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Leiden Law School has an impressive history that can be traced back to the sixteenth century. We value this history and its traditions, but at the same time we value innovation and progress. 2016 was a year in which innovations were rolled out in several areas.

Legal academics are increasingly forging collaborations with colleagues from other disciplines. Knowledge of law in the fields of commerce, employment, tax, the economy, criminology and philosophy... they are all needed to shed light from their own perspective on today’s complex issues. In particular the research profile programme Interaction Between Legal Systems boosted interdisciplinary collaboration in 2016. Topical issues such as the impact of migration on the welfare state, how to regulate online commerce, or law and order at sea all played a key role. Also the move by a section of the faculty to the new Wijnhaven location in The Hague will serve to encourage collaboration between academic colleagues and professional experts. Legal academics are now active at the heart of the ‘international city of peace and justice’, working under one roof with colleagues from the faculties of Social Science and Governance and Global Affairs.

The law faculty is not only reaching out in terms of breadth, but increasingly it is also reaching out internationally beyond its borders. The Advanced Master Studies programmes have proved to be highly successful; they attract postgraduate law students from all over the world who come to study in Leiden for a year. For some lecturers their presence is quite an eye-opener. Staff now teach in English, exchange experiences with their international master students and are inspired by cross-border research. I expect that this trend will continue in the future. In the first weeks of 2017 talks were held in Beijing on extending our exchange agreements with the four most important law schools in China, a region that is important for the university as a whole.

Innovation is also present in how we share our expertise with the general public: the Leiden Law Blog reaches a wide audience, as do our MOOCs (massive open online courses). Recently the first faculty vloggers became active, and eLaw lecturer Bart Schermer taught our first online lecture series at the Universiteit van Nederland.

All these innovations are necessary. Now that international relations are becoming more important, our teaching and research will also have to have a broader focus. Now that the questions put to us are becoming more complex, colleagues will have to work together more closely to provide answers. Now that the employment market is changing faster, we must ask ourselves how we can best educate our lawyers and criminologists to equip them with the necessary tools for the future. Both the regular bachelor students and master students should be well prepared for their upcoming careers.

And now that the international political climate has become less stable, it is even more important that law is alive and kicking in society. After all, it is the rule of law that protects the weak – also against the power of the state.

Our faculty can be proud of its prominent position and wonderful traditions. They deserve to be continued and renewed. Further cooperation between academic disciplines, more international exchange programmes, modernisation in education and teaching, the promotion of diversity at all levels, increased awareness of citizens about law... these are the innovations that I will pursue in the coming years.

Joanne van der Leun
Dean Leiden Law School
Grotius Centre and Nuremberg Academy sign agreement in the presence of the King

On 14 April 2016 Professor Carsten Stahn, Programme Director of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies in The Hague, and Bernd Borchardt, Director of the International Nuremberg Principles Academy, signed an agreement. In the presence of His Majesty King Willem-Alexander and Her Majesty Queen Máxima, the Grotius Centre and the Nuremberg Academy joined forces in the area of ‘international criminal justice’. The agreement was signed in the historic “Saal 600”, the court where the Nuremberg Trials were held in the aftermath of the Second World War. The collaboration between the Grotius Centre and the Nuremberg Academy will focus on the enshrinement of international law in national legal systems. Professor Stahn presented the book ‘The International Criminal Court and Complementarity: From Theory to Practice’ (Cambridge University Press, 2011) to His Majesty Willem-Alexander. The book forms the basis for a joint research project by the two institutions.

Rare legal academic documents come home to Leiden

On Wednesday 13 January 2016 Professor Rick Lawson presented a bundle of rare legal academic documents dating from 1596-1604 to Rector Magnificus Professor Carel Stolker. This collection of documents constitute a very special piece of heritage dating back to the very first years of the existence of Leiden University. The documents were purchased by the alumni of Leiden Law School to honour the 88th anniversary of the University.

Leiden University and UNICEF Netherlands renew collaboration

On Wednesday 24 Augustus 2016 Leiden University and UNICEF in the Netherlands renewed their successful collaboration for the next five years. During this period they will work together on forming an international centre for expertise on children’s rights supported by the UNICEF Chair in Children’s Rights. This centre for expertise will focus on fundamental and applied research into children’s rights and the training of students and professionals. The proposed centre will link law to other academic disciplines, both national and international, taking law and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child as its point of departure.

International law online

The fourth legal Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) ‘International Law in Action: A Guide to the International Courts and Tribunals in The Hague’ was launched at the start of 2016. The MOOC taught by Professor Larissa van den Herik, Dr Yannick Radi and Dr Cecily Rose looks at the interaction between law and politics, the role of the state and the role that international law courts and courts of appeal can play in the protection of public and global interests. The MOOC ‘International Law in Action: Investigating and Prosecuting International Crimes’, taught by Professor Carsten Stahn, was launched in September 2016.

