



## Call for Abstracts

# Empirical Research Methods in Advancing Legal Knowledge Conference

Northumbria Law School, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

Northumbria Law School invites submissions of abstracts for 20-minute paper presentations for this free one-day event generously funded by the Society of Legal Scholars Events Fund. Studies incorporating empirical methods are a growing feature of legal research today. Yet, the development of empirical research methodological literature is in its relative infancy. This event will explore the ways empirical research is, and can be, harnessed to contribute wider legal studies.

Presentations can be on any aspect of empirical legal research methodology, on any topic, and from any jurisdiction. Conference organisers welcome abstracts from researchers and academics at any stage of their career on subjects relating to empirical research methods including (but not limited to):

- Ways in which detailed discussion of methodology will assist the advancement of legal knowledge and produce research findings that are more reliable, relevant, and robust.
- Methodological approaches which involve the generation of 'new' data about the legal world posited as representing legal knowledge.
- Studies of courts, tribunals and other agencies such as the police and civil service; how the law works in everyday life, legal education, the law making process.
- Papers involving significant elements of reflection on empirical research methods.
- Papers delineating theoretical aspects of empirical methodology, epistemology, and the philosophy of science as far as relevant to empirical legal research.
- Explorations and critiques of your own methods, to further the understanding of the benefits and pitfalls of certain methodologies.

**To apply, please email 300 word abstracts to [p.dargue@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:p.dargue@northumbria.ac.uk) by 26<sup>th</sup> April 2024. We aim to reply by the end of May 2024.**

Northumbria Journals, hosted by Northumbria University, publishes the open access Journal of Legal Research Methodology. Papers presented at the conference will have the opportunity to be published in a conference special edition of the JLRM.