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WRITING A PH.D IN LAW: FROM APPLICATION TO PUBLICATION

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Law graduates emerge from their legal studies, even at Masters' level with a remarkably shallow methodological sophistication. There is very little reflection, analysis and discussion of objects and purposes of the legal doctrine. There are different practices of supervision in different faculties and different legal cultures. The individualistic nature of legal research and writing at the doctoral level and the lack of common standards leads to huge variation in experience and the absence of a common vocabulary and common sets of expectations.

This workshop will address both conceptual issues which will clarify the nature of, and the range of possibilities for, a successful legal dissertation as well as very pragmatic questions students face during the years of research and writing, ranging from choosing a research question and supervision to transforming a thesis dissertation into a publishable book.

This workshop anticipates problems and assists supervisors (when they bother to attend) and students alike with strategies to combat what is currently an endemic malaise in doctoral studies.



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