‘Why you do have something to hide’

Following the example of his colleagues Professor Paul Cliteur and Professor Stefan Sagel, in 2016 Dr Bart Schermer taught at the Universiteit van Nederland where his lecture series ‘Waarom heb je wél iets te verbergen?’ (Why you do have something to hide) could be viewed for free. Bart Schermer works as Associate Professor at the eLaw Centre for Law and Digital Technologies.

More information: universiteitvannederland.nl/college/wie-is-er-eigenlijk-de-baas-op-het-internet
Professor Cleveringa ‘returns’ to Leiden Law School

On Friday 25 November 2016, the daughter of Professor Cleveringa, Mrs Ten Kate – Cleveringa, presented a beautiful bronze bust sculpture of her father to Leiden Law School. Professor Joanne van der Leun gratefully accepted the sculpture, made by Eja Siepman van den Berg, in the presence of the new Cleveringa Professor Liu. The sculpture has been given a special place at the Kamerlingh Onnes building, opposite the statute of Professor E.M. Meijers. They both symbolise the thinking behind the university’s motto Praesidium Libertatis (Bastion of Liberty) and remain a constant inspiration to both our students and academic staff.
Leiden students win innovation prize with Appjection

Objection application Appjection won the first edition of De Brauw's Legal Innovation Challenge (BLIC). The three Leiden founders received 25,000 euro and free advice from law firm De Brauw Blackstone Westbroek. Appjection makes it possible to appeal against fines and decisions using a smartphone. People can use the app or Whatsapp to submit all the relevant information required to submit an objection. Appjection then ensures an automatically correct format and sends the objection to the correct institution. The application works on a no cure, no pay basis. If the appeal is not successful or a fine not reduced, the user doesn’t have to pay anything. If the appeal is successful, however, Appjection receives part of the amount saved.
NWO awards VIDI grant to legal expert and criminologist Maartje van der Woude

Professor of Sociology of Law Maartje van der Woude has received a VIDI grant of 800,000 euros from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO) for a five-year research project entitled: ‘Getting to the Core of Crimmigration. Assessing the Role of Discretion in Managing Internal Cross-Border Mobility’.

Countries in the EU are struggling with the open borders and the related threat that potentially dangerous or undesirable groups can easily move throughout Europe. In this project Van der Woude will investigate what clear measures the EU Member States are taking with a view to the refugee crisis and the European threat of terrorism. In addition, Van der Woude will look at the extent to which a response to both phenomena can be seen as a merging of policy on migration and security.

Half million euro grant for research into pensions

Researchers from the Department of Economics – Marike Knoef, Kees Goudswaard, Koen Caminada, Jim Been and Lieke Kools – have received a half million euro grant from Netspar. This is a top institute in the field of pensions and aging.

The aging population, the changing labour market and the low interest rates are putting pressure on the pension system. Research is needed to reform the pension system. Using this grant, the researchers will analyse insecurity surrounding income and health throughout the life cycle. They will then analyse the consequences for people’s behaviour with regard to saving.

Evaluation of the Child Ombudsman Act

Since 2011 the Netherlands has an Ombudsman for Children whose most important task is to promote children’s rights. To what extent does the Act on the Ombudsman for Children achieve its objectives as envisaged by the legislature when the Act was introduced? This research, carried out by Professor Mariëlle Bruning, evaluates the Act on the Ombudsman for Children. The aim of the research is to assess the effectiveness and the side effects of this Act in practice. The research is performed by a multidisciplinary team of legal experts, educationalists and an anthropologist.

NWO Research Talent Grant for criminologist Anneke Koning

Criminology lecturer Anneke Koning has been awarded a Research Talent Grant from the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research (NWO). She received the grant for her four-year PhD project entitled: ‘Child sex tourism: A systematic examination of responses against a global problem’, supervised by Professor Joanne van der Leun and Dr Johan van Wilsem.

Discussion Paper to evaluate (Dutch) Youth Act

Professor Mariëlle Bruning was requested by ZonMw (the Netherlands Organisation for Health Research and Development), which together with WODC (Scientific Research and Documentation Centre) will be responsible for the research framework of the first evaluation of the Youth Act, to carry out an explanatory study and to write a discussion paper. The paper presents an evaluation framework from a legal perspective and outlines which evaluation themes and questions are important in the evaluation of the Youth Act which took effect on 1 January 2015. The Youth Act includes the provision that within three years the Act would be evaluated.
National rights and access to Oost-Timor – an instrument for evidence-based policy and representation of interests

When it comes to the future development of Oost-Timor, the two greatest challenges are how to deal with disputes concerning land and the development of an adequate system for formal land ownership. In response to this, the Van Vollenhoven Institute and The Asia Foundation have developed a method to collect reliable, consistent and independent data. This project is part of the NWO (Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research) programme Security & Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings. This research programme aims to increase the effectiveness of policy and intervention programmes in the field of security and law in fragile and conflict-sensitive areas by using research to reinforce the knowledge on which they are based.

EU Grant for Bart Custers

The European Commission has awarded a grant to the project e-SIDES (ethical and societal implications of data science). Dr Bart Custers, Associate Professor and Head of Research at eLaw, the Centre for Law and Digital Technologies, has written a proposal with two foreign partners as part of the EU’s Horizon 2020 Programme.

