Women and Gender in the Legal Profession

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This sub-group of the Legal Profession Group first came together at the joint meeting of the American Law and Society Association (LSA) and the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law (RCSL) of the International Sociological Association (ISA), in Amsterdam in 1991.

It aims at exploring all aspects of the participation of women in legal professions across different cultures and states, the meanings such participation has on legal institutions and the law and the working conditions and careers of women lawyers in a male professional environment. In recent years it has extended its scope of work on questions of masculinities as well as gender mainstreaming, equal opportunities and diversity in the professions. The current project deals with Gender and Careers in the Legal Academy/The First Women Law Professors.

The group is linked to an International Research Collaborative “Gender and Judging” of the LSA which had its first sessions at the LSA Conference in Baltimore 2006 and since sessions at all the annual LSA Conferences and has carried on working as a CRN (Collaborative Research Network).

The group is cooperating with other groups namely the RCSL Committee on Law and Popular Culture and the Legal Education Group.

Sessions


Publications

As well as numerous articles published individually in different socio-legal journals in many countries the group has published:

Schultz, Ulrike and Gisela Shaw, eds.: Special Issue on “Women in the Legal Profession” of the International Journal of the Legal Profession, July 2003
• Schultz, Ulrike and Gisela Shaw, eds.: Special Issue on “Gender and Judging” of the International Journal of the Legal Profession, 2008


The new project is on Women Law Professors, the first women law professors, gender and careers in the legal academy.

Videostreams