

Activity Report

2025



OÑATI INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE
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Where
social
meets
legal



Camilo understands socio-legal scholarship as a powerful tool for critical thinking and collective transformation. For him, legal research must go beyond theory: it should generate concrete methodologies, practical knowledge, and hands-on tools to address the most pressing social problems. His work reflects a deep commitment to practice-oriented research with real-world impact—placing the implementation of justice, social programs, and institutional reform at the heart of academic inquiry.

Camilo Eduardo Umaña Hernández

*PhD in Criminology from the University of Ottawa.
PhD in Legal Sociology from the University of the Basque Country.
IISL Scientific Director 2025–2027.*





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About us

The International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati (IISL) is a non-profit academic organisation with the form of a private foundation under the public regime. According to its Bylaws, the IISL focuses on international scientific and technical research in the sociology of law, undertaking its functions mainly in the Basque Country.

The IISL was set up in 1988 by representatives of the Basque Government and of the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL) within the context of the International Sociological Association. Its headquarters, central services and library specialising in the sociology of law are located at the Old University in Oñati. The premises have been loaned by the Provincial Authority of Gipuzkoa, one of the three provinces of the Basque Country. IISL users also have the option of staying at the Antía Residence at Plaza Santa Marina, 5, in the heart of Oñati. This is a historic 18th-century building belonging to Oñati Local Authority.

The IISL is closely linked to other public institutions in the Basque Country, such as the University of the Basque Country (EHU) and the Basque Foundation for Science, Ikerbasque. The Scientific Director of the IISL is affiliated with both institutions, and the IISL organises an International Master's Programme in the Sociology of Law for the EHU.

Mission

In accordance with its Bylaws, the main goal of the IISL is to achieve advancements in research into the sociology of law, actively following developments in the different fields of the subject through academic discussion, analysis and comparison. To this end, the IISL maintains its relations with the University of the Basque Country and with other Basque institutions, to facilitate its integration within the local context and its relationship with the Basque people, their society and culture.

Vision

The IISL aims to serve as a beacon for the international sociology of law. In accordance with its Bylaws, this would above all mean generating a genuine spirit of scientific research, without being hampered by any competitive academic goals. The prevailing motivation would instead be to learn from each other, engage in constructive critiques and share experiences, perceptions and knowledge.

Values

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*Workshops, conventions, meetings,
summer courses, residential bursaries*

International Master in Sociology of Law

Official Master's Programme of the EHU

Research-focused programme, providing the underlying conceptual principles and methodological skills to embark on social and legal research projects.

Together with the University of the Basque Country (EHU) and the University of Milan, the IISL offers its students the possibility of taking a double degree course: entitled International University Master's Degree in Sociology of Law / LLM in Law and Sustainable Development.



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2024/2025 Programme

Quantitative Approaches to Research

SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH AND THESIS SEMINAR II
07 - 10 Jan. 2025



Ignacia Perugorria
University of the Basque Country

Qualitative Approaches to Research

SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH AND THESIS SEMINAR III
13 - 17 Jan. 2025



Santiago Amietta
Keele University

Beyond Law and Technology: Socio-legal Approaches to the Digital Era I

NEW ISSUES IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES
20 - 31 Jan. 2025

Anthropological Approaches to Justice: A Decolonial Introduction to Key Problems, Methods, and Perspectives

ANTHROPOLOGY OF LAW
03 - 14 Feb. 2025



Martin Ramstedt
Max Planck Institute for Social
Anthropology

Global Justice and Transnational Legal Mobilization

THE SOCIOLOGY OF LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
17 - 28 Feb. 2025



Karolina Kocemba
European University Institute
Michał Stambulski
Erasmus University Rotterdam

Glocalisation and Crime

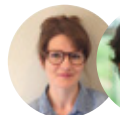
SOCIOLOGY OF CRIME AND DEVIANCE
03 - 14 Mar. 2025



Gema Varona
University of the Basque Country

Law and Political Economy

GLOBALISATION, THE ECONOMY AND SOCIOLOGY OF LAW II
17 - 28 Mar. 2025



Anna Chadwick
University of Glasgow
Ioannis Kampourakis
Erasmus University Rotterdam

2025/2026 Programme

Law and technological culture: Artificial intelligence and Human Rights: transhumanism, neuro-rights and bioethics

NEW ISSUES IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES I
22 - 26 Sep. 2025



Iker Nabaskues
University of the Basque Country

The irruption of artificial intelligence in the field of the legal professions and judicial organization

NEW ISSUES IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES II
29 Sep. - 03 Oct. 2025



Xabier Fernández Galarreta
University of the Basque Country

Migration and Law: Governance, control and integration

GLOBALISATION, THE ECONOMY AND SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
06 - 10 Oct. 2025