Brexit Procedure in charts

The United Kingdom has opted for a Brexit. What are the legal ‘rules of play’ in the event a Member State leaves the EU? In the ‘Brexit charts’ Christa Tobler, Professor of European Law, explains the procedure the United Kingdom will have to follow in order to leave the European Union. For example, she looks at Article 50 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). This is the article under which the United Kingdom will start the process to leave the EU – a unique moment in Europe’s history. Tobler’s ‘Brexit charts’ use graphs to illustrate the next steps that have to be taken by the United Kingdom and the European Union. Negotiations between both parties will have to show in what way the United Kingdom and the Union wish to remain connected. New agreements will have to be drawn up concerning for instance import tariffs and international trade since the United Kingdom will no longer be part of the internal European market.

More information: universiteitleiden.nl/nieuws/2016/07/grafieken-over-brexit-van-tobler-beglinger

Inaugural Lecture Professor Luuk van Middelaar ‘De Europese Unie en de gebeurtenissenpolitiek’

The inaugural lecture of Professor Luuk van Middelaar on “De Europese Unie en de gebeurtenissenpolitiek” (The European Union and the politics of events), delivered on 23 September 2016, received extensive coverage in national and international media and also in the political arena. For instance, Dutch Prime Minister Mark Rutte referred extensively to the inaugural lecture in his ‘Thorbecke Lecture’ held on 12 October 2016 in Zwolle. Prime Minister Rutte talked about the impact of European politics on the work of the Prime Minister and he fully endorsed Van Middelaar’s analysis that the EU is in the process of being transformed from a union of regulations to becoming a union that responds to events.
Learning to argue a case in a ‘real’ court

Thanks to a very successful crowdfunding campaign, Leiden Law School was able to build a mock courtroom for *Moot Court*, the course where students learn advocacy skills. The courtroom, named after Hans Nieuwenhuis who passed away in 2015, was opened in style in the presence of a large number of donors. The 129 donors came from all areas including Leiden students, employees, alumni, relations of the law faculty and from the business sector. Clementine Breedveld-de Voogd, Director of Moot Court: ‘The success is due to the connection with the Faculty that is felt by all the generous donors.’
Upon the invitation of Professor Afshin Ellian, Prime Minister Mark Rutte gave a guest lecture on 10 October 2016 to first-year students at Leiden Law School. In his lecture, the Prime Minister discussed a number of issues concerning constitutional law such as the referendum, the Dutch presidency of the Council of the European Union, freedom of speech and the role of the Prime Minister in the cabinet. He also answered a number of questions from the participating students.
Leiden University and the Netherlands Custodial Institutions Agency investigate living conditions in Dutch prisons
Researchers from the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology – Professor Paul Nieuwbeerta, Anouk Bosma, Esther van Ginneken, Hanneke Palmen and Maria Berghuis – are investigating, in collaboration with the Netherlands Custodial Institutions Agency (DJI) of the Ministry of Security and Justice, the working and living conditions in Dutch prisons. To make improvements in the living conditions in Dutch prisons, it is important to gather information about the conditions of detention. For this purpose, an extensive survey will be held in spring 2017 among all detainees being held in all 28 penal institutions throughout the Netherlands.


Which country best protects your privacy?
The Ministry of Justice has requested that eLaw, Centre for Law and Digital Technologies carry out a comparison of the protection of personal data in various EU countries. Is the Netherlands a front runner, is it part of the middle group or are we lagging behind? This question needs to be answered before the Dutch Lower House can decide if additional measures are needed. The study is the direct result of a motion by the Lower House requesting that the government investigates the position of the Netherlands in relation to the protection of (international) privacy compared to other EU countries.


Professor Job Cohen presents final report on G1000 research
Professor Job Cohen and Geerten Boogaard have concluded the research project on the democratic experiment ‘G1000’, concerning citizens’ assemblies. The main focus of the research were the G1000s that were held in 2014 and 2015. Experiences with the approach of these G1000s led to welcome insights about how these democratic experiments should or should not be set up. ‘This can also help to provide tools to deal with current problems such as refugee housing,’ according to Job Cohen. The multi-disciplinary research was carried out by scholars of constitutional law, political science, public administration and sociology from Leiden University, Utrecht University and VU Amsterdam supported with funding from the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations. On 31 March 2016 Job Cohen presented the book ‘G1000. Ervaringen met burgertoppen’ (G1000. Experiences with citizens’ assemblies) at the Association of Netherlands Municipalities in The Hague.

