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WEBINAR

Interdisciplinary dialogues on comparative methods Empirical Methods - Bridging Legal Psychology and Law

Different Laws and Different Cognitive Processes?

12 gennaio 2026 , ore 16:00 - 17:30



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Referente: prof. Giuseppe Bellantuono (University of Trento)

Interview with Deborah Goldfarb and Sidnei R. Priolo-Filho

Comparative approaches are widely pursued in legal and non-legal disciplines. But how do they differ? Do they have something in common?

These questions will be explored through interviews
with prestigious scholars from several non-legal disciplines. The transcripts of the interviews will be published in a Special Issue of the Comparative Law Review, edited by Giuseppe Bellantuono, Valentina Cuocci and Alessandro Palmieri. The Special Issue is one of the initiatives organized by the section of Law and Economics, established by the Italian Association of Comparative Law in 2025.

This webinar focuses on empirical or “extrinsic” methodologies—such as experiments, surveys, longitudinal and observational designs—offering new avenues for legal scholarship. Dr. **Vanessa Villanueva Collao** (Bocconi University) interviews prof. **Deborah Goldfarb** (Florida International University) and prof. **Sidnei R. Priolo-Filho** (Universidade Tuiuti do Paraná). The two guests bring complementary expertise: Professor Goldfarb, renowned for her innovations in legal psychology, and Professor PrioloFilho, leader of empirical forensic research in Brazil, explore how cognitive processes and legal systems intersect across cultural and jurisdictional divides.

The interview/webinar will cover their comparative research project in Brazil, co-teaching experiences across legal cultures, and the methodological challenges of integrating psychological methods into law. It promises rich insights for scholars interested in bridging disciplines and embracing methodological pluralism.

We invite students, researchers, and institutional partners to join us for this timely dialogue, which advances the ways law can learn from other sciences and how comparative law can deepen its empirical foundations.

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