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Models of Law and in Law: Uses, Opportunities, and Risks

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Message from the Guest Editors

This Special Issue will explore both the modeling of law—as a tool to understand, criticize, and improve legal practice—and modeling in law—as a way to understand the phenomenology of legal practice, its normativity, and the sources of legal disagreement. It will consider both current research and policy making associated with models and examine opportunities and risks associated with modeling. For example, where and how is modeling useful, helpful, and appropriate for research uses, for policy design, and for legal analysis? What are the implications of models' limits?

Possible topics include but are not limited to:

Models of law, legal systems, and legal decision making, examining legal practices and institutions from an external or outside perspective.

Models of legal actors. How are human agents and collectives implicitly or explicitly modeled within various theoretical traditions?

Models used by legal actors within legal practices and institutions.

We look forward to receiving your contributions.



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