‘Terrorism and cybercrime call for better international cooperation’
The United States and the European Union need to work together more closely in the field of law, since terrorists and criminals are increasingly operating beyond their borders. American Minister of Justice Loretta Lynch emphasised this during her visit to Leiden University on 1 June 2016. ‘The world is more closely interconnected than ever before,’ Lynch said during her speech at the Academy Building. ‘Technological innovations mean that geographical borders are becoming blurred and criminals are exploiting online opportunities. The existing legislation has to be modified, according to the American Minister, in order to combat these developments effectively, while at the same time protecting the rights of the individual’. In his speech, the now former Dutch Minister of Security and Justice Ard van der Steur emphasised the importance of the protection of personal data and effective collaboration with the US. He talked about how cyber criminals work in today’s world. They live in one country, their internet servers are located in another country and they target victims in a third country. Rapid international cooperation is crucial in determining who should combat these criminals and in what way.


Lecture Series ‘Recht en Literatuur’
‘Recht en Literatuur Leiden’ (Law and Literature Leiden) is an initiative that arose after the optional course ‘Recht en Literatuur’, a course originally set up by Professor Hans Nieuwenhuis. After this elective, Claudia Bouteligier (PhD student “Recht en Literatuur”) and Michael Klos (a bachelor law student) together organised a book review to discuss ‘De vreemdeling van Albert Camus’. ‘Recht en Literatuur Leiden’ has developed to become an interuniversity and interfaculty network for all interested in the significance of literature with regard to law. Students had let it be known they were very interested in a lecture series on law and literature. In response Claudia Bouteligier and Timo Slootweg set up and taught the lecture series ‘Recht, Literatuur en Existentialfilosofie’ (Law, Literature and Existential Philosophy) in academic year 2016/2017.

More information: rechtenliteratuurleiden.nl

Conference 50 years of ICCPR and ICESCR: impact, interplay and the way forward
What has the impact been of the ICCPR and ICESCR, the international covenants on Civil and Political Rights and on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights? How can their future role in the protection of human rights be further enhanced? These are some questions that were posed during the conference to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the ICCPR and ICESCR. Together with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, these two covenants form the basis of the global human rights system. Professor Cees Flinterman, former member of the Human Rights Committee which supervises the ICCPR and Professor Nico Schrijver, current member of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, delivered the keynote speeches.

A lawyer has to apply the rules of law in a world which is complex and at times chaotic. Legitimate interests collide and lawyers fulfill different roles to ensure that a balance is found. This is what 1000 first-year students of law and criminology learnt during the faculty introduction week. The students attended an interactive guest lecture on gas extraction, organised by Willemien den Ouden, Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law. She had succeeded in bringing together three major parties involved in the issue of gas in the Stadsgehoorzaal in Leiden on 6 September 2016. The new students were able to learn at first hand about one of the most complex current topics in Dutch administrative law and a clear picture was given of the various roles which lawyers play.
Best JPAO lecturer Dr Yvonne Erkens receives her prize at the annual Alumni Day
IP Symposium: All you need to know about IP
In recognition of the fact that on 1 September 2016 Professor Dirk Visser had been employed at Leiden University for 25 years, during the annual faculty Alumni Day the session on Intellectual Property Law was named ‘IP Symposium: All you need to know about IP’.

In the name of the citizen? Citizen participation in the Netherlands
The topic of the Thorbecke Symposium held at the faculty on 23 September 2016 was citizen participation in the Netherlands. In recent years in this country there has been an increasing call for more public consultation in governance. A response to this call was recently provided at national level in the form of the referendum on the Ukraine, but it is particularly evident at a local level. Citizen participation and ‘do-democracy’ are subjects that play a role at almost every municipality among both citizens and administrators. But in addition to enthusiasm, this also gives rise to many questions. For example, how are these types of democracy related to our traditional system of representation? What advantages and disadvantages are involved? And what role is a citizen able, willing and allowed to fulfil in the democratic process? These questions were considered at the symposium by several speakers and from different perspectives. Contributions were provided by Professor Job Cohen, Gerdi Verbeet, Kars Veling, Professor Evelien Tonkens, Henri Lenferink and Joost Westerweel.

Sculpture “Verdwenen Jodenbuurt” unveiled in Cleveringa Lecture Room
On Tuesday 29 November 2016 a sculpture made by Willem Knaup and called “Verdwenen Jodenbuurt” (Vanished Jewish Neighbourhood) was unveiled in the Cleveringa Lecture Room in a niche made especially for it. Speeches were given by Professor Rick Lawson, Eric Daalder and Professor Joanne van der Leun.

The Faculty was presented with the sculpture in May 2016 during the symposium (on)recht en kunst ((in)justice and art). The bronze sculpture of a woman with a blanket over her head stood for years in the office of Professor Hans Daalder. Upon his retirement, he was allowed to take the sculpture home with him. Professor Daalder passed away at the beginning of April and his son Eric Daalder returned it to the faculty. Rick Lawson, at that time Dean of the law faculty, promised to give the sculpture a fitting place at the faculty. This promise was fulfilled on 29 November 2016. After the unveiling of the sculpture, Wim Voermans, Professor of Constitutional and Administrative Law, delivered the Leiden Cleveringa Lecture ‘Landelijke referendums. Democratische zegen of bestuurlijke nachtmerrie (allebei of geen van beide?)’ (National referendums. Democratic blessing or administrative nightmare (both or neither?)).

