

# Symposium

Wednesday 21 April 2010

The Utrecht Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance in cooperation with the Ius Commune Research School, organises a one-day conference on:

## Legal Methodology

The main aim of the symposium is to discuss questions of legal methodology as they arise in PhD research. The most important question is what is the relation between law and other disciplines. To what extent should other disciplines be taken up in a PhD?

During the symposium the speakers will focus on the following questions:

*Can someone who has only received a legal training take on board other disciplines?*

*Is it necessary to approach one's subject from a point of view of other disciplines?*

*May other disciplines help in finding suitable terms of reference (a 'toetsingskader') for the results of one's research?*

*What is the better approach: case by case (common law) or aiming for a systematical overview (Germany)?*

The day will be chaired by **Ewoud Hondius**, professor of European Private Law, Utrecht University.



# Programme

## Location

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## More information and registration

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## The participation is free of charge

## Language of communication

The language of communication during the symposium is English but you are welcome to put questions or comments in Dutch as well.

**10.00 - 10.30 Registration**

**10.30 - 11.00 Opening speech**

Jan Vranken (*Tilburg University*)

**11.00 - 11.20 Traditional Legal research**

Hans Nieuwenhuis (*Leiden University*)

**11.20 - 11.40 Law and other disciplines**

by Freek Bruinsma (*Utrecht University*)

**11.40 - 12.00 Discussion**

**12.00 - 12.20 The Common Law method**

John Bell (*Cambridge University*)

**12.20 - 12.40 The Civil Law method**

Karl Riesenhuber (*Bochum University*)

**12.40 - 13.00 Discussion**

**13.00 - 14.00 Lunch**

**14.00 - 14.20 Legal research & other disciplines**

Frans Leeuw (*WODC and Maastricht University*)

**14.20 - 14.40 Legal research & economics**

Michael Faure (*Erasmus University Rotterdam and Maastricht University*)

**14.40 - 15.00 Discussion**

**15.00 - 15.30 Break**

**15.30 - 15.50 A young researcher's experience**

Wendy Schrama (*Utrecht University*)

**15.50 - 16.10 A young researcher's experience**

Olha Cherednychenko (*Free University Amsterdam*)

**16.10 Drinks**