

Summer School
**Sexual Orientation
& Gender Identity
in International Law**

Human Rights and Beyond

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*SOGI = sexual orientation and gender identity

*SOGIESC = sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and sex characteristics

*LGBTI = lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex

*TBC = to be confirmed

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 Summer School on SOGI in International Law

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(revised and updated from time to time)

Tuesday 25 July (The Hague)

Between 12.30 and 13.45 registration is possible

- 14.00 – 15.15 **The global picture (especially 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
- 15.30 – 17.00 **Two-minute poster presentations about country situations**
by **all participants**, facilitated by **Loran Hempenius**, *organiser of the Summer School on SOGI in International Law – and law student at the universities of Leiden and Oxford*
- 17.15 – 18.30 **Using the UN to decriminalise gay sex, lesbian sex, and gender expression in Asia-Pacific**
Paula Gerber, professor of law at Monash University, Australia – and President of Kaleidoscope Human Rights Foundation (an NGO advancing the rights of LGBTIQ+ people in the Asia-Pacific region)
- 18.30 – 19.30 **Optional social activity**

Wednesday 26 July (The Hague)

- 10.30 – 11.45 **Transgender issues across the world – and their journey into international law**
Alecs Recher, head of legal counselling and advocacy at Transgender Network Switzerland – and independent researcher
- 12.00 – 13.15 **The work of UN treaty bodies around SOGIESC – in particular of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and of the Committee on the Rights of the Child**
Paula Gerber, professor of law at Monash University, Australia – and President of Kaleidoscope Human Rights Foundation
- 13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 15.00 **About the programme of this Summer School**
information from, and Q&A with, the organising team
- 15.15 – 16.30 **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
- 16.45 – 18.00 **The right to relate, to come out, and to come together: sexual orientation as an aspect of sexual, gender and relational diversity**
Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law, Leiden University
- 18.15 – 21.00 **Opening dinner**

Thursday 27 July (The Hague)

- 10.30 – 11.45 **LGBTI advocacy at the United Nations: exploring the potential of human rights and development mechanisms**
Kseniya Kirichenko, UN Programme Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and PhD Researcher at Leicester Law School, UK
- 12.00 – 12.25 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 12.25 – 12.50 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 12.50 – 13.15 **Country focus Australia**
Paula Gerber, professor of law at Monash University, Australia – and President of Kaleidoscope Human Rights Foundation
- 13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 15.30 **How and where in the UN system to challenge specific national violations of human rights of LGBTI persons?**
brief pitches by participants – and advice from the panellists:
Paula Gerber, professor of law at Monash University, Australia – and President of Kaleidoscope Human Rights Foundation
& *Kseniya Kirichenko, UN Programme Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and PhD Researcher at Leicester Law School, UK*
- 16.00 – 16.45 **SOGIESC issues in the global arena – Q&A with Special Envoy Jessica Stern**
Jessica Stern (speaking remotely), U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTQI+ Persons, Washington DC (and formerly the Executive Director of OutRight International, New York)
- 17.00 – 18.15 **The inclusion of sexual orientation into the world's prohibitions of discrimination**
Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law, Leiden University

Friday 28 July (The Hague)

- 10.30 – 11.45 **The role of the African Union in combating SOGI based human rights violations**
Seun Bakare, PhD candidate in international criminal law at Leiden Law School – and Head of Human Rights for Pride in London
- 12.00 – 12.25 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 12.25 – 12.50 **Country focus Nigeria**
Seun Bakare, PhD candidate in international criminal law at Leiden Law School – and Head of Human Rights for Pride in London (and formerly Head of Programs at Amnesty International Nigeria)
- 12.50 – 13.15 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 15.45 **Gay & lesbian individuals in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights**
Robert Wintemute, professor of Human Rights Law, King's College London
- 16.00 – 17.15 **Litigating for same-sex couples at the European Court of Human Rights**
Robert Wintemute, professor of Human Rights Law, King's College London
- From 17.30 **Optional social activity**