Lecture for Master’s Students by Ard van der Steur and Koen Geens
On Monday 21 November 2016, the Belgian Minister of Justice, Koen Geens, and the former Dutch Minister of Security and Justice, Ard van der Steur (Leiden alumnus), gave a lecture on international judicial cooperation. The master’s students of Jannemieke Ouwerkerk, Professor of European Criminal Law, listened attentively to the ministers as they talked about cooperation between the Netherlands and Belgium within the European Union. The ministers also discussed the obstacles and possibilities for improvement in the cooperation and the question of to what extent any points of tension have resulted from differences in national legislation or values.

Professor P.M. Schuyt – 12 February 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Toekomstbestendige resocialisatie’
Professor of Penal Law and Sentencing

Professor R.D. Vriesendorp – 24 June 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Insolventierecht’
Professor of Insolvency Law

Professor R. Arendsen – 16 September 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Eenvoudig belasting heffen – tussen droom en daad’
Professor by Special Appointment of Societal and Historical Context of Tax Law

Professor L.J. van Middelaar – 23 September 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘De Europese Unie en de gebeurtenissenpolitiek’
Professor of Foundations and Practice of the European Union and its Institutions

Professor A.C. Neal – 17 October 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Internationaal arbeidsrecht’
Professor of Social Justice

Professor M. Kessler – 28 October 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Audiovisuele verslaglegging in een gemoderniseerd Wetboek van Strafvoerdering’
Professor of Criminal Law

Professor J.W. de Keijser – 7 November 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Als de waarheid er aan moet geloven: alledaagse bedreigingen voor waarheidsvinding in het straftproces’
Professor of Criminology

Professor P.M. van Russen Groen – 12 December 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Strafrechtspraktijk’
Professor by Special Appointment of Criminal Law Practice

Professor M.A.H. van der Woude – 16 December 2016
Inaugural lecture: ‘Discretie in Recht & Samenleving. Rechtssociologische reflecties op het gat in de donut’
Professor of Sociology of Law
Professor P.M. Schuyt

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Inaugural lecture: ‘Toekomstbestendige resocialisatie’
Professor of Penal Law and Sentencing
W.R. Kooiman – 13 January 2016
‘Uyt saecke des doots’
Supervisors: Professor F. Sonneveldt, Dr P.C. van Es

D.N. Sharp – 14 January 2016
‘Transitional Justice and Liberal Post-Conflict Governance: Synergies and Symmetries, Frictions and Contradictions’
Supervisor: Professor C. Stahn

S. Tjandra – 4 February 2016
‘Labour law and development in Indonesia’
Supervisors: Professor G.J.J. Heerma van Voss, Professor A.W. Bedner

N.M.A. van Kreveld – 10 February 2016
Consultatie bij fiscale wetgeving
Supervisors: Professor A.O. Lubbers, Professor J.L.M. Gribnau

J.C.W. Gooren – 16 February 2016
‘Een overheid op drift’
Supervisors: Professor L.M. Moerings, Professor R. Van Swaanningen (EUR)

H.E. Wegman – 23 February 2016
‘Investor Protection: Towards Additional EU Regulation of Investment Funds?’
Supervisor: Professor R.P. Raas

J. Scholten – 25 February 2016
‘Verwerking en vermelding van risico’s in verband met claims, juridische geschillen en rechtsgedingen volgens het Nederlandse jaarrekeningenrecht’
Supervisor: Professor J.G. Kuijl

C.M. De Vos – 16 March 2016
Supervisors: Professor C. Stahn, Professor L. van den Herik

M.S. Wong – 14 April 2016
‘The Crime of Aggression and Public International Law’
Supervisor: Professor N.M. Blokker

J.L. de Bie – 14 April 2016
‘How Jihadist Networks Operate’
Supervisors: Professor J.P. van der Leun, Dr C.J. de Poot
(Hoge School van Amsterdam)

R.H.C. van Kleef – 19 May 2016
‘Liability of football clubs for supporters’ misconduct’
Supervisors: Professor A.G. Castermans, Professor A. Rigozzi (Université de Neuchâtel)

F. El-Hosseny – 26 May 2016
‘The Role of Civil Society in Investment Treaty Arbitration: Status and Prospects’
Supervisors: Professor L.J. van den Herik, Professor E.C.P.D.C. de Brabandere

A.R. Petty – 2 June 2016
‘The Legal Conception of “Religion”’
Supervisor: Professor P.B. Cliteur

W.E. Meiboom – 8 June 2016
‘Bijzonder Bestraft’
Supervisors: Professor C.P.M. Cleiren, Professor J.L. de Wijkerslooth de Weerdesteijn

M.A. Mennes – 14 June 2016
‘De Theatro Motivarum’
Supervisors: Professor J.M.J. Blommaert, Professor J.W. Foppen (Univ. Maastricht)

B.E.E.M. Cooreman – 14 June 2016
‘Addressing Global Environmental Concerns through Trade Measures: Extraterritoriality under WTO law from a Comparative Perspective’
Supervisors: Professor M.C.E.J. Bronckers, Dr F. Baetens
P.W. den Hollander – 22 June 2016
‘De relativiteit van wettelijke normen’
Supervisor: Professor A.G. Castermans

