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2024 Toogdag of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

Resilient Rights: Tools for Inclusion and Justice

hosted by the Netherland Institute of Human Rights (SIM) and Utrecht University Law School

Wednesday 26 June: PhD Event (only for registered PhD members)

14:45-17:00: PhD Workshop 'Telling the Story of Your Research' (venue: Janskerkhof 3, room 019)

17:30-18:30: Drinks and social activity (location: Utrecht city centre)

Thursday 27 June: Toogdag for all NNHRR members

Venue for the full programme: Janskerkhof 3, Utrecht University Law School, Utrecht

10:00-10:30: Registration & Coffee

10:30-10:45: Welcome and opening [plenary programme: **room 0.13, big lecture hall**] by Antoine Buyse on behalf of organizing team UU/SIM and Jasper Krommendijk on behalf of NNHRR.

10:45-12:00: SIM Peter Baehr lecture 2024 by Eva Brems (Ghent University), 'The State of Human Rights: an Attempt at Optimism'

12:00-13:00: Lunch break : reception area [including steering committee meeting in the Grote Stijlkamer: 12:10-12:50 with lunch provided there]

13:00-14:30: Parallel Sessions on the theme 'Resilient Human Rights'

[Panel 1: Modern technologies, AI and Human Rights \[room 1.09\]](#)

Moderator: Evelien Brouwer (Utrecht University)

- Laura Jacobs (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): Heritable germline gene editing and disability rights: the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities as guardian of the interests of persons with disabilities
- Alberto Quintavalla (Erasmus University Rotterdam, co-authored with Renée Knoop): Powering environmental access through AI?
- Kelly & Vicky Breemen (Utrecht University), 'Cultural AI': resilient human rights in the context of unlocking digitalized cultural heritage data

[Panel 2: Citizen Participation: Activism and Regulation \[room 1.10\]](#)

Moderator: Caia Vlieks (Utrecht University)

- Hanxu Liu (Maastricht University): The Participation of European Organisations of Persons with Disabilities in the UN mechanisms: Why does the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities matter?
- Irthe de Jong (University of Amsterdam): Citizen participation in EU climate decision-making: Potential to resolve climate and human rights conflicts?
- Noor Swart (Groningen University): The regulation of protests at abortion clinics in Europe

[Panel 3: Rethinking Human Rights Protection \[room 0.21\]](#)

Moderator: Roman Teshome (Utrecht University)

- Marieke Hopman (Maastricht University), Towards inclusive rights protection beyond the state-centric system
- Alice Dejean de la Bâtie (Tilburg University), The Fundamental Freedom of Solidarity in the Face of Criminalization
- Gustavo Arosemena & Shuyuan Zhang (Maastricht University), Operationalizing the ICESCR normative framework through quantification

14:30-14:45: Coffee & Tea break

14:45-16:15: Parallel Sessions organized by the NNHRR Working Groups

[Panel 1: Migration and Borders Working Group: Contours of Justice: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on Migration, Human Rights, and Border Management \[room 1.09\]](#)

Moderator: Mariana Gkliati (Tilburg University)

- Agostina Pirrello (Utrecht University): The agencification of border management (focusing on Frontex) and the interactions with the human rights of migrants
- Laura Cleton (Erasmus University Rotterdam): The gaps in human rights safeguards in the context of deportation
- Cushla Donaldson (Leiden University): The use of participatory and artistic methodologies in highlighting and politically influencing migrant detention and deportation in Australia
- Annick Pijnenburg and Kris van der Pas (Radboud University): Litigating Third Country Processing Agreements: The Added Value of a Multi-Level Legal Order?

[Panel 2: Business and Human Rights Working Group: What's in fashion? Theoretical Justice versus Unaccountability in Practice \[room 1.10\]](#)

- Ben Grama (Tilburg University): Translating Theory into Practice: The Dichotomy of UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights in Company Grievance Mechanisms

- Eva Meyermans Spelmans (Erasmus University Rotterdam): Power Imbalance in the Fashion Industry's Global Value Chain – the Role of Law
- Daniela Heerdt (Asser Institute): The UNGPs' role in the evolving sport and human rights movement
- Genevieve Noordeloos (Leiden University): Shaping Sustainable Consumption of Fashion: Reusing Clothes from a Business and Contract Law Perspective

[Panel 3: Human Rights in the Digital Age Working Group: Human Rights at the Intersection of Technology, Disruption, and Resilience \[room 1.11\]](#)

Moderators: Tarlach McGonagle (Universities of Amsterdam and Leiden) and Silvia de Conca (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

- Emma de Vries (Leiden University): The role of academia and academic freedom in the face of the many contradictions and tensions of the Digital Society
- Alberto Quintavalla (Erasmus University Rotterdam): The difficulty of balancing conflicting fundamental rights: the Internet of Bodies as a case study
- Ola Al Khatib (Utrecht University), *presentation title to be confirmed*

[Panel 4: Human Rights and the Climate Crisis Working Group \[room 0.21\]](#)

Moderator: Marlies Hesselman (Groningen University)

- Medes Malaihollo (Groningen University): Due diligence obligations of states and the right to self-determination of indigenous peoples in international law in times of climate change
- Anmol Gulecha (Tilburg University): Methods used by the non-European courts to engage with scientific/empirical evidence in public interest litigation cases.
- Otto Spijkers (Leiden/Erasmus/Amsterdam): Climate anxiety in human rights research and teaching
- Samuel Ballin (Radboud University): The rights of third-country national migrant workers under EU law

16:15-16:30: Coffee & Tea break

16:30-18:00: Final NNHRR plenary panel on resilient rights [room 0.13, big lecture hall]

Moderator: Janneke Gerards, Utrecht University

- Andrea Broderick, Maastricht University
- Nicola Jägers, Tilburg University
- Tarlach McGonagle, Leiden University and University of Amsterdam
- Lieneke Slingenberg, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam

18:00-19:00: Drinks reception (reception area of Janskerkhof 3)