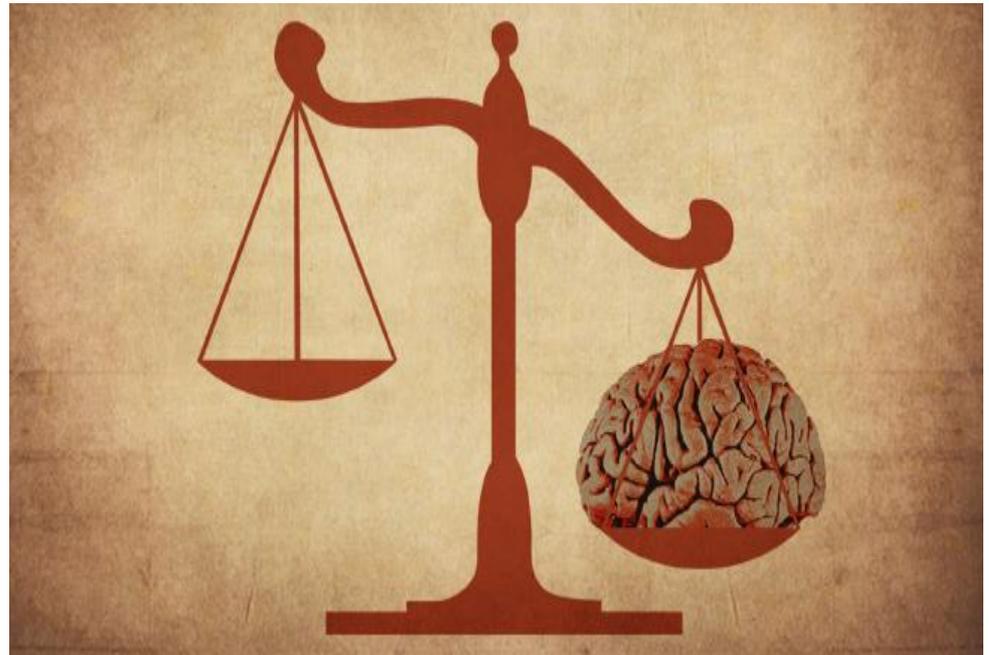




Introducing LACS

Research Network for Law and Cognitive Sciences

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- Rise of the cognitive sciences raises new questions for both legal theory and practice
- how to understand, explain and relate the different legal and scientific images of a human being
 - > The law accepts a folk-psychological view of human beings as free, rational, and responsible persons
 - > The dominant scientific view of human beings is that of complex bio-physical systems
- This scientific view invites the consideration of a legal treatment of other ‘intelligent’ physical systems analogous to the treatment of human beings (AI)

Purpose of LACS

- critical reflection
 - on foundations and practices of the law,
 - on basic presuppositions that underlie cognitive sciences and its societal implications
- promote critical understanding of possible intersections between law and cognitive sciences, including relevant branches of philosophy;
- stimulate and conduct interdisciplinary research
- investigate and discuss new theoretical and practical developments in how cognitive sciences may affect the law
- forum for cross-disciplinary dialogue on the presuppositions and argumentative patterns that underlie different images of mankind in law and the sciences.

Main activities of LACS

- organizing conferences, workshops and expert meetings;
- organizing courses and other educational activities;
- publishing the results of its activities in journal articles and books and on the internet;
- promoting its activities by means of newsletter

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Some concrete projects

- 5/6 April 2018 Maastricht conference on *Law, Science & Rationality*
- November 2018 Krakow conference on *Legal Intuition*
- 21 March 2019 Maastricht conference on *psychopharmacology in the courtroom* (Dutch)
- 12/13 April 2019 Maastricht conference on *Human and Non-Human Agency – Philosophical Foundations & legal implications*
- Book series *Law & Cognitive Sciences* CUP
 - 1) Interdisciplinary essays *Law and Mind* (eds Hage, Brozek, Vincent)
 - 2) *Law, Science and Rationality*
 - 3) *The Futures of Neurolaw*

Any ideas

contributions

Suggestions

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