About Leiden Law School

The university’s tradition in law dates back to the time of Hugo Grotius. Often referred to as the ‘Mozart of International Law’, Grotius started his studies at Leiden University in 1594 at the age of 11. Leiden Law School offers a varied choice of courses and programmes for international students, whether you are an exchange student, a degree-seeking student or looking for a specialized advanced studies program. Leiden Law School receives more than 400 international students yearly. The School has a full-time teaching staff of approximately 300 and enjoys an undisputed international reputation in a great number of fields.

Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies

The Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden Law School is named after the father of public international law and one of its most illustrious alumni – Hugo Grotius – and is directed by Prof. Dr. Eric De Brabandere. At the Grotius Centre scholars study and explore the frontiers of public international law in light of the increasing transformation of the international legal order. Their research encompasses international criminal justice, sustainable international trade and the role of international organisations in the rule of law. They also teach the basic principles of public international law to an increasing number of students from all over the world and with various backgrounds. The Grotius Centre also offers a number of specialised master programmes on Public International Law, summer courses, moot courts, lecture series and Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs).

Chair in Comparative Sexual Orientation Law

Academic coordinator of this Summer School is professor Kees Waaldijk. Since 2011 he is holder of Leiden University’s sponsored chair in Comparative Sexual Orientation Law. His 2012 inaugural lecture was about ‘The Right to Relate’. In 2014 he also held the McDonald/Wright Chair of Law at UCLA. In 1982 he obtained his Master Degree in Law at the Erasmus University Rotterdam, and joined the new law school of the University of Maastricht where he taught until 1995 and where in 1994 he defended his PhD thesis Motiveringsplichten van de wetgever (The Legislature’s Duties to Give Reasons). Since 1996 he has worked at Leiden Law School, first as a lecturer in legal methods, and from 2000 until 2011 as Head of PhD Studies. Since 1987 Kees has contributed to the opening up of family law to same-sex couples in the Netherlands and beyond. With a team of experts from 21 European countries he created the LawsAndFamilies Database – Aspects of legal family formats for same-sex and different-sex couples (www.LawsAndFamilies.eu). The Global Index on Legal Recognition of Homosexual Orientation that he is developing, has been presented in a 2019 article he co-authored: ‘The Relationship between LGBT Inclusion and Economic Development’, which like most of his publications is available at www.leidenuniv.nl/waaldijk.
**Wednesday 27 July (The Hague)**

11.00 – 12.30  **Registration & lunch**

12.30 – 13.30  **The global picture (of legal recognition of sexual orientation) and how it is moving**  
Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law at Leiden University – and academic coordinator of the Summer School on SOGI in International Law

13.30 – 13.45  **Indicators for the recognition of gender identity/expression and sex characteristics – a critical overview of the first efforts to assess countries**  
Elias Tissandier, researcher of gender identities in law and politics, 2022 graduate of the Advanced LLM in International and European Human Rights Law at Leiden University – and assistant for the Summer School on SOGI in International Law

13.45 – 14.00  **Presentation by the Summer School organiser**  
Loran Hempenius, organiser of the Summer School on SOGI in International Law – and student at Leiden Law School

14.15 – 15.00  **Poster presentations about country situations**  
by 21 participants

14.30 – 15.00  **About the programme of this Summer School**  
information from, and Q&A with, the organising team

15.15 – 16.30  **Contested legal issues on intersex: torture and non-binary gender**  
Benjamin Moron-Puech, professor of law, Université Lumière Lyon 2

16.45 – 18.00  **Gender identity in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights**  
Alecs Recher, head of legal counselling and advocacy at Transgender Network Switzerland – and independent researcher

**Thursday 28 July (The Hague)**

10.30 – 11.45  **Transgender issues across the world**  
Alecs Recher, head of legal counselling and advocacy at Transgender Network Switzerland – and independent researcher

12.00 – 13.15  **The emergence of intersex as a protected category in international law**  
Benjamin Moron-Puech, professor of law, Université Lumière Lyon 2

13.15 – 14.15  **Lunch**

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**Friday 29 July** (The Hague)

10.30 – 12.00  **Persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in international refugee law**  
Katinka Ridderbos,  *Country Guidance Adviser of the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR (Division of International Protection)*

12.15 – 13.15  **Two speakers about country situations**  
moderated by Waruguru Gaitho,  *human rights lawyer and academic; lecturer at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society of Leiden University – and PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge (incoming class, 2022)*

12.15 – 12.45  **The situation in a country of origin of LGBTI refugees: Cameroon**  
Berachard Njankou,  *law graduate (D.E.A., University of Douala, Cameroon) The Hague*

12.45 – 13.15  **The situation in a country to where LGBTI refugees migrate: Kenya**  
Okwara Masafu,  *Human Rights Lawyer & Program Officer (Legal Department), National Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Kenya*

13.15 – 14.15  **Lunch**

14.30 – 15.45  **Discussion on the position of refugees of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities**  
moderated by Waruguru Gaitho,  *human rights lawyer and academic; lecturer at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society of Leiden University – and PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge (incoming class, 2022)*  
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16.00 – 17.15  **Dusting off the law books: Recognizing gender persecution crimes committed against LGBTQI+ persons in conflicts and atrocities**  
Lisa Davis (speaking remotely),  *associate professor of law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic at CUNY School of Law – and Special Adviser on Gender Persecution to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor*