J.E. van de Bunt – 30 June 2016
‘Het rampenfonds’
Supervisor: Professor A.G. Castermans

E.A. Fredericks – 30 June 2016
‘Contractual Capacity in Private International Law’
Supervisors: Professor S.J. Schaafsma, Professor J.L. Neels
(University of Johannesburg)

D. van der Blom – 6 July 2016
‘De verhouding van staat en religie in een veranderende Nederlandse samenleving’
Supervisor: Professor P.B. Cliteur

J. Wang – 15 September 2016
‘Trends in social assistance, minimum income benefits and income polarization in an international perspective’
Supervisors: Professor C.L.J. Caminada, Professor K.P. Goudswaard

‘Het legaliteitsbeginsel en de doorwerking van Europees recht in het Nederlandse materiële strafrecht’
Supervisors: Professor C.P.M. Cleiren, Professor J.H. Crijns

X. Gong – 27 September 2016
‘A Balanced Way for China’s Inter-Regional Cross-Border Insolvency Cooperation’
Supervisor: Professor B. Wessels

‘A blessing in disguise…?!’
Supervisors: Professor W. Voermans, Professor B. Steunenberg

A.E. Beumer – 4 October 2016
‘De publieke handhavingsprocedures van het mededingingsrechtrecht in het licht van de mensenrechten’
Supervisors: Professor T.R. Ottervanger, Professor S.C.G. Van den Bogaert

‘Drie rechters en één norm’
Supervisors: Professor W. den Ouden, Dr P.C. Adriaanse

J.M.J. van Rijn van Alkemade – 3 November 2016
‘Effectieve rechtsbescherming bij de verdeling van schaarse publieke rechten’
Supervisors: Professor W. den Ouden, Professor J.E.M. Polak, Professor Y.E. Schuurmans

M. George – 24 November 2016
‘Legal Implications of Airport Privatization in India’
Supervisors: Professor P.M.J. Mendes de Leon, Professor B.F. Havel (University of Chicago)

F.O.M. Blanc – 30 November 2016
‘From Chasing Violations to Managing Risks Origins’
Supervisor: Professor W.J.M. Voermans

J.F. Sepúlveda Ramírez – 1 December 2016
‘Residence in Tax Treaties’
Supervisor: Professor F.A. Engelen

D.R. Saxon – 1 December 2016
‘Autonomous Weapon Systems, Human Dignity and International Law’
Supervisor: Professor C. Stahn

F.C.A. van Haasteren – 8 December 2016
‘Fatsoenlijke flexibiliteit’
Supervisor: Professor P.F. van der Heijden

E.A. Alexiadou – 15 December 2016
‘The Right to Health’
Supervisor: Professor A.C. Hendriks
**VALEDICTORY LECTURES**

**Professor Nick Huls** – 15 April 2016
In 1998 the Dutch Debt Management (Natural Persons) Act became effective, which offered the possibility of a clean slate to debtors with too many debts. Most citizens get bogged down in the voluntary ‘amicable’ debt settlement proceedings at the municipality. Extensive debt problems require a more generous forgiveness of debts. Professor Nick Huls calls for a new system in his valedictory lecture.

**Professor Rikki Holtmaat** – 13 September 2016
On 1 September 2016, Professor Rikki Holtmaat had been affiliated to the university for exactly 31 years. A symposium was organised for her on 13 September 2016, entitled ‘From formal equality to transformative equality: the road to “other law” according to Holtmaat?’ She said afterwards ‘I hope that the interest in a legal theoretical approach to my field (non-discrimination law) will be rekindled once again.’

**PRIZES STAFF**

**Elsemieke Daalder and Ruben de Graaff win VBR Publication Prize 2015**
Elsemieke Daalder and Ruben de Graaff from the Institute of Private Law won the prestigious annual VBR Publication Prize (Dutch Association for Civil Law). The chairman of the jury, Professor C.J.M. Klaassen, praised the historical and comparative law basis of the article and the clear manner in which the authors had managed to link their findings to the modern preliminary instrument at the Supreme Court.

**Bill Schabas wins the ASIL 2015 Certificate of Merit**

**Allard Lubbers appointed Watcher of the Tax Division**
On Friday 4 March 2016 Professor Allard Lubbers received the fiercely coveted title ‘Watcher of the Tax Division’. The prize was part of the activities to mark the 100-year anniversary of the Tax Division of the Supreme Court, and was awarded to the person who had best monitored the Tax Division in the most innovative, encouraging or critical way.

