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## Annual meetings since 1964

**Newsletter** <https://rcsl.hypotheses.org/newsletter>

**Podgorecki Prize** for outstanding socio-legal  
scholarship, awarded annually

**Funding** of IISL Master students and conference  
participation for students

## Publications

International comparative collections in books  
Special issues of socio-legal journals

## Social Media

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/339374569544544/>

## 14 working groups

### Civil Justice and Dispute Resolution

Chair: Luigi Cominelli, Italy

### Comparative Legal Culture

Chair: Marina Kurkchyan, U.K.

### Comparative Studies of Legal Professions

Chair: Avrom Sherr, U.K.

### Gender, Law and Society

Chair: Barbara Bello and Letizia Mancini, Italy

### Human Rights

Chair: Dany Rudnicki, Brazil

### Law & Urban Space

Chair: T.B.A.

### Judicialization of Social Problems

Chair: Joao Velloso, Canada

### Law and Development

Chair: Pedro Fortes / David Restrepo-Amariles, Brazil

### Law and Migration

Chair: Rashmi Jain, India and Kyriaki Topidi, Germany

### Law and Politics

Chair: Angela Cuellar Vázquez, Mexico

### Law and Popular Culture

Chair: Stefan Machura, Germany, UK

### Legal Pluralism

Chair: Martin Ramstedt, Germany

### Social and Legal Systems

Chair: Lucas Konzen and Germano Schwartz, Brazil

### Sociology of Constitutions

Chair: Jiří Přibáň, UK



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