

Advanced Legal Research and Law Reform: Reading List

There is no standard textbook for this module. Some questions require you to follow up weblinks containing on-line resources. Nine key articles/extracts (*R1 – *R9) on doctrinal/empirical legal research and empirical research methods are provided on the VLE (you can download these extracts either in a single booklet, or individually).

- McConville, M., and Hong Chui, W., 'Introduction and Overview', in *Research Methods for Law*, (eds. McCoville and Chui) (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2007) pp. 1-15. (*R1)
- Dobinson, I., and Johns, F., 'Doctrinal Legal Research' and 'Non-Doctrinal Research', in McConville, M., and Hong Chui, W. (eds.), *Research Methods for Law* (Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2007) pp. 22-45. (*R2)
- Socio-Legal Studies Association (SLSA), Statement of Principles of Ethical Research Practice, January 2009. (*R3)
- *R5 Bryman, A., *Social Research Methods* (OUP, 2004), Ch 2: 'Criteria in social research', pp. 28-29.
- *R6 Bryman, Ch 3 'The Main Preoccupations of Quantitative Researchers', pp. 76-79.
- *R7 Bryman, Ch 13 'Qualitative Research', pp. 272-276
- May, T., *Social Research: Issues, Methods and Process* (Buckingham: Open University Press, 2001), Ch 4 'Official Statistics: Topic and Resource', pp 72-87. (*R8)
- Bryman, A., *Social Research Methods* (OUP, 2004), Ch 10 'Secondary Analysis and Official Statistics', pp 200-217 (*R9).
- Nuffield Inquiry on Empirical Legal Research, *Law in the Real World: Improving Our Understanding of How Law Works* (Nuffield 2006), Report Summary: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/laws/socio-legal/empirical/docs/inquiry_summary.pdf
- The Law Commission for England and Wales and its Use of Empirical Research', VLE.
- M. Israel and I. Hay, 'Good Ethical Practice in Empirical Research on Law' – extract on VLE, for full materials see <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/resources/ethics/ethics/>
- Law Commission 'What are the Commission's key aims?', 'Success of the Commission'. <http://www.lawcom.gov.uk/about.htm>
- Trochim, 'Types of Data': <http://www.socialresearchmethods.net/kb/datatype.htm>
- Bryman, A., 'On Triangulation', at: <http://www.referenceworld.com/sage/socialscience/triangulation.pdf>
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Material for seminar reading and evaluation

Hoyle, C., 'Ethical and Methodological Issues in Researching Domestic Violence', in R. King and E. Wincup (eds.), *Doing Research on Crime and Justice* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000). (*R4)

Halliday, S., 'The Influence of Judicial Review on Bureaucratic Decision Making' (2000) *Public Law* (Spring) 110-122

Lewis, R., Morris, A. and Oliphant, K. (2006) 'Tort personal injury claims statistics: is there a compensation culture in the United Kingdom?', *Journal of Personal Injury Law*, 87.

Vincent-Jones, P. (1993) 'Contract Litigation in England and Wales 1975-1992: A Transformation in Business Disputing?', *Civil Justice Quarterly*, vol 12, pp. 337-358

Beale, H. and Dugdale, T. (1975) 'Contracts Between Businessmen: Planning and the Use of Contractual Remedies', *British Journal of Law and Society*, 45