



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

Toogdag 2025: Access to Justice

Call for Papers and Posters



Dear NNHRR Members,

We are delighted to invite you to the Annual Toogdag, which will take place on **12 June 2025** and will focus on **Access to Justice**. A PhD workshop and networking activity will take place on 11 June.

Background & Context

Access to justice (A2J) is essential for the protection of human rights, ensuring that individuals can effectively seek redress for their grievances and hold power to account. Nonetheless, A2J is increasingly at risk due to backlash against (inter)national courts, (rising) costs of legal services, legal fees, standing and victim requirements, shrinking civic space or strategic lawsuits against public participation. Systemic inequality further exacerbates the problem. Marginalised communities often face discrimination or are confronted with language barriers or implicit biases. Technological advancements present a double-edged sword. While innovations have the potential to improve access, they can widen the gap for those without digital literacy or internet access. The rise of

populist movements and anti-establishment sentiments further undermines the legitimacy of (inter)national courts and erodes public trust in legal institutions. This could make it (even) more difficult for individuals to seek justice.

Papers and Posters

Against this backdrop, the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research invites paper and poster submissions from academics and practitioners in all stages of their careers. Applicants may submit both a paper and a poster!

Submission Guidelines

Applicants should submit the following documents via email to machteld.vonk@ru.nl, with 'NNHRR PAPER/POSTER' as the subject:

- **Paper Presentations:** a Word document with an abstract of 300 words;
- **Poster Presentations:** the title of the presentation.

Please also make sure to include your name and affiliation in your email.

The deadline for sending in your abstracts and poster titles is **16 March 2025**.

Register your attendance

You can already register for the Toogdag through [this website](#).

PhD members of the Network may be eligible for a small travel and accommodation grant to attend the Toogdag - information to follow registration.

We are excited to receive your abstracts and posters, and are looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

Warm regards,
The Organizing Committee

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