



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

October 2025 Newsletter

Calls & Opportunities

[Last Chance to Apply] Grants for Research Workshops on Human Rights

- **Deadline 31 October 2025**



Would you like to receive funding for your human rights event? We are offering **grants for research workshops on human rights up to €2,000**.

To be eligible, the event must be:

- Co-convened by a junior and a senior member of the NNHRR
- Involve at least two member institutions
- Held in the Netherlands
- Considerate of inclusion and diversity

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[Last Chance to Apply] NNHRR Doctoral Research Forum

- **Date:** 30 January 2026
- **Location:** Maastricht University
- **Deadline:** 1 November 2025

At the NNHRR [Doctoral Research Forum](#), PhD members have the opportunity to present their human rights research and receive feedback from peers and senior NNHRR members. The upcoming edition will take place on 30 January 2026 at Maastricht University. Interested? Then submit your abstract (max. 500 words) and a bio (max. 100 words) **before 1 November 2025!**

Registration

[Vacancy] Post-Doctoral Researcher at University College Dublin

- **Deadline: 19 November 2025**



[University College Dublin](#) is looking for a postdoctoral researcher for the RIGHTS-TO-UNITE project. The project conducts qualitative socio-legal research exploring the question whether perception and usage of EU-derived rights contributes to integration of societies in the EU and its neighbourhood, engaging with legal, sociological and political perspectives on European integration. The ideal candidate is a highly motivated and qualified researcher with a strong profile in European Studies (sociology, legal studies, political science, industrial relations or another relevant field) and the capacity to work with primary and secondary sources from the other disciplines as well. They should have experience in qualitative comparative research, such as focus groups and expert interviews, and a more than theoretical understanding of socio-legal comparison. The **deadline for applications is 19 November 2025**. Access the job portal [here](#).



[Opportunity] Shine a Spotlight on your PhD Research

- **Deadline: ongoing**

Are you conducting innovative human rights research during your PhD, or know someone who is? We would love to interview you on our newest initiative for PhD members: **PhD Spotlight!** To participate, send a portrait picture and a filled out version of the [following document](#) to nnhrr@asser.nl with the subject line "PhD Spotlight - [your name]".

Events & Education

[Mini Symposium and SIM Peter Baehr Lecture] A House of Stories: 75 Years of Protecting Human Rights through the European Convention of Human Rights

- **Date:** 14 November 2025
- **Time:** 14:00-18:00
- **Location:** Utrecht University



In the afternoon of **Friday 14 November**, the [Netherlands Institute of Human Rights SIM](#), at the occasion of 75 years ECHR, is organising both its annual SIM Peter Baehr lecture (in English), delivered by Strasbourg judge **Jolien Schukking**, as well as a mini symposium (in Dutch) on that theme preceding the lecture, in collaboration with the [College voor de Rechten van de Mens](#), the [Montaigne Centre for Rule of Law and Administration of Justice](#), and the [Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research](#).

Information & Registration

[Event] Accountability & Human Rights: A Conversation between Sumi Madhok and Başak Çalı

- **Date:** 19 November 2025
- **Time:** 16:30
- **Location:** Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Science and the Arts, Re Ducale 1, Brussels

[Sumi Madhok](#) (Professor of Political Theory and Gender Studies, LSE) and [Başak Çalı](#) (Head of Research and Professor of International Law, Bonavero Institute of Human Rights, University of Oxford) join in conversation to explore what it means to develop richer, more substantive frameworks for human rights accountability that transcend the boundaries between law, politics, and moral claims. Together they discuss what thicker notions of human rights accountability might look like, sensitive to the complex terrain where legal obligations, political struggles, and moral imperatives intersect. Moving beyond technocratic framings, blueprints, and descriptive typologies, Madhok and Çalı promise a conversation that challenges us to rethink who holds authority, whose voices count, and what thicker notions of accountability demand when law, politics, and moral claims refuse to stay in their separate boxes. Learn more [here](#).

Registration

[T.M.C. Asser Annual Lecture] Prof. Joyeeta Gupta: Protecting the Public Interest in Times of Climate Change

- **Date:** 26 November 2025
- **Time:** 17:00
- **Location:** Building of the Supreme Court of The Netherlands

The conversation on climate change is shifting. Beyond reducing emissions, the urgent question is now one of institutional design: what new systems of governance can effectively protect the global public interest? Spinoza Prize winner [Professor Joyeeta Gupta](#) will address this directly at our 10th T.M.C. Asser Annual Lecture. Her lecture will outline a practical and theoretical path forward, from leveraging climate litigation today to envisioning a global constitution for tomorrow. It's a perspective grounded in decades of research, arguing that what seems idealistic now may soon become necessary. We welcome anyone whose work engages with questions of international law, climate, justice, and the international order to attend. More information is available [here](#).

Registration

[Expert Roundtable] Promises, Processes, and Pitfalls in International Criminal Justice Today

- **Date:** 4 December 2025
- **Time:** 09:30 - 11:00
- **Location:** University of Amsterdam

International criminal justice is a 'human' process: idealistic, emotional, flawed, messy, and even boring. What are the biggest opportunities, and challenges, for the international criminal justice project today? How can Courts grapple with ongoing challenges, and better live up to their promises? What elements of justice have past and present Courts continued to overlook, and what is the way forward? What does it mean to be a practitioner, researcher, or observer of international justice today? How do we analyse or engage with Courts? How do we experience the process of doing so? On **Thursday 4 December**, the [University of Amsterdam](#), the [Centre for International Criminal Justice at VU Amsterdam](#), and the NNHRR invite you to an informal expert

roundtable where scholars and practitioners will come together to reflect on some of these questions, and their experiences of engaging with international criminal justice from a variety of angles. Learn more about the speakers [here](#).

