



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

April 2025 Newsletter

[Call for Registrations] PhD Training for 1st and 2nd Year Students

Dates: Thursday 22 May 2025 - Friday 23 May 2025

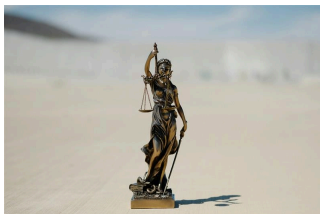
Location: Schouwburgstraat 2, The Hague



This year's **Training for 1st and 2nd Year PhD Students**, organised by [Leiden University](#), is approaching! The training will explore the theme of "**Legal Activism in Human Rights PhD Research**" through lectures, seminars, and group discussions. It is also an excellent opportunity to network with fellow PhD students working in the field of human rights in the Netherlands. **Network Members are eligible reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs up to €120.**

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

Registration



[Call for Registrations] Annual Conference: Toogdag 2025!

Date: 11 June 2025 15:30 CET - 12 June 2025 17:15 CET

Location: Radboud University Nijmegen

There is still time to register for our **Toogdag of 2025**, which will take place on **11 and 12 June** at [Radboud University](#) in Nijmegen. This year's theme is "**Access to Justice**" (A2J), which will be explored in parallel sessions focusing on digitalisation, business, migration,

climate, economic social and cultural rights, and/or specific areas of (Dutch) law. Sessions will be held in English or Dutch.

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

Registration

[Looking Back] PhD Training for 3rd and 4th Year Students

On 11 April 2025, the [University of Groningen](#) hosted the annual PhD Training for 3rd and 4th year PhD Students. This year's training offered a valuable opportunity to discuss a crucial but often overlooked topic of mental wellbeing. The programme also featured a broad range of sessions, offering insights from practical experience in human rights work, grant applications, and research publishing. We are grateful to the organisers for planning such a meaningful event, and to all the attendees for their active participation and engagement!



[Save the Date] Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award 2025

Date: 10 December 2025

Location: Tilburg University

The upcoming edition of the [Max van der Stoel Human Rights Award](#), organised by [Tilburg University](#), will take place on **10 December 2025**. The award is aimed at early-career researchers in the field of human rights and comprises two categories: **Best Doctoral Dissertation** and **Best Master's Thesis**, each eligible to win a prize of €4,000. Each faculty may nominate one Doctoral dissertation and one Master's thesis to participate in the competition.

Conditions:

- Doctoral dissertations must have been defended between 1 July 2023 and 1 June 2025
- Master theses must have been defended or published between 1 September 2023 and 31 August 2025
- Manuscripts must be written in Dutch or English

Deadlines:

- **Doctoral dissertations** must be submitted before **1 July 2025**
- **Master theses** must be submitted before **1 October 2025**

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

[Business & Human Rights Working Group]

Multi-stakeholder Collaboration under the CSDDD Workshop



Date: 14 May 2025, 14:00-18:00 CET

Location: Roeterseilandcampus – Building A, Room A3.01
(Nieuwe Achtergracht 166, 1018 WV Amsterdam)

Join the [Business & Human Rights Working Group](#) in their Workshop on "Multi-stakeholder Collaboration under the CSDDD". The event will feature six speakers from diverse organizations and one keynote speaker with academic and practice background.

Programme:

- 14:00–14:30 | Keynote Speech by [Prof. Humberto Cantú Rivera](#)
- 14:30–15:15 | Panel 1 – Drafting Due Diligence Plans: Translating Legal Obligations into Practice
- 15:30–16:15 | Panel 2 – Stakeholder Engagement in Corporate Due Diligence
- 16:30–17:15 | Panel 3 – Designing Effective Enforcement for the CSDDD
- 17:15–18:00 | Networking & Drinks

More information, as well as a full programme overview, can be found [here](#).

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[Migration & Borders Working Group]

PhD Defense of Jordan Dez: 'The Political Rights of Migrants: Undocumented Migrant Politics as Human Rights-making Practice'

Date: Thursday 8 May 2025, 13:45 CET

Location: Aula (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam) and online

On Thursday 8 of May at 13:45, Jordan Dez from the [Migration & Borders Working Group](#) will be defending her PhD dissertation *The Political Rights of Migrants: Undocumented Migrant Politics as Human Rights-making Practice*. Network members are invited to join. The defense will take place in the Aula at the [Vrije Universiteit](#). It will last one hour and will be followed by a reception. For those who cannot join in person, but are still interested in watching, the defense can also be live streamed. Please feel free to share this invitation with colleagues who may like to come!