Iker Barbero
University of the Basque Country

Law and Social Theory

LAW AND SOCIAL THEORY
13 - 24 Oct. 2025



Marta Bucholc
University of Warsaw

Legal Cultures: A Comparative Perspective

SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH AND THESIS SEMINAR I
27 - 31 Oct. 2025



Joxerramon Bengoetxea
University of the Basque Country

Psychosocial Processes in the Courtroom

THE SOCIOLOGY OF LITIGATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION
03 - 14 Nov. 2025



Mateusz Stepień
Jagiellonian University

Quantitative Approaches to Research

SOCIO-LEGAL RESEARCH AND THESIS SEMINAR II
17 - 21 Nov. 2025



Ignacia Perugorria
University of the Basque Country

Behaviour of Legal Professionals and Institutional Context

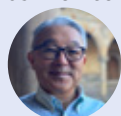
LEGAL PROFESSIONS, THEORY & PRACTICE
24 Nov. - 05 Dec. 2025



Karina Ansolabehere
National Autonomous University
of Mexico

Original Nation Approaches to Inter-National Law

MAIN ISSUES IN CONTEMPORARY SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
08 - 19 Dec. 2025



Hiroshi Fukurai
University of California, Santa Cruz

17 TEACHERS
FROM

10 UNIVERSITIES

23 STUDENTS
FROM

17 COUNTRIES

12 STUDENTS
ON INDIVIDUAL
COURSES FROM **9** COUNTRIES





Workshops

The Foundation of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, provides the perfect setting for discussions and the exchange of ideas about topics concerning the Sociology of Law.

The Workshops are held in the building of the Sancti Spiritus University (a Renaissance building founded in 1540). Participants can stay at the Antia Residence (an 18th-century building) located in the town centre.

Legal Mobilization and Infrastructures of Protest Culture

The legal afterlife of war and revolution

Legal Survivals and Global Legal Pluralism

Deliberalization of Democracies? Understanding Regression of Rights and the Criminalization of Struggles for Rights in the Global South and North

Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR) under the Spectrum of Sex, Gender and Sexuality

Assisted Reproduction Is Coming of Age: ARTs before the Legislative and Social Claims of the Conceived

Tourism and Sustainability? Toward a new socio-legal research agenda

Workshop for the Expert Research Group: “Best practices for remote participation in criminal proceedings”

Theorizing Carceral Desires, Imagining Non-Carceral Futures: Methodologies and Conceptual Frameworks

The Power of Humiliation in XXI century: law, society, culture

Life after exoneration; is the worst yet to come?

Gender Just Transitions: Cultivating Equality For A Sustainable Economy

The impact of artificial intelligence on popular culture and law: a socio-legal analysis

Finding Nomos: Revisiting Legal Anthropology’s Critical Empirical Grounds
A Workshop on How Law Matters.

The law of Global Value Chains: Theory and Practice at Work

50 COORDINATORS
FROM

36 UNIVERSITIES

271 PARTICIPANTS





Visits

Each year we receive some 40 visitors from around the world, which in itself constitutes a great opportunity for academic exchange.

The visitors enjoy our library, a global flagship in the field of the sociology of law. They can also stay at the Antía Residence, a place to gather and rest, as they continue their research.

Lindberg, Anya

University of Minnesota - USA
06 - 09 Jan. 2025

Agnella, Costanza

Università degli Studi di Torino - Italy
07 - 17 Jan. 2025

Ruiz Rivera, Naxhelli

UNAM - Mexico
07 - 26 Jan. 2025

Monnereau, Anna Camille Dominique

Bangor University - United Kingdom
07 Jan. - 03 Feb. 2025

Esteve Alguacil, Laura

Universitat de València - Spain
07 Jan. - 09 Feb. 2025

Vrána, Hynek

Masaryk University - Czech Republic
02 - 16 Feb. 2025

Budeanu, Delia-Elisa

Universidad Carlos III - Spain
17 - 25 Feb. 2025

Zimmermann, Wim

University of Salzburg - Austria
17 Feb. - 03 Mar. 2025

Millaleo Hernández, Salvador

Universidad de Chile - Chile
18 Feb. - 06 Mar. 2025

Budeanu, Delia-Elisa

Universidad Carlos III - Spain
04 - 07 Mar. 2025

Van der Aa, Suzan

Maastricht University - Netherlands
17 - 22 Mar. 2025

Gutmann, Andreas

Kassel University - Germany
24 Feb. - 23 Mar. 2025

Green, Simon

University of Hull - United Kingdom
17 - 28 Mar. 2025

Budeanu, Delia-Elisa

Universidad Carlos III - Spain
24 - 31 Mar. 2025

Flores Castillo, Ashley

Universidad Veracruzana - Mexico
03 Mar. - 03 Apr. 2025

Hadad, Dina

Université Paris Nanterre - France
22 Mar. - 05 Apr. 2025

Ochodková, Kateřina

Masaryk University - Czech Republic
04 Mar. - 15 Apr. 2025

Alizadeh Westerling, Frida Carolina

University of Helsinki - Finland
12 - 17 May. 2025

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RESEARCHERS
FROM
21 COUNTRIES

