



Re-reading Legal Doctrines Through LPE

Satellite Workshop

Law and Political Economy in Europe Summer Academy

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// Idea

The workshop explores how insights from Law & Political Economy (LPE) can be grounded and put to work in doctrinal analysis. (How) Can LPE provide orientation to doctrinal legal analysis, understood as a distinct and practically influential mode of ‘doing’ law, under conditions of overlapping societal crises? (How) Can LPE permeate the realm of doctrinal analysis, which is largely closed off from theoretical innovations, especially in Europe? Does LPE have the tools to engage with doctrine in a way that promises greater leverage than other critical and socio-legal approaches have had in the past?

We will ask these questions at a time where the modus operandi of doctrinal analysis is, once again, under pressure. While in methodological terms, doctrinal analysis traditionally served to maintain a certain order and stability, contribute to a regularity of norm application, and worked with a deliberately selective outlook on social, economic and ecological realities, the social effects of such legal method are growingly at odds with the challenges of today. Doctrinal analysis needs to become ‘transformative’ itself, ie go beyond stabilizing normative expectations and a rational plotting of rules within a given legal order. Can the transformative impetus of LPE help us rethink doctrine?

// Format and Output

We will structure our discussions along social institutions – risk, consent, privacy, debt, public order – and focus on key legal doctrines that structure the respective institutions.

Interested participants are expected to actively contribute to the workshop by engaging with readings and preparing brief reflections.

One workshop aim is to begin working towards a ‘mini-glossary’ of legal doctrines ‘re-read’ through an LPE lens that may serve as illustrations of how to ground LPE concepts and theoretical framings in concrete casework. Ideally, these illustrations will become open access didactical material for law teachers, either in textual, videographic or other form.

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Please express your interest to join the **Satellite Workshop** in your application to the Law and Political Economy in Europe Summer Academy, <https://lpeineurope.org/summer-academy-2024-glasgow/>

For any questions on this event, please contact Klaas Eller (Klaas.eller@uva.nl).