17.30 – 18.00  **How to do a PhD on SOGIESC law (optional session)**  
Kees Waaldijk,  *professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – and former head of PhD studies (both at Leiden Law School)*

**Monday 1 August** (The Hague)

10.30 – 11.20  **Presentations by participants**  
by three participants

11.25 – 12.00  **Presentations by participants**  
by two participants

12.00 – 13.30  **Packed lunch and journey to the International Criminal Court**

13.30 – 15.30  **Visit to the International Criminal Court in The Hague**  
with Seun Bakare,  *Head of Programmes at Amnesty International Nigeria; and PhD candidate in international criminal law at Leiden Law School – and former Visiting Professional at the Victims Participation and Reparations Section of the ICC*

16.30 – 17.45  **Finding protection for women and LGBTI persons in international criminal law: the draft articles for a treaty on crimes against humanity**  
Lisa Davis (speaking remotely),  *associate professor of law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic at CUNY School of Law – and Special Adviser on Gender Persecution to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor*

18.00 – 19.10  **Presentations by participants**  
by four participants

From 19.15  **Optional evening programme, TBA**
**Tuesday 2 August** (The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45  **Intersecting violations of human rights: SOGIESC, race and gender**  
Waruguru Gaitho, human rights lawyer and academic; lecturer at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society of Leiden University – and PhD candidate at the University of Cambridge (incoming class, 2022)

12.00 – 13.15  **International trade and investment law as global leverage for SOGIESC issues?**  
Andreas R. Ziegler, professor of Public International Law, Université de Lausanne

13.15 – 14.15  **Lunch**

14.15 – 15.15  **Panel on working as LGBTI+ at an international organisation**  
with three panellists working at international organisations in The Hague and involved in diversity staff networks there (including the Inter-Agency Diversity and Inclusion Network, and ICCQ)

Jessica Stern (speaking remotely), formerly the Executive Director of OutRight Action International

17.00 – 18.00  **Q&A with Jessica Stern, the USA Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons**  
moderated by Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law at Leiden Law School

**Wednesday 3 August** (The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45  **Inter-American conventions and initiatives in the fight against SOGI based discrimination and violence**  
Lucas Ramón Mendos, Senior Research Officer at ILGA World, Geneva

12.00 – 13.00  **Advocating for the human rights of LGBTI persons at the United Nations**  
Kseniya Kirichenko, UN Programme Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and PhD Researcher at Leicester Law School, UK

13.00 – 14.00  **Lunch**

14.15 – 15.30  **Gay & lesbian individuals in the case law of the European & Inter-American Courts of Human Rights**  
Robert Wintemute, professor of Human Rights Law, King’s College London

15.45 – 17.00  **Same-sex couples in the case law of the European & Inter-American Courts of Human Rights**  
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17.15 – 18.15  **The UN treaty bodies and their case law on SOGIESC issues**  
Kseniya Kirichenko, UN Programme Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and PhD Researcher at Leicester Law School, UK
**Thursday 4 August** (Amsterdam)

12.30 – 13.45  **Bring-your-own-lunch picnic**
14.00 – 14.30  **Welcome at the venue**
14.30 – 15.00  **Presentation about the LGBTI situation in Nigeria**
Seun Bakare, *Head of Programmes at Amnesty International Nigeria – and PhD candidate in international criminal law at Leiden Law School*
15.15 – 16.30  **The role of the African Union in combating SOGI based human rights violations**
Seun Bakare, *Head of Programmes at Amnesty International Nigeria – and PhD candidate in international criminal law at Leiden Law School*
16:45 – 18.00  **Mutually reinforcing trends in the global recognition of sexual orientation**
Kees Waaldijk, *professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law, Leiden University*
From 18.00  **Optional evening programme, TBA**

**Friday 5 August** (Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.30  **SOGIESC challenges in different corners of international law**
Kees Waaldijk, *professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law at Leiden University – and academic coordinator of the Summer School on SOGI in International Law*
11.30 – 12.00  **Evaluation of summer school**
12.10 – 13.00  **Presentation of certificates**
13.15 – 15.30  **Farewell lunch**

**Other events** (Amsterdam)

**Amsterdam Pride**
including Pride Walk & Pride Park on Saturday 30 July and Pride Parade (of boats on canals) on Saturday afternoon 6 August

*SOGI = Sexual orientation and gender identity* 
*SOGIESC = Sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and sex characteristics* 
*LGBTI = Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex* 
*TBA = to be announced*
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For a number of introductory materials (some by speakers at this Summer School) see:

Kees Waaldijk & Waruguru Gaitho

*Leiden Overview on SOGIESC in International Law*

– A list of online introductory video/audio/reading materials for anyone interested in the international legal aspects of sexual orientation, gender identity/expression or sex characteristics –
  and in particular for anyone (considering) taking part in Leiden University’s
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