Rojas Paez, Gustavo José

University of the Basque Country - Spain
14 - 23 May. 2025

Bakan, Joel

University of British Columbia - Canada
20 - 27 May. 2025

Pavlou, Vera

University of Glasgow - United Kingdom
02 - 09 Jun. 2025

Faustino, Isabella

University of Coimbra - Portugal
02 - 13 Jun. 2025

McKay, Carolyn

University of Sydney - Australia
14 - 21 Jun. 2025

Rodak, Lidia

University of Silesia - Italy
22 - 28 Jun. 2025

Chérrez Bermejo, Ana Mónica

Universidad Pública de Navarra - Spain
06 - 11 Jul. 2025

Dioso-Villa, Rachel

Griffith University - Australia
26 Jun. - 11 Jul. 2025

Blázquez Ruiz, F. Javier

Universidad Pública de Navarra - Spain
06 - 11 Jul. 2025

Rosario, Iris

Universidad de Puerto Rico - Puerto Rico
15 Jun. - 14 Jul. 2025

Suárez Ávila, Alberto Abad

UNAM - Mexico
14 - 18 Jul. 2025

Pizzolatto Konzen, Lucas

Federal University of Rio Grande do Sul - Brazil
13 - 19 Jul. 2025

Křištofík, Andrej

Masaryk University - Czech Republic
01 - 20 Jul. 2025

Ceresa Gastaldo, Francesca

University of Genoa - Italy
28 Feb. - 20 Jul. 2025

Lopez Espino, Jessica Susana

University of California - USA
19 - 30 Jul. 2025

Munro, Rebecca

University of Warwick - United Kingdom
10 - 17 Sep. 2025

Jackson, Jonathan

London School of Economics and Political Science
- United Kingdom
10 - 27 Sep. 2025

Caltekin, Demet Ash

Durham University - United Kingdom
11 Sep. - 01 Oct. 2025

Carey, Samuel

Stockholm University - Sweden
15 Sep. - 03 Oct. 2025

Bonfigli, Fiammetta

University of Vienna - Austria
22 Sep. - 06 Oct. 2025

Vrolijk, Marloes

University of Antwerp - Netherlands
05 - 12 Oct. 2025

Skoblik, Konstantin

University of Helsinki - Finland
23 Sep. - 20 Oct. 2025

Hoehn, Felix

University of Saskatchewan - Canada
23 Sep. - 22 Oct. 2025

Meier Rivadeneira, Pablo

Universidad Santiago de Chile - Chile
12 - 26 Oct. 2025

Di Luciano, Carolina

University of Turin - Italy
08 - 28 Oct. 2025

Woodlock, John

Lund University - Sweden
03 Oct. - 01 Nov. 2025

Chase, Anthony Tirado

Occidental College - USA
04 - 12 Nov. 2025

Capriles Moreno, Victoria

Universidad Metropolitana - Venezuela
10 - 14 Nov. 2025

Ostau De Lafond De Leon, Francisco Rafael

Universidad Católica de Colombia - Colombia
02 - 06 Dec. 2025

Dahlvik, Julia

University of Applied Sciences Campus Wien - Austria
01 - 12 Dec. 2025

Ionita, Laura

Universidad de La Laguna - Spain
11 Oct. - 19 Dec. 2025

Quirk, Jack

Brown University - USA
01 - 20 Dec. 2025

Avila Currás, Mónica

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (VU) - Netherlands
23 Nov. - 23 Dec. 2025

Tukwariba Yin, Elijah

University of Cape Coast - Ghana
28 Nov. 2025 - 07 Jan. 2026

Mariella Carrino Grant - in memoriam

The International Institute for the Sociology of Law of Oñati (IISL) and the Carrino family have created the “Mariella Carrino Annual Program for the promotion of socio-legal research”.

Through this programme, in memory of Mariella Carrino and her post-published doctoral thesis work, her family wishes to promote scientific studies on social conflict, housing policy and housing rights, and thus facilitate the careers of young researchers interested in these subjects, by providing an annual financial contribution of 4000€ for this purpose.



Antía Residence

The Antía Residence is a historic building dating from the 18th century, just a few minutes' walk from the Institute.