Monday 31 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 – 13.00 **The situation in a country of origin of LGBTI refugees: Cameroon** (parallel session)
Berachard Njankou, *law graduate (D.E.A., University of Douala Cameroon), The Hague*
- 12.15 – 13.00 **The situation in a country to where LGBTI refugees migrate: Kenya** (parallel session)
Masafu Okwara, *Human Rights Lawyer, and Program Officer at National Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Kenya*
- 13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.15 – 15.00 **LGBTI asylum-seekers and refugees: a vulnerable group within a vulnerable population**
Katinka Ridderbos, *Country Guidance Adviser of the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR (Division of International Protection)*
- 15.15 – 15.40 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 15.40 – 16.05 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 16.20 – 16.45 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 17.00 – 17.25 **Country focus (by participant)**
- 17.30 – 18.00 **How to do a PhD on SOGIESC law** (optional session)
Kees Waaldijk, *professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – and formerly head of PhD studies (both at Leiden Law School)*
- From 18.00 **Optional social activity** (TBC)

Tuesday 1 August (The Hague)

- 10.00 – 12.00 **Visit to the International Criminal Court in The Hague**
- 13.15 – 14.15 **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 15.00 **Information and Q&A about the final days of the Summer School**
- 15.15 – 16.15 **Dusting off the law books: recognizing gender persecution crimes committed against LGBTIQ+ persons in conflicts and atrocities**
Lisa Davis (speaking remotely), *professor of law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic at CUNY School of Law (New York) – and Special Adviser on Gender Persecution to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor*
- 16.30 – 17.30 **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), *professor of law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic at CUNY School of Law (New York) – and Special Adviser on Gender Persecution to the International Criminal Court Prosecutor*
- 17.45 – 18.30 **Panel on working as LGBTI+ at an international organisation**
panelists:
Natasha Atieno, *Evidence Assistant, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court – and Co-Chair/Co-Founder of the Interagency Diversity and Inclusion Network (The Hague)*
Steven Beyba, *Human Resources Officer at Eurojust (The Hague), Co-Chair of the European Union Agencies Network Working Group on Diversity & Inclusion – and Board Member/Co-Founder of the Interagency Diversity & Inclusion Network (The Hague)*
Antônia Pereira de Sousa, *Special Assistant to the Registrar, International Criminal Court, The Hague – and Founding Member of ICCQ (the informal network for sexual and gender diversity at the International Criminal Court)*
- From 18.30 **Optional social activity**

Wednesday 2 August (Leiden)

- 10.30 – 11.45 **The emergence of intersex as a protected category in international law**
Benjamin Moron-Puech, professor of law, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France
- 12.15 – 13.15 **Contested legal issues on intersex: torture and non-binary gender**
Benjamin Moron-Puech, professor of law, Université Lumière Lyon 2, France
- 13.15 – 13.30 **Tour of the building**
- 13.35 – 14.25 **Lunch**
- 14.30 – 16.00 **Professional networking session**
Facilitated by **Pien Kemeling**, law student and student-assistant at Leiden University
- 16.20 – 16.35 **Tour of the venue**
- 16:45 – 18.00 **The SOGIESC case law of the Inter-American Court & Commission of Human Rights and of the Caribbean Court of Justice – and its impact in the region**
Lucas Ramón Mendos, Research Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and lead editor of the ILGA World Database
- From 18.00 **Optional social activity**

Thursday 3 August (Amsterdam)

- 12.30 – 13.45 **Bring-your-own-lunch picnic**
- 14.00 – 14.30 **Welcome at the venue**
- 14.45 – 16.00 **International economic organisations and international trade and investment law: global leverage for SOGIESC issues?**
Andreas R. Ziegler, professor of Public International Law, Université de Lausanne
- 16.15 – 17.15 **Inter-American initiatives in the fight against SOGI based discrimination and violence**
Lucas Ramón Mendos, Research Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and lead editor of the ILGA World Database
- 17.30 – 18.00 **The ILGA World Database – online access to SOGIESC law in every country and to UN documents on SOGIESC**
Lucas Ramón Mendos, Research Manager at ILGA World, Geneva – and lead editor of the ILGA World Database
- From 18.00 **Optional social activity (TBC)**

Friday 4 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**
- 12.15 – 13.00 **Presentation of certificates**
- 13.30 – 15.30 **Farewell lunch**

List of speakers at the 2023 Summer School on SOGI in International Law

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Jessica Stern

U.S. Special Envoy to Advance the Human Rights of LGBTIQ+ Persons (and formerly the Executive Director of OutRight International)
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