt

Amanda Perry-Kessaris (Kent Law School)

Doing sociolegal research in design mode

Antonia Layard (University of Bristol Law School)

Thinking about Urban Law

Allison Lindner (Kent Law School)

A methodology for an economic sociology of law approach to the South African waste management economy

Jess Mant (School of Law and Politics, Cardiff University)

Using socio-legal tools to deconstruct the Family Courtroom

16:30 - 17:00 Coffee Break

**17:00 Roundtable (wrap-up)**

**19:00 Dinner**

The workshop is open for a small audience. A conference fee for non presenting participants of 50,00 € will be charged upon registration (includes catering and dinner). Please register at: [register@rechtimkontext.de](mailto:register@rechtimkontext.de).