

Call for Applications

Online Seminar “Contemporary Methods of Legal Research” (17 February-15 Jun 2022)

The EDELNet+ PhD Training Programme in Methods and Skills of Legal Research invites PhD students and students planning to do in the future a PhD in Law to apply for participation in the 2022 edition of the inter-institutional online seminar “Contemporary Methods of Legal Research”

Participation is free of charge. Candidates must be enrolled in one of the partner universities either as PhD or as Masters Students.

Applications will be considered from 5th till 7th February 2022.

For queries and application submission, please contact [michal.stepien@uwr.edu.pl]

Seminar goals

After completing this course participants should be able to:

- Understand different ways of thinking and problematizing law;
- Identify when and how these diverse modes of thinking and doing research can be blended in practice and to what effect;
- Apply the basic modes of legal research typical of the different research styles presented to their own research.

In order to fulfill these goals, the course offers a theoretical description of the modes of research listed above with reference to external sources for further reading and a number of individual and group exercises in each of the sections with which participants will have the opportunity to test their understanding and transfer their knowledge to their actual research.

The seminar guarantees feedback from and interaction with fellow PhD students and instructors throughout the programme.

Seminar contents

Contemporary Methods of Legal Research

1. Doctrinal legal research
2. Philosophical legal research
3. Comparative research in Private Law
4. Historical legal research
5. Critical legal research
6. Feminist approaches
7. Comparative Research in Public Law

Additional information

The online seminar and the intensive study programme are based on a student-centered approach and designed to enhance interactive synchronous and asynchronous peer-learning in a cross-European community of PhD students and research instructors. The activities also aim to train participants in transversal skills such as intercultural communication, project-management, public speaking, etc.

EDELNet+ is an inter-institutional network of 7 European Universities, namely the University of Hagen (Germany), the Open University (United Kingdom), the University of Bologna (Italy), the Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia (Spain), the University of Wrocław (Poland), the University of Miskolc (Hungary) and the Open Universiteit (Netherlands). This blend of campus-based and on-line/distance teaching institutions allows this PhD Training Programme to combine best practices in traditional face-to-face teaching with state-of-the-art tools and techniques of blended learning and student oriented teaching. These features also present a good opportunity for PhD students to actively participate in a diverse and cross-cultural academic environment and benefit from the access to a large pool of experienced legal researchers from across Europe.

Aside from the great networking opportunities participants in this seminar may also apply for participation in a 5-day-long face-to-face intensive study programme that will be organized in September 2022 in Germany (venue to be determined). Travel and accommodation expenses connected with participation in the programme will be covered by the organization according to the criteria established by the funding programme, the DAAD-International Virtual Academic Collaborations.

For further information, please visit the website of the programme at graduateschool.edelnet.eu