**Tom Barkhuysen wins Dekenprijs 2016**
Professor Tom Barkhuysen won the Dekenprijs 2016 at the annual meeting of the Amsterdam Bar Association. According to the Bar Association, Barkhuysen links theory to practice in such a way that young legal scholars become inspired about the legal profession. In addition, he provides clear commentary in current affairs programmes and has also become highly involved in the political debate on the extra cutbacks in government-funded legal assistance proposed by the Ministry of Security and Justice.
Hans Franken turns 80 and is awarded Meijerspenning
To mark the eightieth birthday of the eminent Leiden legal scholar, university governor and politician Professor Hans Franken, Leiden Law School organised a symposium on 9 September 2016. Speakers described Franken as a ‘guardian of human rights’, ‘rebel leader’ and ‘pioneer in new technologies’. At the symposium Professor Franken was presented with the Meijerspenning, a prestigious honour for extraordinary service to the law faculty and which was last awarded in 2013.

Teaching Prizes for Kees Goudswaard and Dirk Visser
The prize for best lecturer was awarded to Professor Kees Goudswaard. According JSVO, the joint meeting of the law faculty study associations, “he is closely involved with his students and stands out for his work, besides his academic activities, as a regulator in the bank sector”. Professor Dirk Visser was awarded the prize for his lively manner of teaching.

PAO Teaching Prizes 2015 for Yvonne Erkens and Bart Krans
The prize for the best in-house lecturer was won by Dr Yvonne Erkens. The prize for best external lecturer was won by Professor Bart Krans. Yvonne Erkens, Associate Professor of Labour Law received the grade of 10 for her contribution on the Incompany Arbeidsrecht course at the law firm VERUS. Bart Krans also received the grade 10. Participants on his course found him to be a highly motivated and inspiring lecturer with good presentation skills.

Anna Wallerman wins 2015 Common Market Law Review Young Academics Prize
At the 55th Leiden-London meeting on 25 June 2016 in Leiden, the Editorial Board of the Common Market Law Review awarded the 2015 Common Market Law Review Young Academics Prize to Dr Anna Wallerman for her article “Towards an EU law doctrine on the exercise of discretion in national courts?”.

Bastiaan Rijpkema wins prize for best political book
Dr Bastiaan Rijpkema was awarded the Prinsjesboekenprijs 2016 for the commercial edition of his Leiden doctoral thesis ‘Weerbare democratie: de grenzen van democratische tolerantie’ (Resilient democracies: the limits of democratic tolerance). In ‘Weerbare democratie’ Rijpkema provides an answer to the question how a democracy should respond to anti-democratic parties.

Stijn Voskamp wins prize for best publication on law and teaching
On 25 November 2016 Stijn Voskamp won the prize for the best publication on law and teaching. Her academic article on the teaching agreement was chosen for the prestigious NVOR/Mentink Award. Stijn was presented the prize by jury chairman Dick Mentink.
Welmoet Wels wins faculty Jongbloed Thesis Prize 2015

The world is full of wars and no war is without its dead. What happens to the bodies of victims of war? Welmoet Wels was awarded the faculty Jongbloed Thesis Prize 2015 (Public International Law). In her master thesis ‘Dead body management in armed conflict: paradoxes in trying to do justice to the dead’ Wels investigates the practice of how the war dead are dealt with from the perspective of international law.

Jouke Tegelaar wins thesis prize Dutch Financial Law Association

Jouke Tegelaar, alumnus of the master’s programmes Civiel recht and Financieel recht and a member of the lecturing staff of the Hazelhoff Centre for Financial Law since September 2015, won the national thesis prize of the Dutch Financial Law Association.

NVER thesis prize for Leiden alumni

Annette Scholten was awarded the NVER thesis prize 2016. She completed the master’s programme in European Law with her thesis on the European Fiscal Board and the implications for the European Economic and Monetary Union. Additionally, the master thesis of Frederik Behre received an honourable mention from the jury. He also completed the master’s programme in European Law with his thesis on a potential constitutional double standard in the jurisprudence of the German Bundesverfassungsgericht.

Emma Gheorghiu best Advocate General at the European Law Moot Court Competition

On 15 April 2016, the European final of the European Law Moot Court took place at the European Court of Justice in Luxemburg. Emma Gheorghiu, a student on the Advanced LL.M. in European and International Business Law at Leiden Law School, took home the trophy for the prestigious award for best Advocate General.

Team Leiden wins Max Rood Moot Court

Leiden labour law students Marije Joosse and Bas van der Mei won the Max Rood Moot Court, assisted in the proceedings by Anne van der Schee and Simone Sax van der Weijden. The Moot Court was organised by the labour law study association SLN (Sine Labore Nihil) together with Stefan Sagel and Yvonne Erkens.

Tim Hartman wins Moot Court Challenge Cup

Tim Hartman had the honour of being the first student in the history of the law faculty’s Moot Court Challenge Cup to win the prize for his excellent oral plea in the Moot Court course.

Céril van Leeuwen wins Jaap Doek Children’s Rights Thesis Prize 2016

On 6 December 2016, Céril van Leeuwen won the Jaap Doek Children’s rights thesis award for her thesis ‘The right to be heard restricted: is this desirable in civil law proceedings?’ This award, for the best master thesis in the area of children’s rights, is awarded annually by Defence for Children and the Child Law Department of Leiden University.
Award ceremony bachelor diplomas 2016
**Professor Maartje van der Woude**
Why and how do specific legislation and regulations come into existence and how are they then applied in practice? What is the impact on the individual and on society?
Maartje van der Woude was appointed Professor of Sociology of Law on 1 January 2016. Her research will focus on the empirical study of the interaction between law and society. She also joined the Advisory Board of Oxford Law’s Border Criminologies (Centre for Criminology of the University of Oxford – Oxford Law).

