

Interdisciplinarity @ Law Faculty

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Background

Until late 1980s: Finnish law in Finnish, legal positivism as 'methodology': producing 'useful' knowledge for judges + a few 'legal theorists' and a couple of legal historians.

Some might still be in this mode, but they now represent a clear minority.

The current picture

Two major trends from about 1990's onwards:
internationalization of research and
'methodological revolution'

- legal research develops to a great extent by constantly crossing disciplinary boundaries
- critical distance & methodological pluralism
- role of law in society: integrating with grand theories of Habermas, Luhmann, Foucault, Latour, Rosa etc.
 - *from 'legal theology' to 'religion science'*
 - economic analysis of law
 - law and gender
 - law and language, discourse theory etc.
 - empirical methods used especially in legal sociology (criminology etc.).
 - Our Faculty hires researchers with different backgrounds (not only from law faculties)





Examples of our research projects

- Legalized Intimacies: part of IDA-consortium, STN
- Algor. Agencies and Law, SA
- Constitut. Hedges of IP, SA
- Actors, Structures and Law, SA