The Governing Board of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, offers residential bursaries for visitors with a working project to undertake at the Institute Library, whether doctoral students (maximum stay of 2 months) or for post-doctoral researchers (maximum stay of 2 weeks), with the possibility of extending their stay as visiting professors. Residential bursaries are also available for Master's students.



Jay, Matthew

University College London, United Kingdom
07 - 21 Jan. 2025

Zimmermann, Wim

University of Salzburg, Austria
03 - 16 Feb. 2025

Heredia Ligorria, Cristian Javier

University of the West of England, United Kingdom
12 Oct. - 12 Nov. 2025

Struppe-Schanda, Julia

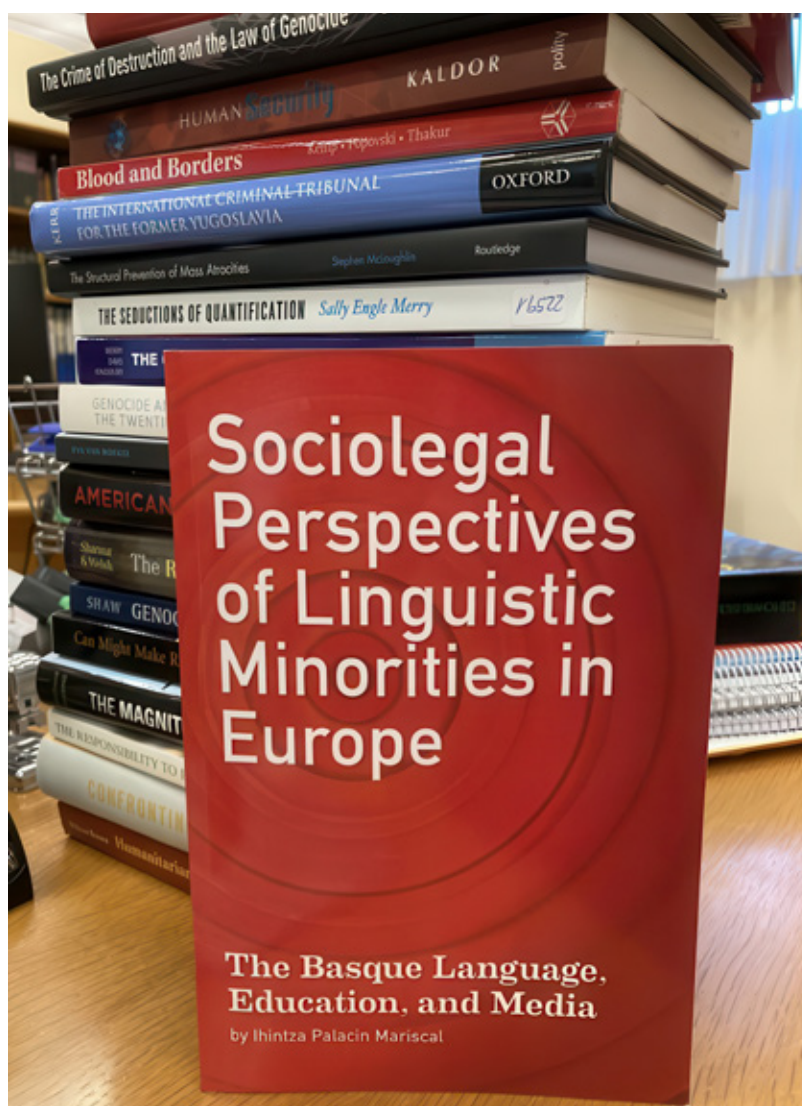
Sigmund Freud University Vienna, Austria
09 Nov. - 05 Dec. 2025

Library

The library opened in 1989, specialising in the sociology of law, and is open to all users. The internally designed thematic book classification system sets out the areas and subareas of the sociology of law.

More than 22,000 volumes can be consulted in the two reading rooms, along with practically complete collections of journals covering the Sociology of Law, as well as other topics.

The catalogue contains more than 120,000 records of books, chapters and collective works, journal articles and electronic documents, analysed by keyword. Users can also access the online catalogue of the IISL and the catalogue of the University of the Basque Country.



