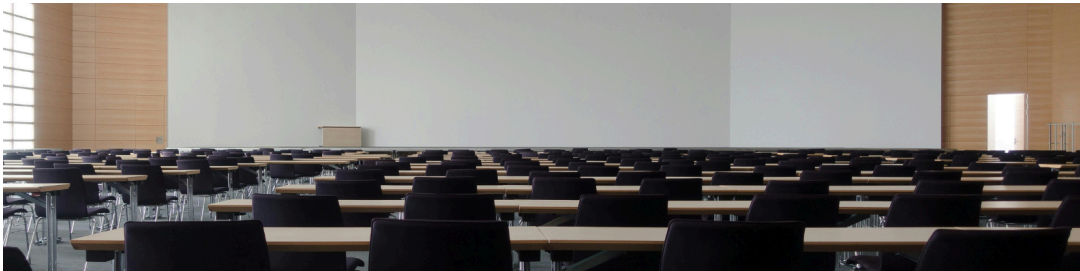




Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

March 2025 Newsletter



[Call for Proposals] Submit Your Proposal for a Research Workshop on Human Rights Before 30 June 2025

The Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) invites members to submit proposals for **research workshops on human rights**. These workshops should foster academic exchange among faculty, NNHRR members, and external researchers. **The next deadline for applications is 30 June 2025.**

Eligibility:

- Workshops must be co-convened by at least two members of the NNHRR (one PhD member and one Senior Member wherever possible);
- Workshops must be held in the Netherlands;
- Two different member institutions should be involved;
- Workshops may consist of a variety of event formats, including (but not limited to) panels, keynote speeches, meet and greets, events with artistic elements, etc;
- Convenors should consider inclusion and diversity.

Full proposals must be submitted by the (co-)conveners to the Network's Academic Coordinator (nnhrr@asser.nl) through [this form](#). If several panels are proposed, a short abstract or concept note for each panel should be included in the proposal. The maximum budget is €2,000 (higher amounts possible with justification), covering travel, accommodation, catering, and workshop logistics costs. Funding is reimbursed against receipts, with invoices submitted post-event. Successful applicants commit to writing a

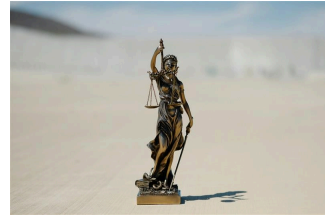
1000-word report in blog post form summarising the activity, discussions, and outcome. This will be published on the [Network's website](#), or on the blog, [Human Rights Here](#).

For more information, [click here](#).

[Annual Conference] There is Still Time to Register for the Toogdag!

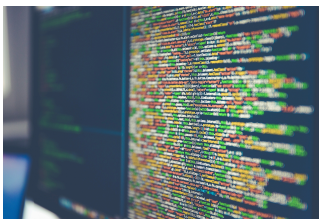
Dates: Wednesday 11 June 2025, 15:30 CET - Thursday 12 June 2025, 17:15 CET

Location: Radboud University Nijmegen



Access to Justice (A2J) is increasingly threatened. This has a particularly adverse impact for marginalised communities. While technological advancements have the potential to improve access, they widen the gap for those without digital literacy or internet access. The 2025 Toogdag, hosted by [Radboud University](#) and its Research Centre for State and Law (SteR) reflects on the theme more broadly, while the parallel sessions focus on specific themes related to the five working groups (digital age; business; migration; climate; economic, social and cultural rights) and/or specific areas of (Dutch) law (administrative; criminal and/ or private). The programme also welcomes parallel sessions and presentations in Dutch.

Registration



[Working Groups Human Rights in the Digital Age and Migration & Borders]

Digitalised Migration Management and Globalisation Workshop

Date: 14 April 2025

Time: 09:30-16:45 CET

Location: Mindlabs, Room MLZ2, Locomotiefboulevard 101, 5041 SE Tilburg, the Netherlands

The workshop, organised by [Tilburg University](#), the [University of Luxembourg](#), and the [Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research](#) (NNHRR), will bring together leading scholars and experts to explore **the impact of digitalisation and algorithmic processes on migration management**. Three expert panels will explore the intersection of technology, law, and human rights in migration governance, addressing topics including digital transformation and algorithmic processes in migration management,

digitalisation and externalisation of migration control, and legal gaps arising from the digitalisation of migration management.

Registrations opening soon!

