

## Annual Follow-Up PhD Training

### Building Your Career Post-PhD



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**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023, 08:45-16:30 CEST**

Followed by dinner

**University of Amsterdam, Faculty of Law. REC A, Nieuwe Achtergracht 166  
1018 WV Amsterdam, Room 3.01**

Organized by the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research,  
the University of Amsterdam and the Asser Institute for International and European Law.

## About the event

Each year the NNHRR organises a PhD Follow Up Training aimed at 3rd and 4th year PhD students. This year's event will take place at the University of Amsterdam, and is organized in collaboration with the Asser Institute of International and European Law. The aim of this training is to provide participants with the tools to translate their expertise to a professional career in academia or elsewhere. This year's training will include modules on pursuing your career in universities, NGOs and governmental institutions. It will also feature discussions on publishing for A-list academic journals and prestigious book series. Finally, it will conclude with a discussion about formulating grant applications.

## Programme

**Coffee and registration** **8.45-9.15**

**Welcome** **9.15-9.30**

Prof. Yvonne Donders, Chair of International Human Rights at the University of Amsterdam  
Faculty of Law, and Member of the NNHRR Steering Committee

Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz, Researcher in International Law, Asser Institute for  
International and European Law

Joëlle Trampert, PhD Candidate University of Amsterdam, Department of Criminal Law

Dr. Jackson Oldfield, University of Amsterdam, Department of Public International Law

**Panel on careers** **9.30-11.00**

*Continuing in Academia*

Dr. Nataša Nedeski, Assistant Professor of Public International law, University of  
Amsterdam

*Working for the Dutch government or an international organisation*

Dr. Nienke van der Have, Seconded National Expert at European Union Agency for  
Fundamental Rights [online]

*Working in a National Human Rights Institute*

Dr. Charlotte Baarda, Policy Advisor at the Netherlands Human Rights Institute

**Coffee and tea break** **11.00-11.30**

**Panel on publishing** **11.30-13.00**

*Publishing in an 'A list' journal*

Dr. Sofia Stolk, Senior Researcher in International Law, Asser Institute for International and  
European Law

*Turning your PhD into a monograph*

Dr. Tomas Hamilton, Assistant Professor of International Criminal Law, University of  
Amsterdam

**Lunch break** **13.00-14.30**

**Pitching workshop** **14.45-16.15**

*Pitching for a Veni grant?*

Frances Singleton, Project Manager Research & Innovation at University of Amsterdam,  
Founder at NoBolLex & Mentor at FEM-START

**Closing and drinks** **16.30**

**Dinner** **18.30**

## SPEAKER BIOS

**Yvonne Donders** is Professor of International Human Rights and Cultural Diversity at the Department of International and European Public Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Amsterdam. She is also an elected member of the UN [Human Rights Committee](#). Previously Yvonne Donders was Head of the Department of International and European Law (2015-2022) and she worked as Commissioner at the [Netherlands Human Rights Institute](#) (2019-2022). From 2008 to 2015 she was the Director of the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL). Prior to joining the University of Amsterdam, she worked as a Programme Specialist on human rights at UNESCO HQ in Paris (2003-2007). Yvonne Donders is a regular consultant for UNESCO and for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She is a member of the Steering Committee of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research ([NNHRR](#)), Member of the Editorial Board and Executive Editor of the Netherlands Quarterly of Human Rights ([NQHR](#)) and Chair of the Advisory Board of the “[Shelter City](#)” project for human rights defenders. Previous memberships include: member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ([AIV](#)), member of the Board of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law ([KNVIR](#)), and Chair of the Dutch United Nations Association (Nederlandse Vereniging voor de Verenigde Naties, [NVVN](#)).

**León Castellanos-Jankiewicz** is Researcher in International Law at the Asser Institute and Academic Coordinator of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research. His work focuses on international human rights law, gun control and arms trade, the history of international law and minority protection. Prior to taking his position at the Asser Institute, León was Max Weber Postdoctoral Fellow at the European University Institute, Florence. He holds a PhD in International Law from Geneva's Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies.

**Joëlle Trampert** joined the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL) and the department of Criminal Law as a PhD candidate in September 2018. Within the context of the research project “Rethinking the Outer Limits of Secondary Liability for International Crimes and Serious Human Rights Violations” she conducts research on state responsibility for extraterritorial complicity in serious human rights violations in the field of public international law with a focus on state responsibility and international human rights law. She is also one of the PhD representatives for the PhD members of the NNHRR together with Stephanie Triefus.