Acquisitions

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Financial donation

2000€ From Wanda Capeller
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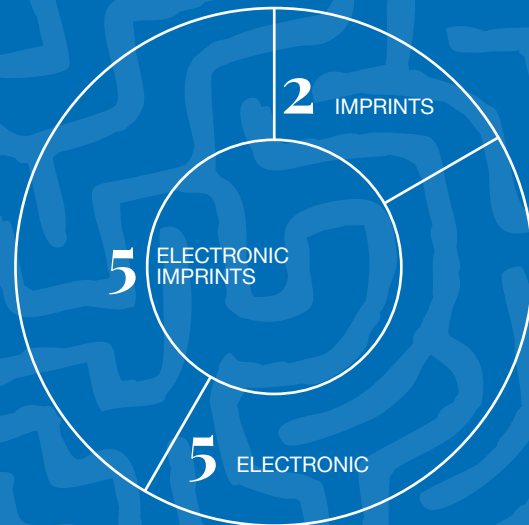
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CAPELLER



DONATION

IN MEMORY OF ANDRÉ-JEAN ARNAUD

The International Institute for the Sociology of Law of Oñati (IISL) is grateful for the generous donation of 2000€ from Wanda Capeller, André-Jean Arnaud's widow, in memory of André-Jean Arnaud.

This financial donation complements the donation already received in 2018 of the collection of works that belonged to André-Jean Arnaud, one of the founders and first scientific director of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law (IISL).

À LA MÉMOIRE D'ANDRÉ-JEAN ARNAUD

L'Institut international de sociologie du droit d'Oñati (IISL) est reconnaissant de la généreuse donation financière de 2000 € de Wanda Capeller, veuve d'André-Jean Arnaud, en mémoire d'André-Jean Arnaud.

Ce don financier vient compléter le don déjà reçu en 2018 de la collection d'ouvrages ayant appartenu à André-Jean Arnaud, l'un des fondateurs et premier directeur scientifique de l'Institut international de sociologie du droit (IISL).



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Oñati Socio-Legal Series

JOURNAL

Publications

The Institute serves as a single platform for the publication of innovative research in the field of the sociology of law. The Workshops held at the IISL serve as a unique launchpad to develop publications of high-quality series of books, focusing in particular on topics connected with the Basque Country. We also publish academic articles in our journals OSLS and SORTUZ.

International journal publishing studies within the context of the sociology of law, including any research which aims to understand and analyse the law as a set of social institutions, processes, practices or techniques, employing the specific methodology and approach of the social sciences and humanities.



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El derecho a la vida familiar y el impacto de la autonomía y el afecto en la adopción

Natalia de la Torre, Marisa Herrera y Federico Notrica
University of Buenos Aires / National University of Avellaneda



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Judges under stress: Institutions, ideology and resistance

Peter Čuroš - Nomos: Centre for International Research on Law, Culture and Power based at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków



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Social and legal challenges of the new paradigm of intellectual disability. A commitment to human rights, inclusion and equality

Ana Isabel Herrán Ortiz - Deusto University



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Sociology of law and prison studies: The social uses of law within the prison's legal field

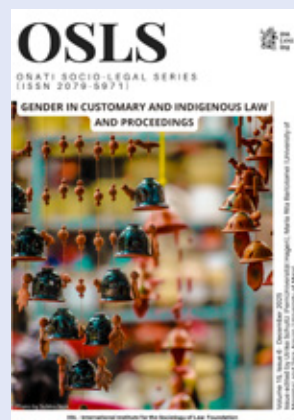
Luca Sterchele - Università degli Studi di Torino
Francesca Vianello - Università di Padova



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Decolonising Plural Legal Orders, Decentring Epistemological Paradigms

Katrin Seidel y Martin Ramstedt
Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg



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Gender in Customary and Indigenous Law and Proceedings

Ulrike Schultz - FernUniversität Hagen
Maria Rita Bartolomei - University of Messina
Sara Araújo - University of Maia

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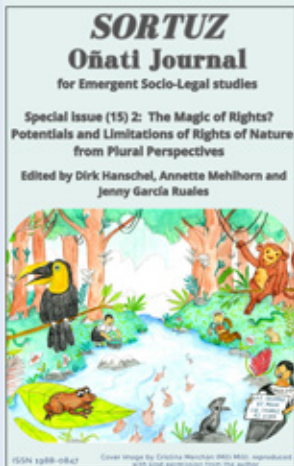
Journal intended as a virtual but real platform to underpin the emerging community in the area of law and society, by disseminating quality research. Sortuz likewise aims to serve as a meeting point extending the reach of the Oñati community out to those who have no prior contact with the IISL.



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Fake news, democracy, and law – Contemporary challenges

Izabela Zonato Villas Boas -
Universidade Presbiteriana Mackenzie
Leire Kortabarría - Oñati IISJ



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The Magic of Rights? Potentials and Limitations of Rights of Nature from Plural Perspectives

Dirk Hanschel - University of Halle-Wittenberg/
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Annette Mehlhorn - Humboldt University of Berlin/
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology
Jenny García-Ruales - Philipps University of Marburg/
Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology

2 PUBLICATIONS
WITH
31 PUBLISHED
ARTICLES

AUTHORS FROM
14 COUNTRIES

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Oñati International Series in Law and Society

BOOK

These volumes are eclectic in their discipline, methodology and theoretical perspectives, but all share a comparative approach. They originate in the workshops organised by the Foundation of the International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, and are painstakingly reviewed in Hart and with external reviewers.



Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad

BOOK

Series published and distributed by the publishing house Dykinson. This series, published in Spanish, offers the latest advances and trends in the sociology of law, both in Spain and in Latin America. They are reviewed, curated and edited by the editorial panel of the IISL series.



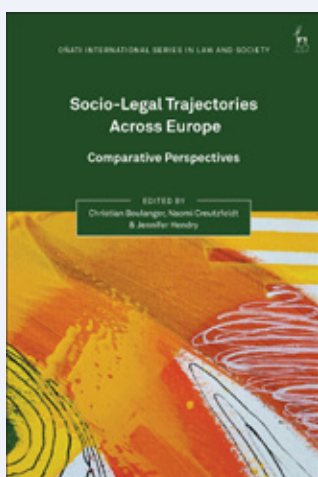
Parole Futures: Rationalities, Institutions and Practices

Harry Annison
Nicola Carr
Thomas Guiney
Anthology Editors



La Ley 15/2022, de 12 de julio, integral para la igualdad de trato y la no discriminación: Aportaciones multidisciplinares y teórico-críticas

Alazne Irigoien Domínguez
Juana Goizueta Vértiz
Maggie Barrère Unzueta
Colección Oñati: Derecho y Sociedad -- Dykinson
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Socio-Legal Trajectories Across Europe: Comparative Perspectives

Christian Boulanger
Naomi Creutzfeldt
Jennifer Hendry
Anthology Editors

Research Committee on Sociology of Law (RCSL)

The Research Committee in Sociology of Law (RCSL) was established in 1962 as Research Committee 12 (RC12) of the International Sociological Association (ISA) with the aim to promote international comparative sociolegal research and teaching. With the Government of the Basque Autonomous Community, it founded the IISL, by an agreement signed 23 December 1988. Since that time, it participates in the governance of the Institute and contributes to its activities.

President (2023-2027): **Pierre Guibentif**
Secretary (2023-2027): **Stefanie Lemke** (until February 2025); **Laura Noemi Lora** (from July 2025 on)

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MEMBERS FROM
49 COUNTRIES



Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene - V ISA Forum of Sociology, with the participation of RCSL

RCSL 2025 Annual Meeting (Programme Coordinator: Pierre Guibentif) consisted in the participation of RCSL in the V ISA Forum of Sociology, Rabat, Morocco, 6-11 July 2025, organized under the heading Knowing Justice in the Anthropocene. Within that framework, RCSL organized 18 thematic sessions, and participated in three sessions organized by other Research Committees. A detailed programme book is available on the RCSL website. Shalini Randeria, ISA representative in the IISL Governing Board, made a presentation of the IISL at the opening session and at the RCSL Business meeting.

At the occasion of this 2025 Annual Meeting, the Podgórecki Prize created 2004 by RCSL was awarded ex aequo to Håkan Hydén and Ulrike Schultz, by a jury formed by Susana Santos (chair), Ferdinando Spina and Joao Velloso.

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PARTICIPANTS FROM
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Apart from its general 2025 Annual Meeting, RCSL held two webinars organized by Stefanie Lemke, one on 14 January, about the project Global Value Chains through a Temporality Lense, introducing to Working Group Social and Legal Systems, with presentations by Stine Piilgaard Perner Nielsen and Luisa Teresa Hedler Ferreira; the other on 11 March, presenting Working Group Dispute Resolution, and comparing mediation procedures in Italy and Japan, with presentations of Hideaki Irie and Luigi Cominelli.

Apart from the meetings organized by RCSL, some of the RCSL Working Groups organized their own meetings. From 17 to 18 July, the RCSL Working Group on Law and Popular Culture held a workshop at the IISL. Its topic was The impact of artificial intelligence on popular culture and law: a socio-legal analysis. It was organised by Iker Nabaskues and Francisco Javier Fernández Galarreta, and introduced by Stefan Machura, the Working Group's Chair, with an opening presentation "Law and technology in popular culture". Working Group on Comparative Legal Culture and Working Group on Knowledge and Opinion about Law – Legal Consciousness jointly organized a workshop on 8 December 2025 in Budapest, at Eötvös Loránd University Faculty of Law, organized by Balázs Fekete and Agnieszka Kubal.

Working Group Comparative Studies of Legal Professions started the preparation of their 2026 Meeting, to take place in Rotterdam at Erasmus University from 22 to 23 June 2026, under the organising theme Lawyers and the Rule of Law Under Pressure.