Registration

Publications

[New Book Publication] Transitional Justice in the United States of America: Justice for All?

[Brienne McGonigle Leyh](#)'s new book on *Transitional Justice in the United States of America: Justice for All?* has just come out with Routledge's Transitional Justice Series. Too often, transitional justice in the U.S. is only associated with truth commissions and reparations. Her research shows that in the U.S. it can and should be seen as much broader. She examines more than 50 examples, both historical and contemporary, that illustrate a fragmented yet powerful justice landscape. She argues that without federal leadership, funding, and a unifying national narrative, these important efforts will remain piecemeal and unable to fully address systemic injustices. She also stresses that U.S. initiatives should be connected to global human rights and transitional justice norms, creating opportunities to learn from international experiences while adapting them to local realities.

Call for Contributions!

Would you like us to feature your publication on the NNHRR Newsletter? Then reach out to nnhrr@asser.nl.

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 Right to Care: Critical Reflections on Recent Developments in International Human Rights Law by María Paz Daza Carniglia

Recently, the right to care has been incorporated into international human rights law. The IACtHR's 2025 Advisory Opinion recognizes the right to care as an autonomous human right, including the rights to receive care, provide care, and self-care. This landmark advisory opinion may represent a step forward. However, in this blog María Paz Daza Carniglia critically analyzes the potential risks of this new right as understood by the IACtHR. Specifically, the text reflects on the risk of perpetuating care as dependency and the unequal burden placed on women due to gender stereotypes.

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

Indigenous Peoples, Climate Change and Human Rights: a Brief Look at Two Landmark Advisory Opinions in International Law by Vanessa Tünsmeier

This blog by Vanessa Tünsmeier covers the two most recently adopted Advisory Opinions on climate change: the Advisory Opinion on the climate emergency and human rights, adopted by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR), and the International Court of Justice (ICJ)'s Advisory Opinion on 'state obligations in respect of Climate Change'. Vanessa Tünsmeier considers the space conceded to Indigenous peoples in both Advisory Opinions and concludes that the two Advisory Opinions recognise the existential threat that the climate crisis poses to the continued existence of Indigenous Peoples as peoples. The full implications of this will need to be further concretised in future case-law.

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

India's Digital Speech Crisis: From Shreya Singhal to Sahyog by Akshansh Pandey

This blog by Akshansh Pandey titled "India's Digital Speech Crisis: From Shreya Singhal to Sahyog" examines India's evolving digital censorship framework through the Sahyog portal, situating it within national and international legal standards. It highlights procedural shortcomings and implications for freedom of expression, drawing comparisons with EU and US frameworks

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

A Case for Inclusion: Deed of Familial Association as a Solution for the Inclusion of LGBTQIA+ Family Structures into the Indian Legal System by Suha K

In this blog post,, the author examines the validity and need for the Deed of Familial Relations, a novel proposition based on principles of contract which aims to provide equal legal recognition and rights to non-conventional families, primarily LGBTQIA+ families in India.

You can read **Part 1** [here](#) and **Part 2** [here](#).

A Spark of Justice: Toward a Human Right to Energy? Lessons From the Campaign for a Human Right to Water by Alberto Quintavalla, Irakli Samkharadze and Franz Kienzl

This blog by Alberto Quintavalla, Irakli Samkharadze, and Franz Kienzl covers energy, which is essential for survival, yet its recognition as a human right is mostly absent in international law. While discussions on sustainable development and energy justice are on the rise, meaningful reform remains challenging. Advocates can learn from the right to water campaign, emphasizing the link between energy access and human dignity to strengthen their cause.

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

Tagaeri and Taromenane v. Ecuador: A Potential Avenue to Plead for the Rights of Future Generations in

Regional Climate Litigation? by Patricio Trincado Vera and Julian Suarez

This fascinating blog by Julián Eduardo Suárez Bohórquez and Patricio Trincado Vera titled "Tagaeri and Taromenane v. Ecuador: A Potential Avenue to Plead for the Rights of Future Generations in Regional Climate Litigation?" explores the possibility of litigating the rights of future generations in climate litigation before the IACtHR through the analogous application of a rule applied in the recent case of *Tagaeri and Taromenane v. Ecuador*, in which the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (IACtHR) developed an exceptional rule of representation for 'Indigenous Peoples Living in Voluntary Isolation' (IPVLI).

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

Between the Lab and the Law: Reflections from EAFS 2025 Investigative Genetic Genealogy by Taner Kuru

Investigative genetic genealogy, a novel investigative technique in which law enforcement authorities utilise privately owned genetic genealogy databases to solve cases, has garnered significant attention worldwide in recent years. Although it has already proven its promise by helping solve hundreds of cases so far, investigative genetic genealogy has not come without controversy. There have been concerns about the risks posed by this technique on the fundamental rights and freedoms of individuals affected, especially regarding their right to privacy and data protection. In this blog post, Taner Kuru provides a brief overview of this technique, as well as its risks, and shares insights from the EAFS 2025 conference, where investigative genetic genealogy was under the spotlight.

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

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