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LLM Socio-Legal Theory

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Module description:

Socio-Legal Theory introduces students to the key theoretical perspectives that support law and society research. The module will introduce students to the classical sociological thinkers that influenced the development of socio-legal research, sociological jurisprudence, American realism, structuralism and systems theory, critical perspectives, feminist legal theory and queer theory, the interpretive tradition, postmodernism and legal pluralism. Students will also be introduced to a range of key law and society texts, projects and writers, and encouraged to critically analyse socio-legal work.

Seminar topics:

- Introduction to Law and Society
- The emergence of law and society
- Structuralist approaches to law and society
- Critical perspectives on law and society 1 (ideology and legal consciousness)
- Critical perspectives on law and society 2 (critical theory)
- Interpretive approaches to law and society
- Postmodernism and law
- Feminist Legal Theory
- Queer Theory and Law
- Legal pluralism and Globalisation

Methods of assessment

Modules on the LLM programmes will be assessed in one of the following ways. As this website is set up in advance, it is not possible to specify which method of assessment will be implemented for each module.

Either:

- One 6000 word essay

Or

- One 3-hour written examination

If you'd like to find out how a module will be assessed in the forthcoming academic year please contact the LLM Programmes Administrator at **Law-LLM@contacts.bham.ac.uk (mailto:Law-LLM@contacts.bham.ac.uk)** .

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