

LA TROBE LAW SCHOOL RESEARCH CLUSTER READING GROUP

Research Methodologies

Every four weeks during the semesters, Thursdays 12-1pm AEDT
Kingston Braybrook Moot Court, Bundoora Campus



Image by Marina Sarycheva

Good research is, as we all know, hard. We make decisions about how to design and conduct our projects (whether to call them ‘projects’) as well as how then to present the outcomes so that we make the kind of interventions we seek to do.

This year, the International and Comparative Law Cluster (ICLC) and the Law in Context Cluster (LiC) are co-organising a reading group on research methodologies. The texts we read are illustrative of scholarship where creativity and form intersect with research design and research presentation. While diverse, they all engage with questions of research methodologies in ways that are illustrative rather than instructive.

We meet in person at La Trobe Law School (Bundoora campus, Kingston Braybrook Moot Court, Social Sciences Building, level 2) on Thursdays every four weeks.

Please email m.elander@latrobe.edu.au (ICLC) or m.trabsky@latrobe.edu.au (LiC) for questions or to join our email lists.

Semester 1: Inside/outside

Thu 7 March

Alistair Fraser and Daniel Matthews, [Towards a criminology of atmospheres: Law, affect and the codes of the street](#) (2021) 21(4) *Criminology & Criminal Justice* 455-471

Thu 4 April

Luis Eslava, [‘Trigueño International Law: On \(Most of the World\) Being \(Always, Somehow\) Out of Place’](#) in L Chua & M Massoud (eds) *Out of Place: Power, Person and Difference in Socio-Legal Research* (forthcoming 2024)

Thu 2 May

Connal Parsley, [‘Working with an Example of the Body: Legal Thinking as Method in Interdisciplinary Cultural Studies’](#) in D Herman & C Parsley (eds.) *Interdisciplinarity Research Process, Method, and the Body of Law* (Palgrave Socio-Legal Studies, 2022) 87-106

Thu 30 May

Sveinung Sandberg, [‘What can “Lies” Tell Us about Life? Notes towards a Framework of Narrative Criminology’](#) (2010) 21(4) *Journal of Criminal Justice Education* 447-465.

Semester 2: Facticity and fabulation

Thu 18 July

Saidiya Hartman, [‘The Anarchy of Colored Girls Assembled in a Riotous Manner’](#) (2018) 117(3) *South Atlantic Quarterly* 465-490.

Thu 15 August

Andre Dao, ‘Swan by Her Litigation Representative Bella Donna of the Champions v Administrative Algorithmic Transformer and Minister for Immigration and Border Protection’ in N Rogers & M Maloney (eds.) *The Anthropocene Judgments Project Futureproofing the Common Law* (Routledge, 2024) 72.

Thu 12 September

Hilary Charlesworth, [‘Prefiguring Feminist Judgment in International Law’](#) in L Hodson & T Lavers (eds) *Feminist Judgments in International Law* (Bloomsbury Publishing) 479 – 493.

Thu 10 October

Richard Norton-Taylor with Nicolas Kent (eds) *Value Engineering: Scenes from the Grenfell Inquiry* (Bloomsbury Publishing, 2021) (excerpts to be confirmed).