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Cross-disciplinarity

One of the distinctive features of the University of Birmingham is its increasingly interdisciplinary engagement.

- **Marie Fox (/staff/profiles/law/fox-marie.aspx)** and **Jean McHale (/staff/profiles/law/mchale-jean.aspx)** both undertake cross-disciplinary research in health law, one aspect of which captures understandings of property and embodiement. Marie is one of the founding six associate editors (Law) Somatechnics and has been involved in cross-disciplinary research projects funded by the AHRC, the European Commission and the Wellcome Trust.
- **Jean McHale (/staff/profiles/law/mchale-jean.aspx)** is closely engaged in health care studies. She is a member of the Editorial Board of the *Medical Law Review and* the Editorial Board of *Health Economics Policy and Law.* She is also a member and Consultant Editor of *Nursing Ethics.* Jean is also one of the academic directors of the **3rd Birmingham Policy Commission "Healthy Ageing in the C21st. (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/impact/policy-commissions/healthy-ageing/index.aspx)**
- Antonia Layard works in legal geography and, with Luke Bennett, is co-ordinating a stream on Legal Geography at the 2013 Royal Geographical Society (RGS) **conference (http://www.rgs.org/WhatsOn/ConferencesAndSeminars/Annual+International+Conference/Annual+international+conference.htm)** in 2013. She also, with Simon Halliday and Jon Sims, co-ordinated a Research Methods stream at the 2013 Socio-Legal Studies Association **Conference (http://www.york.ac.uk/law/news/conferences/#tab-4)** in 2013. Antonia is also working on a number of cross-campus research projects, particularly related to cities, regeneration and local governance. She has been part of the Institute of Advanced Studies workshop on **Biophilic Cities (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/ias/workshops/2013/biophilic-city.aspx)** and continues to collaborate with colleagues on urban research. She is also engaged in the Institute of Advanced Studies theme on **Regeneration Economies: Transforming People, Place and Production (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/ias/inaugural-themes/regeneration-economies-transforming-people-place-and-production.aspx)**. She has been the principal investigator on two projects funded by the AHRC under the Connected Communities Programme on local governance Creative Participation (AH/J501553/1). Localism, Narrative and Myth (AH/J006602/1). Building on this work she is involved in the co-ordination of work on localism by Catherine DuRose on localism at the **Institute of Local Government Studies (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/government-society/departments/local-government-studies/index.aspx)**. She is a co-investigator on three further projects including Localism and Neighbourhood Planning, (Phil Jones (PI) (Geography) Birmingham AH/J006580/1); Taverns, locals and street corners: cross-chronological studies in community drinking, regulation and public space, AH/J006610/1, with Dr. Fabrizio Nevola (PI) (History) Bath and Cultural Intermediaries (AH/J005320/1 with Phil Jones (PI) (Geography). Lastly, Antonia is involved with the **Ironbridge International Institute for Cultural Heritage (http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/iaa/departments/ironbridge/index.aspx)** at Birmingham on aspects of culture-led regeneration.

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