

## PhD Annual Training Course

Address: Campus Woudestein, Burgemeester Oudlaan 50, 3062 PA Rotterdam

**13 May 2019**

**Methodology of Human Rights Research**

Room: Polak Building Y1-17

- 09.30 – 10.15** Registration with Coffee and Tea
- 10.15 - 10.30:** General Introduction NNHRR  
**Prof. Dr. Kristin Henrard** (Erasmus School of Law) and **Dr. Marta Bo** (TMC Asser Institute)
- 10.30 – 11:30:** Why Legal Methods (Don't) Matter  
**Prof. Dr. Bart van Klink** (VU Faculty of Law, Legal Theory and Legal History Kooijmans Institute)  
*This presentation will focus on why legal methods are helpful, in particular in identifying the sources of law and interpreting, comparing and assessing them. Subsequently, it will be argued that legal methods cannot solve fundamental issues concerning the concept of law and its rightful application. Here, as legal scholars, we are left to our own judgment. Hence, legal methodology is useful to a certain extent, but when it comes to matters that really matter it remains silent. The question remains though, how we can or should speak about all the things legal methodology cannot speak of?*
- 11.30 – 11.45:** Coffee Break
- 11.45 – 12.45:** Doctrinal Legal Research  
**Prof Dr. Chantal Mak** (UvA Faculty of Law, the Centre for the Study of European Contract Law)  
*This presentation will consist of an explanation of doctrinal research. The presentation will take into account what the benefits are of doctrinal research and its criticism. Moreover, the European dimension of doctrinal research and a comparative perspective will be elaborated upon.*
- 12.45 – 13.45:** Lunch

**13.45 – 14.45:** Brief Introduction to Empirical Legal Research

**Prof. Dr. Peter Mascini** (Erasmus University Rotterdam, Erasmus School of Social and Behavioural Sciences (ESSB))

*This presentation will first address some of the differences between doctrinal legal research and empirical legal research. Next, the empirical research cycle will be explained. Finally, three empirical research strategies will be introduced - the experiment, the survey and the case study - and how to choose between them. Together, these three parts will provide you with a brief introduction about empirical legal research.*

**14.45 – 15.45:** Legal Philosophy as an Enrichment of Doctrinal Research

**Prof. Mr. Dr. Wibren van der Burg** (Erasmus School of Law, Department Sociology, Theory and Methodology)

*Doctrinal scholars might profit from including legal philosophy as an auxiliary discipline in various respects. This seminar will discuss the purposes that can be served by legal philosophy as well as those methods that are most feasible for Ph.D. candidates without a philosophical training.*

**15.45 - 16.15:** Coffee break

**16.15 - 17.30:** Reference Managers and Human Rights Databases  
(Erasmus University Library)

**18.00:** Tram Trip with Snacks and Drinks

**19.30:** Dinner at Restaurant Gusto

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**Impact of Human Rights Research**

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- 9.30 - 10.15:** Welcome with Coffee and Tea
- 10.15 – 11.15:** Having Impact with Research: Between Political Commitment and Academic Sincerity  
**Dr. Quirine Eijkman** (Deputy President at the National Human Rights Institute of the Netherlands)
- 11.15 - 11.30:** Coffee break
- 11.30 – 12.30:** Social Media and Blogs in Legal Academia  
**Dr. Antoine Duval** (TMC Asser Institute)  
*The internet changed the way we communicate in private and public. Being a legal academic is about producing legal arguments/analysis that impact a particular public and scholarly discussion and often ambition to change a specific practice. To do so, they must be read. This lecture will discuss the role played by social media and blogs in diffusing legal academic work to a variety of publics.*
- 12.30 - 13.30:** Lunch
- 13.30 – 14.30:** Publishing Strategies  
**Prof. Mr. Dr. Drs. Jeroen Temperman** (Erasmus School of Law)  
*This interactive workshop will revolve around publishing your PhD research as a book, publishing articles and broader publication strategies. During the presentation there will be a lot of room for questions or issues you have encountered yourself in publication processes.*
- 14.30 – 14.45:** Coffee Break
- 14.45 – 16.00:** Afternoon Session Moderated by **Dr. Rene Repasi** and **Dr. Menelaos Markakis** on
- Time Management
  - How to Balance Teaching Obligations with Research
  - Health and Burn Outs
- 16.00 – 16.15** Evaluation discussion
- 16.15:** Goodbye Drinks at Erasmus Paviljoen