

# Nobody's Law: Legal Consciousness and Legal Alienation in Everyday Life

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*Nobody's Law* (Palgrave), shows how people who are disappointed and outraged about the justice system gradually move away from law. Using detailed case studies and combining different theoretical perspectives, this book explores the legal consciousness of ordinary people, businessmen, and street-level bureaucrats in the Netherlands. Described as "a fine exemplar of a new generation of legal consciousness research" (D. Engel) and "a major contribution to empirical sociolegal research" (R. Cotterrell), the book tells an original and alternative narrative about the role of law in everyday life. While previous studies emphasize the hegemony of law, Marc Hertogh shows that legal proliferation makes it harder for people to know, and identify with, the law. As a result, official law has become increasingly remote and irrelevant to many people.

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