**Jackson Oldfield** joined ACIL in 2017, as part of the Law and Justice Across Borders Research Priority Area. He holds a PhD from the University of Amsterdam looking at smuggling in international law. Jackson is also a graduate of Lund University, Sweden and Cardiff University, U.K., where he undertook a LLM in International Human Rights Law and International Labour Rights and a LLB in Law respectively. After obtaining his LLM, Jackson worked in a range of research and research coordination positions in human rights and anti-corruption civil society organisations, looking at topics from corruption to business and human rights and democracy in Europe.

**Nataša Nedeski** is Assistant Professor of Public International Law at the University of Amsterdam. Her work has focused on general international law, and shared responsibility in international law in particular. She has co-authored the Guiding Principles on Shared Responsibility in International Law, which seek to provide guidance to judges, practitioners and academics when confronted with legal questions of shared responsibility of states and/or international organizations, for instance in relation to climate change or joint military operations. She is currently finalizing her first monograph entitled 'Shared Obligations in International Law', which is under contract to be published by Cambridge University Press. Her research interests include the international law of obligations, the law of international responsibility, international organizations law, human rights law, international environmental law and (strategic) litigation before domestic and international courts. She is currently interested in further exploring the challenges of a (strategic) climate change case before an international court, in particular questions of causation and the clarification and allocation of primary international law obligations incumbent on states to combat climate change.

**Nienke van der Have** is a Seconded National Expert at the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. Previously she worked as Senior Legal Specialist at the Ministry of Interior and Kingdom Relations of the Netherlands and as Associate Research Fellow at the University of Amsterdam. In 2016, she earned her PhD as part of the SHARES Project in the prevention of gross human rights violations. During her PhD, she was visiting scholar at the Centre for Governance and Public Policy at Griffith University. Prior to her PhD she completed an LL.M. in Public International Law from the University of Amsterdam, and an LLB in International and European Law from Rijksuniversiteit Groningen.

**Charlotte Baarda** is Policy Advisor at the Netherlands Human Rights Institute. Previously she worked as a consultant in the international energy sector at Magnus Energy and was a visiting associate at Boston Consulting Group. In 2018, she obtained her Doctor of Philosophy in Sociology and Criminology from the University of Oxford on human trafficking from Nigeria to Europe. Prior to her PhD, she completed the Master of Science in Sociology also at the University of Oxford.

**Sofia Stolk** is a senior researcher in international law at the Asser Institute in The Hague and the University of Amsterdam. Her research project 'Imagining Justice' focuses on the use of visual means by international courts and tribunals and explores how different audiences engage with international law through its representation in visual media. She has taught and published internationally about the intersection of international law and art, architecture, theater, and film. Her monograph 'The Opening Statement of the Prosecution in International Criminal Trials: A Solemn Tale of Horror' was published by Routledge in 2021. She is currently editor for the International Legal Theory section of the Leiden Journal of International Law. Together with Renske Vos (VU Amsterdam), Sofia founded the Legal Sightseeing platform ([www.legalsightseeing.org](http://www.legalsightseeing.org)). Sofia also works for the Movies that Matter Foundation and coordinates, amongst other things, the *Camera Justitia* program on law and social justice at the annual Movies that Matter film festival in The Hague.

**Tomas Hamilton** is Assistant Professor of International Criminal Law at the University of Amsterdam. He has over ten years of experience in international criminal law and human rights, at the United Nations Assistance to the Khmer Rouge Trials (UNAKRT) at the Extraordinary Chambers in the Court of Cambodia (ECCC), in judicial chambers at the International Criminal Court (ICC), and at a leading criminal law firm in London. Tomas holds a BA (Hons) from the University of Oxford, an LLB from the London College of Law, an LLM from the University of Cambridge, and a PhD in Law from King's College London, was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2011 and is a member of the Honourable Society of Lincoln's Inn.

**Frances Singleton** is Project Manager of Research & Innovation at the University of Amsterdam where she runs the Market Launch accelerator programme which gets established businesses to scale up. She is also responsible for developing an executive education programme on justice and social innovation. Frances is a founder at NoBolLex, where she mentors global start-ups in the legal tech industry. She is also a mentor at FEM-START, where she mentors female entrepreneurs and offers advice on innovation and scaling for tech and legal businesses. In 2011, she earned her LLB in Law from the University of Oxford.