

I'm interested in socio-legal research. Is the Law & Society Association for me?

The LSA comprises around 60 communities of scholars (called Collaborative Research Networks, CRNs) with a broad interest in the law, legal institutions and processes, and legal actors. Using a variety of research methods and analytic techniques, they aim to understand and improve these aspects of our social world.

Socio-legal researchers provide valuable insights into the legal (criminal and civil) justice systems. **CRN-54 'Law, Society & Psychological Science'** represents a community of psychologists, among others, who empirically study human cognition, emotion and behavior in the legal context. You will also find socio-legal researchers in other CRNs (e.g., CRN-4 'Lay Participation in Legal Systems').

The LSA provides a unique opportunity for researchers to:

- understand the 'problem-space' by learning about justice systems from all around the world
- increase the ability to affect change by networking with practitioners (e.g., lawyers, judges, prosecutors, mediators) and legal policy-makers
- expand research networks to scholars from relevant disciplines e.g., Law, Sociology, Criminology and Politics
- collaborate on large-scale projects (e.g., to improve the jury system globally, to understand use of technology in the courtroom)

The LSA meetings are held in fantastic places across the world, and come with free opportunities to tour local justice system facilities (e.g., prisons, courts).

If you'd like to know more about the LSA and how you can participate in **CRN-54** please contact ygranot@smith.edu

