



Workshop on Legal Realism as the regulatory foundation of Scandinavian law?

Research group for legal culture,
legal History and comparative law

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Program

Location: Møterom 546

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee and light breakfast

9:30 – 9:45 Sören Koch (University of Bergen): Welcome. Introduction to the Workshop and the RCN founded initiative – The institutional framework and overall objectives

9:45 – 10:15 Brage Thunestvedt Hatløy (University of Bergen): Initial reflections on legal realism as a regulatory foundation of Norwegian and Scandinavian Law

10:15 – 11:30 Toni Malminen (University of Eastern Finland / University of Tampere)

Keynote: The Past, Present, and Future of Legal Realism

The presentation will encapsulate my doctoral dissertation of 2016, *The Intellectual Origins of Legal Realism*, a study that remains rather difficult to access. I will argue that the roots of American and Scandinavian realism lie in three modes of social thought characteristic of the late-nineteenth century: critical historicism, disenchantment, and agonism. Focusing on American experience, I will submit that recent political developments make legal realism a timely program in jurisprudence (and politics more broadly).

11:30 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 13:30 Daniel Nygård (University of Bergen): Funding regimes and administrative support

13:30 – 14:30 Open discussion

14:30 – 14:45 Brage and Sören (University of Bergen): Concluding remarks

