



Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht  
Royal Netherlands Society of International Law  
DUTCH BRANCH OF THE INTERNATIONAL LAW ASSOCIATION

## Shaping International Accountability around Mega-Sporting Events

**Annual General Meeting of the  
Royal Netherlands Society of International Law  
Friday 4 November 2022 at 1.30 p.m.**

**The Hague Humanity Hub, Fluwelen Burgwal 58, 2511 CJ, The Hague**

This year the Society dedicates its Annual General Meeting to legal questions that arise in relation to mega-sporting events, such as:

- Who is responsible for violations of national or international law? The government putting out the tender, the organisers (IOC, FIFA), or the companies contracted to build the stadiums, roads, and hotels? How are these responsibilities divided up and how can different actors be held accountable?
- What should be done for victims, in particular labour migrants, but also for victims whose property is expropriated or who are subject to “administrative detention”?
- What should be done in the future to prevent repetition as much as possible? What are the shortcomings of current legislation and how can we, practically speaking, close the (major) gaps between theory and practice?

### **SPEAKERS:**

**Dr Daniela Heerdt (Asser Instituut) and Dr Lucas Roorda (Utrecht University)**

*Human rights abuses at mega-sporting events:  
Exploring the responsibilities of participating states and businesses*

**Prof. Geert Van Calster (KU Leuven)**

*The private international law aspects of the responsibility and accountability  
for wrongful acts in the context of mega-sporting events*

The presentations and discussion will be held in English.

At 13:30 hrs the Annual General Meeting of the KNVIR will be held, to which only members are admitted. At 14:00 hrs the presentation and discussion of the reports will start, followed by the announcement of the 2022 François Prize, at which members and non-members are welcome (<https://knvir.org/jpa-francois-prize/>).

Non-members of the Society can receive a copy of the papers (book format, 97 pages) either by becoming a member of the Society (for €35/€20 per year; see <https://knvir.org/knvir/membership/>) or by ordering the book from Asser Press (<https://www.asser.nl/asserpress/books/?rld=14015>, €20 excl. postage). Members have received or will receive a copy of the papers in the post.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you wish to attend the meeting, you are required to register by sending a message to [contact@knvir.org](mailto:contact@knvir.org) no later than Monday 31 October 2022.

**We hope to welcome you on 4 November!**