

Sociology, Politics & Law

Explorations into an interdisciplinary subfield
of the broader social sciences

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Why Do Sociological Perspectives Matter to Study Law? Socio-legal Studies as a Foundation Subject

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Law is usually perceived as a normative science. We teach our students doctrinal models, case-law and the knowledge of norms, but we hardly talk about how legal provisions influence society and vice-versa. However, in order to take good decisions in courts and administrative bodies and to bring the "law in the books" to life, it is vital to understand the socio-legal parameters of decision-making: when is law used to solve social conflicts? Who is or should be involved in the decision-making, with which authority? Under which circumstances are decisions accepted and enforced? And how can and must we deal with the "human factor" and the demand of objectivity of legal decisions?

