



Research Handbook on Socio-Legal Studies of Medicine and Health

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This timely Research Handbook offers significant insights into an understudied subject, bringing together a broad range of socio-legal studies of medicine to help answer complex and interdisciplinary questions about global health – a major challenge of our time.

‘Wide-ranging and thoughtfully curated, this collection demonstrates just how far the tentacles of healthcare and law extend into social life. Taken together, though, these chapters suggest that the epistemic reach of both law and medicine ultimately exceed their grasp, a conclusion that practitioners and scholars alike will both rue and applaud. With such provocative and carefully researched pieces, this volume is sure to foster a deep rethinking of socio-legal studies of medicine and health.’
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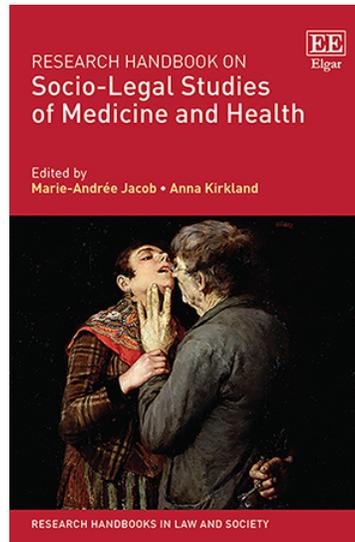
‘Handbooks are often conceived to tie together already-established research fields. With the Research Handbook on Socio-Legal Studies of Medicine and Health, Anna Kirkland and Marie-Andrée Jacob have in fact inaugurated an important new field of study while generously acknowledging its diverse ancestries. I’ve always thought that STS should instead have been dubbed TLS (technoscience, law and society) whether in studies of health, climate change, migration, inequality or their interconnections. Through an empirically rich set of chapters, handbook contributors perceptively show how socio-legal problems (from femicide to alternative medicine, genetic ancestry testing and gun violence) in highly (bio)medicalized societies throughout the world are always historically and ethnographically situated. This Handbook will be of equal interest to legal scholars, anthropologists, sociologists, bioethicists, philosophers and STS scholars.’
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‘This exciting new book is certain to become a key reference point in socio-legal studies of medicine and health. In disrupting existing intellectual silos, its contributors both shed new light on questions that will be familiar to healthcare lawyers and open up important new avenues of research.’
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contemporary socio-legal scholarship. The editors have assembled an outstanding and diverse collection of scholars who are doing some of the most innovative work in this field. The result is essential reading for anyone who is interested in the interaction between two of the great cultural and institutional systems of any society.'

– Robert Dingwall, Nottingham Trent University, UK

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