

## Cross-disciplinarity

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

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- **Jean McHale** ([/staff/profiles/law/mchale-jean.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/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.