In 2025, the RCSL Newsletter was published by a new editorial team, including Julia Dahlvik and Luisa Hedler, Co-Editors In-Chief, with a new layout, designed by Patricia André, new webmaster of RCSL. This new team was set up after the resignation of Pablo Ciochini, who coordinated the RCSL Newsletter from 2019 to 2024. As in other years, two issues were published: 2025(1) on 21 March, and 2025 (2) on 11 December. Among many other materials these two issues of the RCSL Newsletter included tributes to Elías Díaz, by Javier de Lucas, and to Guy Rocher, by Yan Sénechal.

Spring 2025, RCSL started the preparation of its 2026 Annual Meeting to take place in Santiago de Chile. The organization of the meeting is coordinated by Aldo Mascareño. The topic of the meeting, The Democratic Rule of Law in World

Society was announced at the occasion of the Rabat 2025 Annual Meeting. The official website of the meeting, as well as the call for papers were made public on 7 November, with a deadline for abstract submission on 29 December (later extended to 18 January 2026).

2025 was a year of intense work on the International Encyclopedia of Sociology of Law, under the coordination of General Editors Ulrike Schultz, Håkan Hydén and Peter Scharff Smith, with the active involvement of most RCSL Working Groups. Publication is planned for end 2026.

Two meetings of the RCSL Board took place, on 11 March and 30 September. Among the main points of its agenda were issues linked to the IISL: in March the promotion of the call for a new IISL Scientific Directorship; in September, the introduction of Camilo Umaña, the new Scientific Director, who presented a new Research Programme for the IISL.

On invitation of Matías Castro de Achaval, President of the Sociedad Argentina de Sociología Jurídica (SASJu), and President of the Asociación Latino-Americana de Derecho y Sociedad (ALADES), Pierre Guibentif participated in the 2025 SASJu Annual Meeting, San Miguel de Tucumán, 22-24 October 2025, at the same time XV Pre-Congreso Latinoamericano de sociología jurídica, with a view to the strengthening of the links between RCSL and Latin-American socio-legal associations.

Throughout the year 2025, the involvement of RCSL in the functioning of IISL was particularly intense. It supported Shalini Randeria, newly appointed by ISA President Geoffrey Pleyer as representative of ISA in the IISL Governing Board, introducing her to the history and current situation of the Institute. Its representatives actively participated in three meetings of the IISL Governing Board. Masayuki Murayama, former RCSL President, chaired the RCSL Nominating Committee in charge with the handling of the call for a new scientific director which had to be issued in March, a call which led to the appointment, by decision of the IISL Governing Board, after the assessment of the applications received both by the RCSL Nominating Committee and by Ikerbasque, of Camilo Umaña. Teresa Piconto Novales participated in the follow up commission of the IISL-EHU agreement about the Master's programme. Pierre Guibentif participated in the Delegate Commission of the IISL Governing Board.



Oñati Community

The Oñati Community, established in 2016, aims to strengthen and sustain connections among individuals affiliated with the IISL. In recent years, it has developed into an active platform dedicated to fostering academic engagement, dialogue, and collaboration in the field of socio-legal studies.

Its core areas of activity include:

- Organising international academic webinars
- Coordinating IISL Research Lines
- Developing a mentoring programme
- Managing the Manolo Calvo Award
- Enhancing communication and strengthening the IISL global network



Presentation of the IISL 2026 Research Lines

On Wednesday, 26 November 2025, the Scientific Director, in collaboration with Oñati Community, organised the presentation of the IISL's Research Lines for 2026.

Since then, six research lines have been opened with more than 200 people taking part in them.

Mentoring Scheme

The Oñati Community is leveraging its extensive and knowledgeable network to connect Mentors and Mentees through its Mentoring Programme. Interested participants—whether as mentors or mentees—complete a form covering more than ten research areas and indicate whether they prefer an academic or a more professional mentoring pathway. Based on these forms, the organizers work to create the best possible matches.

The first joint meeting of Mentors and Mentees took place in May 2023, offering an opportunity to share experiences and discuss improvements for future editions of the OC Mentoring Scheme. It was also a valuable moment for all participants to meet and connect.

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Manolo Calvo Award 2025

The Oñati Community has awarded for the past four years the special prize of 500 € (MANOLO CALVO AWARD). Next year will be the fifth and final year of the award. As part of this closing stage, we plan to organize a commemorative webinar in honour of Manolo Calvo, inviting the four award recipients and individuals connected with Professor Calvo.

Prof. Manuel (Manolo) Calvo García (1956-2020) was Full Professor of Philosophy of Law and Sociology of Law at the University of Zaragoza, and Scientific Director of the Oñati International Institute for the Sociology of Law (2002-2003). On his death, members of the Oñati Community (OC) generously donated to keep his scientific legacy and the OC decided to set up a Committee to organise a special award carrying his name through the IISL.

