

EDLE Empirical Track

The Aim

Empirical research is becoming more and more prevalent in legal scholarship. Although theory is important in the economic analysis of law, some questions require an evidence-based approach that would test the theories. The aim of the EDLE Empirical Track is to provide the PhD researchers with the necessary tools to understand empirical studies, to develop a critical perspective on such methods and finally, to conduct their own empirical research. This track is designed both for lawyers and for economists. Lawyers without prior background in statistical analysis will attend introductory courses before continuing to empirical studies. Economists, even with background in statistics, will benefit from this track by learning how to apply those methods to legal questions.

The Structure

1. First term University of Bologna (first year, October-March)

Lawyers:

- Basic math course
- *Introduction to Statistics* course (taught by Prof. Alessandra Giovagnoli).

The math course is provided by the EMLE programme.

Economists:

- Advanced statistics course
- Econometrics course

The courses are offered by the LMEC/PhD in Economics programmes.

All:

- *Experimental Economics - Topics* (taught by Prof. Marco Casari)

2. Second term University of Hamburg (first year, April-May)

*All*¹: *Introduction to Empirical Methods* (taught by Dr. Alexander Wulf).

3. Summer first year (July-August)

For students who use experimental methodology in their thesis – **recommended** summer school - IMPRS Uncertainty Summer School in Jena. Includes courses in economics, law and psychology with a focus on experimental law and economics.

4. First term, 2nd year Erasmus University Rotterdam (September-December)

All: *Experimental Law and Economics* Course (taught by Prof. Christoph Engel).

5. Second term, 2nd year Erasmus University Rotterdam (January-March)

All: *Advanced Empirical Methods: Research Design* Course (taught by Prof. Jonathan Klick and Dr. Jaroslaw Kantorowicz).

¹ Mandatory for the whole group with exceptions approved by the supervisors.

Timetable for the EDLE Empirical Track (Starting October 1st year)

Period	University	Course
October 1st year	Bologna	Math Course (EMLE)
October 1st year	Bologna	Introduction to Statistics
October 1st year	Bologna	Experimental Economics – Topics
April-May 1st year	Hamburg	Introduction to Empirical Methods
July-August 1st year	Jena	IMPRS Uncertainty Summer School (optional)
October-December 2nd year	Rotterdam	Experimental Law and Economics
January-March 2nd year	Rotterdam	Advanced Empirical Methods: Research Design