

## Training Plan Skills 2: Social Sciences Methods and Comparative Law

Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary University of London 4-6 June 2018

Monday 4 June 9am-4pm

Tuesday 5 June 9am-4pm

Wednesday 6 June 9am-12.30pm

### *Main educational objectives*

The main educational objectives of the individual modules are:

- to equip ESRs with the skills required to conduct empirical research
- to familiarise ESRs with basic concepts of quantitative and qualitative data analysis
- to introduce ESRs to methodologies of comparative law and reflection of comparative law theories and approaches

### Module 1 Monday 4 June (Prof. Lisa Webley, University of Birmingham)

- Research theories, research stance, introduction to qualitative and quantitative research paradigms.
- Research questions, harnessing the literature, introduction to research design
- Research design: goodness of fit between question and methods
- Qualitative Methods: Collection of Data and Data Analysis

### Module 2 Tuesday, 5 June (Prof. Lisa Webley, University of Birmingham)

- Quantitative Methods: Collection of Data and Introduction to Data Analysis
- Translating Findings into Authoritative Academic Outputs
- Questions and Answers / Discussion by ESRs

### Module 3 Wednesday, 6 June (prof Guido Westkamp, QMUL)

- Comparative Law: Introduction, Purpose, Traditional Methods
- Alternative methods (Functional, Conceptual)
- Comparative Analysis and Economic/Sociological Analysis
- Comparisons between Non-Harmonised Systems
- Comparison in Multi-Layered Legal Systems



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