Friendship Programme

The Friendship Programme offers international visitors (students, teachers and researchers) and local people the chance of mutual cultural exchange, unforgettable experiences and improving their language skills. Oñati Friends from the local community make it possible to learn about Basque/ Spanish culture and everyday life.

SEPTEMBER / OCTOBER 2025: Welcome and introduction to Master's teachers, students and visiting scholars to the Basque Culture. An exchange with visiting scholars, former master's students and local people.



Institutional relations

The IISL has links to and collaborates with different institutions and universities, both national and international. Examples include: Basque Government, AIS / RCSL, Provincial Authority of Gipuzkoa, Local Authority of Oñati, University of the Basque Country, Ikerbasque, UIK, Deusto University.

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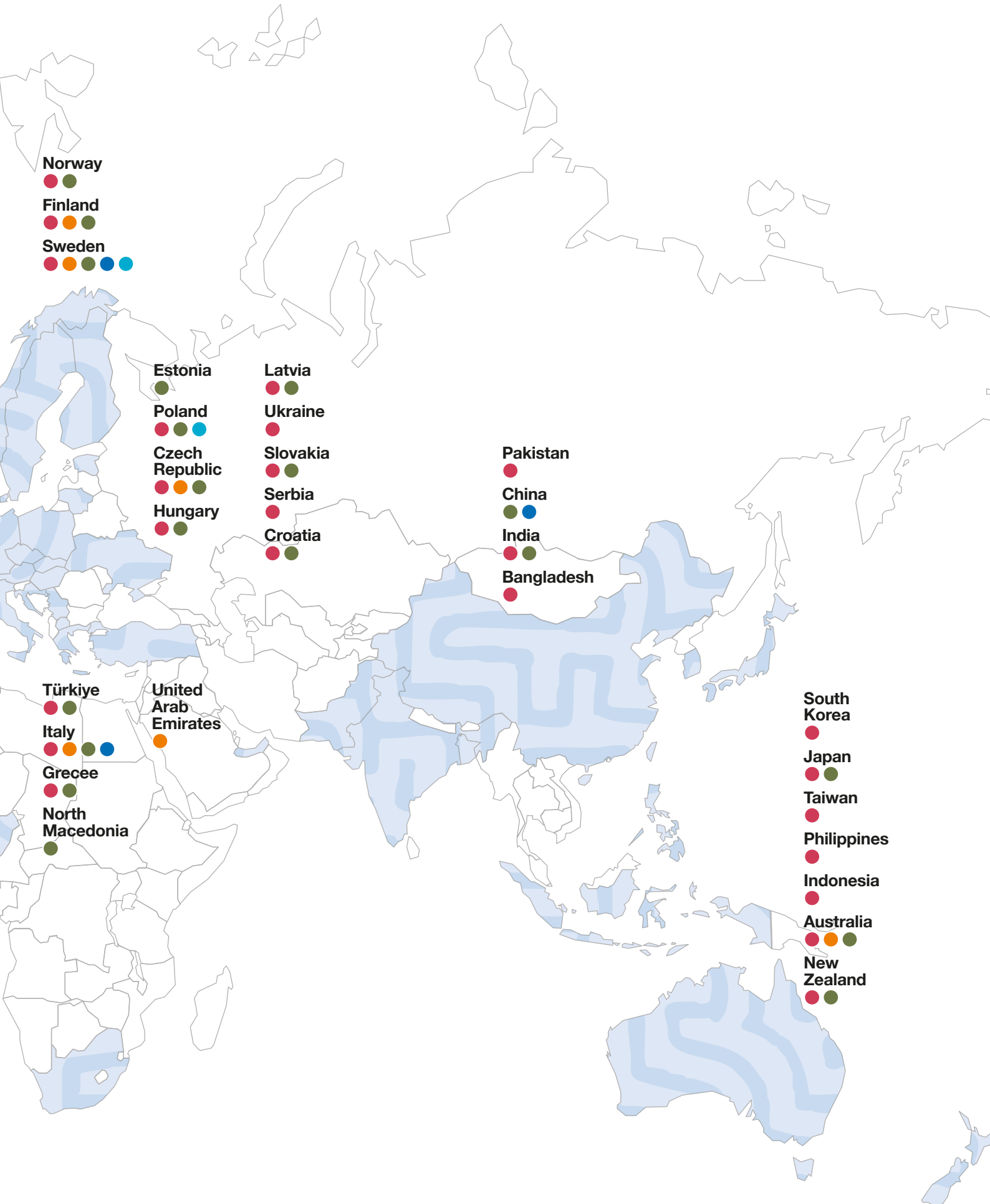
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