

Research and Consultancy

Research Areas

Researchers at Universidad de los Andes' Center for Socio-Legal Research (CIJUS) work on research, consultancy and advocacy projects related to varied legal fields. Click on the links below to find out about our research, consultancy and advocacy projects.

[Past Research Projects](#)

Current Research Groups

[Public Law Research Group](#)

This research group analyzes what constitutes public law from a critical and wide perspective. Thus, the group recognizes the impossibility of understanding contemporary public law from an orthodox and limited perspective, and instead undertakes its studies of public law bearing in mind the relationships of the subject with other areas of knowledge and society as a whole. Accordingly, the group studies public law from critical perspectives and interdisciplinary considerations, while also doing research projects from a purely legal perspective.

The public law group has taken on the mission to observe the phenomenon of public law based on the recognition that, in contemporary society, it cannot be understood from a limited and uncritical perspective, so often seen in legal orthodoxy. Instead, it has to be considered a relevant event that affects different sectors, spaces, spheres or society systems, and which demands that legal approximation be supported, criticized and reviewed by other fields of knowledge.

As well as supporting, proposing and developing law-centered research lines and projects, it requires that their conception and development includes spaces for the review and critique of their hypotheses and conclusions from other fields of study.

The group also develops and promotes studies based on methodologies and theoretical structures belonging to other disciplines that can be used in debates that are based on or are about the legal field.

Further information in Spanish regarding this research group may be found in the following link:
<https://did.uniandes.edu.co/index.php/es/cijus/grupos-de-investigacion/derecho-publico>

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[Law and Social Action Research Group](#)

This research group promotes research and advocacy regarding legal issues and their relation with public policy and social change. Integrated by a

wide group of researchers and professors, – from different academic backgrounds including sociology, economics, anthropology, political science, inter alia – this group aims to connect academic work with public opinion through litigation and public policy recommendations. Consequently, this group usually works in tandem with human rights activists, social leaders, intellectuals, and public policy planners from both Colombia and Latin America.

The Law and Social Action Research Group (IDEAS for its acronym in Spanish) promotes studies and strategies that have a public impact on law and public policies. It is made up by Universidad de Los Andes professors, researchers and students from different disciplines such as law, sociology, economics, political science, anthropology and the humanities fields. Given that its aim is to project academia into the public sphere, the group works closely with social leaders, human rights defenders, public policy makers, intellectuals, and many other people from different parts of Colombia and Latin America.

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[Law and Gender Research Group](#)

The Law and Gender Research Group, which has more than 15 years of experience and work, has had a crucial role in the discussion, research, and socialization of knowledge regarding the relationship between Law and Gender in Colombia and in Latin America (through its participation in the RED ALAS, the Latin American Network of Legal Researchers of Gender, Sexuality and Law). This group is integrated by researchers and professors that are interested in studying – and eventually, transforming – the way law and gender interact, in create identities and distribute resources. In addition, this group is classified in the A1 Category, pursuant to the COLCIENCIAS group index.

The Law Faculty's Gender and Law research group projects are aimed at understanding and transforming the way in which the law constructs gender and gender constructs law from a – generally– feminist perspective. The group has a trajectory of more than 15 years of experience in the discussion, research and diffusion of law and gender within the Faculty and in Latin America, through its allies in the Latin American Network of legal researchers (RED ALAS for its acronym in Spanish).

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[Contemporary Private Law Research Group](#)

This group – founded in 1997 - undertakes legal studies – from an interdisciplinary and practical approach - on new national and international trends in torts law, corporate law, contract law and financial law.

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[E-Commerce, Telecommunications and Informatics Research Group](#)

GECTI was founded in 2001. Its goal is to promote interdisciplinary research and establish a connection between the Law School and the Information Society. As such, it aims to establish a synergy between professors and professionals in order to produce knowledge about law and the internet and telecommunications through research projects, consultancy projects and academic programs.

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[International Law and Globalization Research Group](#)

The International Law and Globalization Research Group focuses its academic studies on the relationship between Latin America, Colombia, and international law. It does this from an interdisciplinary perspective, taking into account considerations from different disciplines such as economics, environmental disciplines, history and anthropology. The group considers that the most appropriate way of thinking about international law in the region is looking for initiatives that use the international law as a privileged tool. The group proposes a critical reflection of the past and a careful look of the future, as it considers the opportunities offered by international law to deal with issues in Latin America.

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[“Cesare Beccaria” Criminal Law and Transitional Justice Research Group](#)

The "Cesare Beccaria" Research Group aims to produce and disclose new knowledge regarding contemporary criminal law and transitional justice. As such, it is interested in research and consultancy projects that contribute to the development of substantive criminal law, procedural criminal law and international criminal law.

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[Prisons, Safety, and Criminal Policy Research Group](#)

This group studies the way in which the State –and thus, society- handle social strife using a repressive criminal policy and a punitive system of control and surveillance. This institutional setting tends to punish most severely the poorest and most marginalized inhabitants of society.

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[Environmental Law Research Group](#)

This group fosters studies and advocacy strategies regarding environmental law and public policy. Therefore, the group aims to provide a space for discussion and exchange of the production of knowledge regarding environmental law, taking into account both the formal institutions (such as laws, judgments or public policies) and the informal institutions (including tacit regulations and local rules). The tensions and encounters between the formal and the informal orders constitute the governance framework that explicitly or implicitly regulate the environment and the distribution of natural resources. Although this group concentrates its analytical capabilities on the observation and theorization of formal institutions – as they are the official legal forces in environmental regulation- it does not disregard the conflictive relation of articulation and contradiction between the formal and the informal institutions.

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