**Professor Joanne van der Leun**
The Executive Board of Leiden University appointed Professor Joanne van der Leun as the new Dean of Leiden Law School. Her appointment commenced on 1 September 2016. Professor Van der Leun is the successor of Professor Rick Lawson. She has worked at Leiden University since 2001 and was appointed Professor of Criminology in 2008. In addition she was Academic Director of the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology.

**Professor Matthias Haentjens**
As of 3 May 2016 Leiden University was admitted as Academic Member and Founding Member of the European Banking Institute (EBI). EBI is an international platform which has been established to coordinate research efforts on the subject of banking law by several leading European academic institutions, now including Leiden University. EBI aims to promote the dialogue between academics, regulators, advisors and representatives from the financial sector. Professor Matthias Haentjens, Director of the Hazelhoff Centre for Financial Law, will represent the University on the Academic Board of EBI.

**Dr Freya Baetens**
Freya Baetens on ICSID Panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators. The International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) is the most authoritative international institution for the resolution of international investment disputes.

**Professor Kees Goudswaard**
KHMW (Holland Society for the Sciences), the oldest academic association in the Netherlands, has welcomed 36 new members, including seven Leiden academics. One of these is Professor Kees Goudswaard, Professor of Applied Economics and Professor of Social Security.

**Professor Jannemieke Ouwerkerk**
Jannemieke Ouwerkerk was appointed Professor of European Criminal Law at the Institute of Criminal Law and Criminology as of 1 August 2016. With support from an NWO VENI grant she will study topics including the grounds upon which the EU legislature will proceed to the criminalisation of conduct, in particular since the Lisbon Treaty came into effect.

**Professor Bart Krans**
Bart Krans was appointed Professor of Civil Law and Civil Procedure as of 1 Augustus 2016. He succeeds Professor Henk Snijders who retired in October 2016. Krans is interested in contract law, civil procedural law, the Europeanisation of civil procedural law, European private law and the relationship between substantive law and procedural law.
**Professor Peter Rodrigues**
Peter Rodrigues was appointed a member of the commission on the constitutionality of the electoral programmes for the Dutch election in March 2017. This commission set up by the Netherlands Bar Association (NOvA) reviews the party programmes and the extent to which the pledges contained in the electoral programmes of the political parties are feasible.

**Professor Koen Caminada**
The CPB (Netherlands Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis) has reappointed Professor Koen Caminada as Academic Partner of the sector Public Finance, and in particular the Government Finance programme, as of 1 January 2017. By appointing renowned top researchers as Academic Partners, the CPB demonstrates its wish to reinforce its links with academia.

**Leiden Law School #24 in QS ranking 2016**
This year Leiden Law School has been ranked number 24 on the QS World University Rankings by Subject. The faculty is ranked ahead of all other Dutch law faculties and is ranked number two on mainland Europe. The rankings are drawn up to help prospective students search for the best universities in the world in their field of study.

**Criminology number one in Keuzegids 2017**
The *Keuzegids Universiteiten 2017* (Guide to choosing a university in the Netherlands) was published in November 2016 and the Leiden bachelor’s programme Criminology was assessed as the best in the Netherlands. ‘Leiden makes the difference by always informing students on time about the teaching schedules and any changes to them, about study progress and regulations and procedures. Experts in the field are also full of praise for Leiden.’
FACTS AND FIGURES 2016

Starters 2016-2017
Bachelor
947
Master
775
Advanced Master
232

Total number of students
Bachelor
3,272
Master
1,961
Advanced Master
240

Students Leiden Law courses in 2016
238
Students summer courses in 2016
241

Academic staff 2016
excluding visiting Professors and research assistants

Professors
99
Associate and Assistant Professors
125
PhD students
79
Researchers
22
International staff
60 = 18%
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### Bachelor’s programmes
- Rechtsgeleerdheid
- Notarieel recht
- Fiscaal recht
- Criminologie

### Regular Master’s programmes
- Arbeidsrecht
- Civil recht
- Criminal Justice
- Encyclopedie en filosofie van het recht
- European Law
- Financieel recht
- Fiscaal recht
- Forensische criminologie
- Jeugdrecht
- Notarieel recht
- Ondernemingsrecht
- Public International Law
- Rechtsgeleerdheid
- Staats- en bestuursrecht
- Straf- en strafprocesrecht
- Veiligheidsbeleid en rechtshandhaving

### Advanced Master’s programmes
- Air and Space Law
- European and International Business Law
- European and International Human Rights Law
- European Tax Law
- International Children’s Rights
- International Civil and Commercial Law
- International Tax Law
- Law and Digital Technologies
- Public International Law