



Invitation Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award 2023 ceremony

This year the Universal Declaration of Human Rights turns 75. To commemorate this 75th anniversary, the Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award 2023, organized by the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR), Tilburg Law School and Studium Generale, will be awarded.

We would like to invite you to join the award-ceremony on **Thursday, 07 December 2023** from **15:00 to 17:00 CET** at **Tilburg University**. To register please fill out the form: www.tilburguniversity.edu/nl/form/max-van-der-stoel-human-rights-l

Since 1995, this prize is awarded to the best PhD and the best master-thesis or article in the field of human rights. The award, which serves as an incentive for human rights scholarship, is named after Max van der Stoel, former OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities and professor of International and European Law at Tilburg University.

The keynote address will be delivered by **Prof. Dr. Rianne Letschert**, president of Maastricht University. As this year also marks the 60th anniversary of Tilburg Law School, it is a great honor to welcome professor Letschert, alumnus of Tilburg Law School where she wrote her PHD candidate under supervision of Prof. Max van der Stoel.

Prof. Letschert will present the keynote entitled:

Human rights research and impact 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: stronger together it is!

In her keynote address, Rianne Letschert will emphasize the importance of a strong link between scientific research and impact driven activities in the field of human rights. What can we say about the recognition and rewards of these activities 75 years since the adoption of the UDHR? She will do so by presenting her own personal story and struggles in pursuing this and by explaining the necessity of a fundamental reorientation of the way academics are being recognized and rewarded in their work.

Prof. dr. Rianne Letschert is the President of Maastricht University where she previously was Rector Magnificus. Professor Letschert studied international law at, *inter alia*, Tilburg Law School and wrote her PHD dissertation under the supervision of Max van der Stoel and Willem van Genugten. She served as director of the International Victimology Institute (INTERVICT/Tilburg University), where she established a master's degree in Victimology and Criminal Justice. In May 2015, she and her team were awarded a Vidi grant by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research to study the impact of international

tribunals on societies and individuals that have been confronted with serious human rights violations and international crimes. Prof. Letschert has always dedicated a lot of time to translating scientific knowledge into societal impact. For example, she was an expert consultant on behalf of the victims at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon, she gave several public lectures and her extracurricular positions are related to socially relevant themes. Moreover, one of Professor Letschert's ambitions is to fundamentally reassess the career paths and opportunities of academic staff.

After the keynote by Prof. Rianne Letschert, the 2023 Max van der Stoel award winners, which have been selected by the members of the jury, will be announced. This year's members of the jury are:

- Dr Koen Lemmers, Professor of Human Rights Law at KU Leuven (presiding)
- Dr Lize Glas, Associate Professor International and European Law at Radboud University, Nijmegen
- Dr Ingrid Westendorp, Senior lecturer and researcher in International Law and Woman and Law at Maastricht University
- Dr Gerhard van der Schyff, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at Tilburg University
- Dr. Antenor Hallo de Wolf, Assistant Professor International Law and Human Rights at Groningen University

We look forward to welcoming you to the Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award 2023 ceremony!

Venue: Blackbox, Esplanade building, Tilburg University:

<https://www.tilburguniversity.edu/nl/contact/campus-map/esplanade>

Please register before Friday 1 December 2023.

Should there be any questions, do not hesitate to contact us at NNHRR@asser.nl.



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| 15:00 | Welcome with coffee & tea |
| 15:30 | Introduction Prof. Nicola Jägers, Chair Human Rights Law & Head of the department Public Law & Governance, Tilburg University |
| 15:45 | Keynote Prof. Letschert, President Maastricht University

<i>Human rights research and impact 75 years after the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: stronger together it is!</i> |
| 16:30 | Awarding of the Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award. Prof. Koen Lemmens. Chair of the jury. |
| 17:00 | Drinks |