[Working Group Business & Human Rights]

Multi-stakeholder Collaboration under the CSDDD Workshop



Date: 14 May 2025

Time: 14:00-18:00 CET

Location: University of Amsterdam

How can we ensure that the CSDDD is effective in promoting human rights? The workshop, organised by the [NNHRR Business and Human Rights Working Group](#) in collaboration with the [Amsterdam Center for International Law](#) (University of Amsterdam), seeks to foster dialogue between academics, policymakers, corporate practitioners, and civil society representatives to explore how collaborative efforts can drive effective due diligence. It will provide an educational platform for participants to explore the practical aspects of multi-stakeholder collaboration, and delve into the collaboration between public, private, and civil societal actors, both in the making of the CSDDD, its implementation in practice, and its enforcement mechanisms.

For more information, [click here](#).

Registration



[Online Summer Programme] International Sport and Human Rights

Dates: 21-28 May 2025

Starting Time: 9:00 CET

Location: Online (Zoom)

Fee: Students/NGOs: €200; Early birds: €300; Regular: €400

The [T.M.C Asser Instituut](#), together with the [Center For Sports and Human Rights](#), is organising the 4th edition of its annual **summer course on the intersection of sport and human rights**. This interactive programme brings together leading experts, practitioners, and professionals to tackle pressing issues such as mega-sporting events, gender

equality, governance, e-sports, and dispute resolution. Participants will explore the latest challenges and opportunities in international sport and human rights, learn practical strategies for applying human rights in the context of sports and expand their network.

For more information, [click here](#).

Registration

[Conference Call] The Politics of International Dispute Settlement

Date: 6 June 2025

Time: 09:00 to 17:00 CET

Location: Johanna Hudig Building (Alex Brenninkmeijerzaal), Achter Sint Pieter 200, 3512 HT Utrecht



On 6 June 2025, the [Research Platform on Peace, Security and Human Rights](#) is organising a conference in collaboration with the [Netherlands Institute of Human Rights](#) (SIM), [Utrecht Centre for Accountability and Liability Law](#) (Universiteit Utrecht), [Utrecht Centre for Regulation and Enforcement in Europe](#) (RENFORCE), and the [Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research](#) (NNHRR).

This conference will explore the **intersection of law and politics in international courts and tribunals** (ICTs), examining how legal disputes often carry significant political implications. Discussions will address ongoing trends, including the increasing judicialisation of international relations, the growing involvement of Global South States, the rise of forum shopping, and the role of ICTs in shaping global issues such as climate change and human rights. Judge Bruno Simma will deliver the keynote speech, and the conference will welcome 14 distinguished speakers from around the world, who will contribute to three thought-provoking panels on the politics of international dispute settlement.

For more information and the conference programme, [click here](#).

Registration



[Summer Course] International Human Rights Law: An Introduction

Dates: 7-11 July 2025

Location: Utrecht University, Faculty of Law

Fee: Course fee €650; Housing fee €200

Registration Deadline: 20 June 2025

This one-week course organised by [Utrecht University](#) offers a **comprehensive introduction to international human rights law**, exploring its philosophical and political foundations, key legal documents, and enforcement mechanisms at international and regional levels. Participants will examine critical issues such as equality, discrimination, and pressing human rights challenges like the right to life, protest, and the environment. Through lectures, interactive sessions, and excursions, the course provides both theoretical insights and practical applications, making it ideal for students and professionals seeking a deeper understanding of human rights law.

For more information, [click here](#).

[Summer School] International Summer School on Corporate Accountability and Climate Justice 2025



Date: 14 -19 September 2025

Location: University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, Lange Gasse
20, 90403 Nürnberg, Germany

Fee: €350 (including lunch and refreshments)

Registration Deadline: 31 March 2025

[Tilburg Law School](#), the [European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights](#), and the [Friedrich-Alexander Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg](#) invite applications for an **international summer school on Corporate Accountability and Climate Justice** in September 2025 (on-site only). The summer school is addressed to early-career practitioners and advanced students with prior knowledge of climate change law and/or business & human rights interested in pursuing a career in a civil society organisation. Further information, including the draft program, is available [here](#).

Please send your application (short motivation letter & CV) to summerschool@ecchr.eu by **31 March 2025**. Successful candidates will be notified and are expected to confirm their participation by remitting the summer school fee.



[Call for Applications] 3 Fully-funded PhD positions in Transitional Justice at Ghent University

Deadline: 5 April 2025

Ghent University is seeking to hire **three fully funded PhD researchers** as part of the new ERC project ["Innovation and documentation. Reconstructing the paradigm of transitional justice from the ground up"](#). Ideal candidates have an interdisciplinary background in social and legal studies related to human rights and transitional justice. Experience with empirical research methods (quantitative or qualitative) and familiarity with the project's topics are preferred. Researchers will be based at the Human Rights Centre, Faculty of Law and Criminology, Ghent University, with on-site presence essential for collaboration. The position is initially for 12 months, extendable by 36 months upon meeting first-year requirements. The recruitment process is focused on inclusion and diversity.

