

“Utopian Legalities, Prefigurative Politics, and Radical Governance”

New international Collaborative Research Network (CRN) of the Law & Society Association welcomes new members

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This CRN takes an interdisciplinary, multi-methods approach to research and scholarship on enacting and imagining radical change. It seeks to advance and support work on social justice, radical politics, utopian studies, state activism, and commons-building. Within these broad areas, the research agenda of this CRN focuses on: 1. the place of law in supporting transformative politics through new legal forms, concepts, and principles, from radical property scholarship to legal support structures for solidarity economies to critical judgment writing; 2. the legal experiences and concerns of radical institutional and counter-institutional projects, such as municipal socialism, alternative public space enactments, and everyday utopias; and 3. the process of designing and putting into practice anticipatory forms of political representation and governance, sometimes identified as “prefiguration”, where social forces embody in their practice the future and objectives that they hope for.

The CRN welcomes scholars and researchers across a range of subject areas and fields, including law, geography, social movement studies, heterodox economics, anthropology, sociology, philosophy, gender, postcolonialism, radical disability studies, ecology, politics, cultural and urban studies.