

**Doctoral Workshop**  
**10 December 2019 (9.00 am - noon)**  
**Geneva, Uni Mail, M2150**

**Daring to write an interdisciplinary thesis:  
Added value and challenges of integrating law with other  
disciplines**

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The activity consists of a workshop for doctoral students on “Daring to write an interdisciplinary thesis: the added value and challenges of integrating law with other disciplines”. This Doctoral workshop, which is funded by the “Conférence universitaire de Suisse occidentale” (CUSO) has the objective to provide tools and tips for conducting a successful inter-disciplinary project, such as a PhD thesis. The activity will start with short presentations by experienced professors and practitioners who master interdisciplinary work. Then doctoral students will work in groups and will have the opportunity to discuss challenges they anticipate or will encounter in the framework of their interdisciplinary project.

This activity will be followed by an [International Conference on “Interrogation and Torture: Integrating Efficacy with Law and Morality”](#) as an example of a successful integration of law with other disciplines (such as neuro-sciences, psychology, and philosophy) (4.15 – 8pm on 10 December, MR290). These two events are related but distinct.

**Program of the Doctoral Workshop**

**9:00 – 10:00: Short presentations**

Introduction: Prof. Gloria Gaggioli and Dr Steven J. Barela (5 min)

Contributors:

- Professor Cosette D. Creamer (University of Minnesota) (15 min);
- Professor Jens D. Ohlin (Cornell Law School) (10 min);

- Mark Fallon (Chair of the IMPACT Section of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and former–Chair of the US HIG Research Committee (USA) (10 min));

Guiding questions:

- What is inter-disciplinarity?
- How to develop a successful interdisciplinary project?
- How to foster productive dialogue among disciplines?
- How to encourage academics and practitioners to work together?

The presentations will be followed by a “**questions and answers**” session. (20 min)

**10: 00 – 10:15: Coffee break**

**10:15 – 11: 45: Group work**

Main trainer: Professor Cosette D. Creamer (University of Minnesota);

Co-trainers:

- Professor Jens D. Ohlin (Cornell Law School).
- SNSF Professor Gloria Gaggioli (UNIGE)
- Steve Barela, LL.M., Ph.D. (Research and Teaching Fellow, Global Studies Institute)

Doctoral students will be requested to **work in group** under the supervision of trainers and discuss the following questions:

- What is the added value of inter-disciplinarity?
- What are possible challenges in developing an interdisciplinary project or in including an interdisciplinary dimension into a doctoral thesis?
- What are the challenges you face (or envisage) in your own doctoral work?

*Nota bene:* Doctoral students are encouraged to send a **one-pager** to the organizers presenting their research project and discussing the added value and challenges of interdisciplinarity for their research.

**11: 45 – 12: 00: Wrap up and conclusions**

Wrap up by Prof. Cosette D. Creamer, key recommendations and take-home messages.

Conclusion: Steven J. Barela