



### **New applications 2017-2018**

Applications for the upcoming academic year 2017-2018, commencing in September 2017, are now welcome. This innovative and highly topical LL.M. programme is both theoretical and practice-oriented and offers (aspiring) participants the opportunity to deepen and widen their knowledge of international children's rights. The programme is one full academic year starting each September, and includes courses, seminars and excursions to key institutions and children's rights organisations in the Netherlands, Geneva and elsewhere.

The deadline for non-European applicants is 1 April 2017 and for European applicants 15 June 2017. Please visit the [website](#) for more information.

### **First graduates of the programme – Class 2015/2016**

After a year of hard work, the first class of students from the Master of Laws: Advanced Studies in International Children's Rights received their well-deserved master diplomas on Monday 29 August, 2016. They were awarded their diploma by their thesis supervisor in the beautiful Lorentz Lecture Hall at the Kamerlingh Onnes Building in the Law Faculty of Leiden University.



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## Start of the year 2016-2017

On 5 September 2016 we started the academic year welcoming new students from across the world; i.e. Ecuador, France, Peru, Philippines, Poland, South Africa, Spain, Surinam and the Netherlands. Scholarships from [LExS](#) and the Dela Foundation have been awarded to four students. [Prof. Julia Sloth-Nielsen](#) gave the opening lecture for the course Interaction Between Children's Rights and other International Legal Systems.

## Cooperation Leiden University and UNICEF

In August 2016, Leiden University and UNICEF the Netherlands extended their successful cooperation for another five years. During this period they will continue to work together on an international centre for expertise on children's rights, connected to the UNICEF Chair in Children's Rights. Five years ago, UNICEF and Leiden Law School started an initial five-year period of cooperation. Throughout these years, the [UNICEF Chair](#) in Children's Rights, the [Chair of Children's Rights in the Developing World](#), the Master on Dutch Child Law (*Jeugdrecht*) and the [Master of Laws Advanced Studies Programme in Children's Rights](#) were established, aspiring academic research into children's rights resulting in publications both in the Netherlands and abroad. The annual Summer School [Frontiers of Children's Rights](#) was also developed.

## UN Expert meeting 'Sale of Children and Illegal Adoption'

On 19 and 20 September, Ms. Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, UN Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, paid a visit to Leiden for an expert meeting on Sale of Children and Illegal Adoption, hosted by the [Department of Child Law](#). In addition, she gave a public lecture together with Mr. Nigel Cantwell and Prof. David Smolin on [illegal adoption](#), for students, staff members and professionals from NGO's.

## Coming events

- 20 October 2016: Public lecture by Ms. Margaret Tuite, European Commission, Coordinator for the rights of the child;
- 6 December 2016: Book launch '[The United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. Taking Stock after 25 Years and Looking Ahead](#)';
- 8-9 December 2016: 4th Children's Rights Research Symposium in Leiden;
- 29-31 March 2017: [The Children's Rights Moot Court 2017](#);
- 3-7 July 2017: [Summer School 'Frontiers of Children's Rights'](#).

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