For more information, [click here](#).



Human Rights Here Blog

Call for Submissions!

Submissions to the Human Rights Here blog are invited from scholars and practitioners both inside and outside of the Netherlands on topics related to human rights. Members of the NNHRR and early career scholars are especially welcomed to submit blog content. Please send your contribution to humanrightshere@asser.nl and check [here](#) for the requirements.



**International Zero Discrimination Day
(1 March 2025): Connecting the
Seemingly Disconnected,
Intersectionality's Role in Eliminating**

Discrimination by Nozizwe Dube [3 March]

Zero Discrimination Day, a day that UNAIDS dedicates to celebrate the right of all to live a full and productive life with dignity, is observed annually on 1 March. This year's theme is We Stand Together, a reminder of how pivotal communities and community-led organisations are to building sustainable HIV responses. This blogpost discusses this year's theme in light of the global backlash against human rights, thereby noting how the theme advocates for centring an intersectional approach to eliminating discrimination.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: The Interaction between Access to the Rule of Law and Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights by Nathalie Schnabl [5 March]



This blog argues that access to the rule of law is essential to protect and enforce social, cultural and economic rights. As one of the coordinators of the NNHRR Economic, Social and Cultural Rights working group, the author discusses the importance of access to the rule of law in relation to economic, social, and cultural rights. In her dissertation, she focused on the importance of access to the rule of law for individuals. In this blog, she argues that access to the rule of law may require economic, social, and cultural rights, but it may also be required in order to protect and enforce them.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



Doctors Under Duress: Slovakia's 'Forced Labour' Law? by Hendrik Drößler and Richard Patassy [10 March]

The authors explore Slovakia's new legislation that compels doctors to work during declared emergencies, even after resignation, under threat of criminal penalties. This article critically examines whether the measure constitutes forced labor under the European Convention on Human Rights and explores its broader implications for Slovakia's healthcare system.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: Freedom, Equality, the Rule of Law and Democracy, Taking Political and Legal Conflicts Seriously by Jasper Doomen [14 March]



Democracy and the rule of law are often presented as ideals to be realized in conjunction, but the (potential) conflicts between these values cannot be ignored. This issue is not just (theoretically) noteworthy but also (practically) relevant, as recent developments in the European Union illustrate.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



De Facto Abolitionists of Capital Punishment: Violators of Human Rights Law? by Michael Woldeyes and Bereket Mulatu [17 March]

Many States maintain de facto abolitionist status, meaning they have not executed anyone for years despite retaining the death penalty. This blog examines whether such a status aligns with international human rights law. It explores if de facto abolitionist States may be violating their obligations under article 7 of the ICCPR, which prohibits cruel, inhuman, or degrading treatment or punishment.

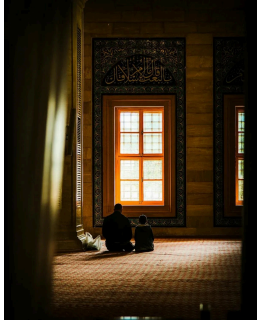
You can read the blog post [here](#).

International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March 2025): How to Contribute to the Elimination of Racial Discrimination as HRH Readers? by Emma Várnagy [21 March]



On the occasion of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Emma Várnagy offers practical strategies for HRH Readers to actively engage in anti-racism within academia. The piece explores how to cultivate inclusive research and teaching practices, challenge racist narratives in an institutional setting, and what uncomfortable challenges of the legal profession to be aware of.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (21 March 2025): Movement Lawyering and the Struggle Against Discriminatory State Surveillance in the Netherlands by Nawal Mustafa [24 March]

This blog explores movement lawyering as a transformative legal approach in discrimination cases in light of the [International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination](#). Awareness of institutional racism in the Netherlands has been growing in the past couple of years, particularly following cases like the Dutch childcare benefits [scandal](#) and the Dutch Education Agency's (DUO) [excessive scrutiny](#) of students from neighborhoods with a high proportion of residents with a migrant background, which resulted in [indirect discrimination](#). Through the author's work at [PILP](#) as a legal advisor on movement lawyering, she was involved in the mosque surveillance case discussed in this blog. This case illustrates how movement lawyering can be applied in the Netherlands, thereby demonstrating how community-centered legal strategies can empower affected groups, contribute to amplifying their voices, and increase their impact in social change.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

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