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.

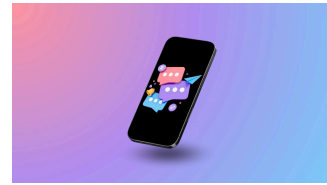


The ECtHR's Application of Article 46 ECHR to Provide Reparations for Systemic Discrimination: The Case of VI v Moldova by Konrad Turnbull [4 April]

The ECtHR's *VI v Moldova* judgment of 16th March 2025 underlines the importance of systemic reparations for instances of systemic discrimination. By applying Article 46 to address the institutional neglect of persons with intellectual disabilities, the Court recognises that such violations require more than just individual redress.

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

International World Health Day (7 April 2025): From Likes to Legislation? Connecting Social Media Use and the Right to Health by Dominique Mollet, Sophie Kroezen and Pepijn Tukker [7 April]



Marking World Health Day, this blog examines how increased social media use (SMU) can structurally impact the right to health, particularly among children, adolescents, and young adults. As the digital world rapidly evolves, it brings both opportunities and challenges for human rights protection online. Through three case studies, the blog explores SMU's effects on mental health, sexual and reproductive health rights, and the prevention of non-communicable diseases (NCDs). Anchored in Articles 24 CRC and 12 ICESCR, it highlights critical health-related concerns, while acknowledging the relevance of broader rights such as the best interest of the child and the right to information.

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



HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: The right to Family Life: What Is in It For Women? by Zora Geertsema [11 April]

This blog post aims to establish a foundation for examining the role of the right to family life in safeguarding women's rights. It emphasises the degree to which the socioeconomic effects of family life on women are taken into account when the right to family life is weighed against various human rights bodies.

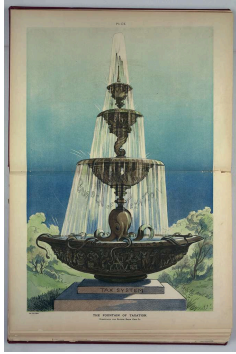
You can read the blog post [here](#).

HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: Justiciability of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in the Netherlands: Pitfalls and Opportunity by Jolanda Andela [15 April]



This blog post examines the dynamics of the justiciability of economic, social, and cultural rights in the Netherlands. It discusses various challenges and opportunities and highlights the importance of enhancing the justiciability of these rights.

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



International World Health Day (7 April 2025): Healthy Beginnings, Hopeful Futures? No Global Health without Wealth Redistribution and Climate Action – Inconvenient Truths in Troubled Times by David Patterson [17 April]

World Health Day, celebrated on 7 April 2025, will kick off a year-long campaign on maternal and newborn health. This post notes the falling investment in global health and the failure of the health community in the global North to engage with global wealth inequality. The post argues that the international human rights system provides a strong normative and legal framework for responding to inequality, climate change and other global health challenges.

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

HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: The Importance of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in Addressing Statelessness by Caia Vlieks [23 April]



Statelessness has been described as a pressing human rights issue that affects millions of people worldwide. The absence of any nationality leaves many stateless people without legal protection, facing problems in effectuating basic rights. Indeed, the enjoyment of economic, social, and cultural rights (ESCR) is often negatively impacted by statelessness as States tend to limit access to these rights to citizens primarily. This blog discusses how despite a statelessness-specific legal framework protecting key fundamental rights, accessing social protection, employment, housing, or education may, for example, be challenging for those who are stateless.

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



HRH Profile Series of NNHRR Working Group of ESCR: Overcoming Medical Misogyny, Advancing the Right to Health of People Living with

Endometriosis by Erica Selznick, Paula Blancarte Jaber, Andrea Ford, and Inga T. Winkler [28 April]

Human rights advocates have long pointed out that the intersection of gender and health is characterised by significant neglect and structural disregard of women's right to health, which leads to the neglect of conditions like endometriosis. In this blog, the authors consider the role of self-management in addressing these health conditions. Does self-management provide a means of empowerment by giving people control over their health, or does it further perpetuate the abandonment many people living with endometriosis experience in the medical system?

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

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