



Summer School

“Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity in International Law: Human Rights and Beyond”

The Hague & Amsterdam, 27 July – 5 August 2022

Revised programme

final draft – subject to changes in content and timing

27 July – 3 August in The Hague, 4 – 5 August in Amsterdam

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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

Summer School on SOGI in International Law

Leiden: Universiteit Leiden 2021/2022

www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/study-programmes/summer-schools/sexual-orientation-and-gender-identity-in-international-law-human-rights-and-beyond/leiden-overview-on-sogiesc-in-international-law

(revised and updated from time to time)

*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

*TBC = to be confirmed



Wednesday 27 July 2022 (in The Hague)

11.00 – 12.30 Registration & lunch snacks

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, student at Leiden Law School – and organiser of the Summer School on SOGI in International Law

14.15 – 15.00 Poster presentations about country situations

by 21 participants

15:15 – 16.00 Poster presentations about country situations

by the other 21 participants

16.15 – 17.30 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

18.00 – 21.00 Opening dinner

Thursday 28 July 2022 (in 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

14.30 – 15.00 About the programme of this Summer School

information from, and Q&A with, the organising team



(Thursday 28 July – continued)

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 Contested legal issues on intersex: torture and non-binary gender

Benjamin Moron-Puech, professor of law, Université Lumière Lyon 2

Friday 29 July 2022 (in 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)

Panellists:

- * Katinka Ridderbos, Country Guidance Adviser of the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR (Division of International Protection);
- * Okwara Masafu, Human Rights Lawyer & Program Officer (Legal Department), National Gay & Lesbian Human Rights Commission, Kenya;
- * Berachard Njankou (law graduate, D.E.A., University of Douala Cameroon), The Hague

16.00 – 17.15 Dusting off the law books: Recognizing gender persecution crimes committed against LGBTIQ+ 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 2022 (in 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 2022 (in 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

14.30 – 15.45 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

16.00 – 16.45 The Yogyakarta Principles of 2007 – and their 2017 update “YP+10”

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 2022 (in 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

Robert Wintemute, professor of Human Rights Law, King's College London

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 2022 (in 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 2022 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.45 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

12.00 – 12.30 Evaluation of summer school

12.30 – 13.15 Presentation of certificates

13.15 – 15.30 Farewell lunch

Additional information

Other events (subject to change):

Saturday 30 July – Sunday 7 August 2022 (in Amsterdam): Amsterdam Pride, <https://pride.amsterdam/en/events> including:

- Saturday 30 July – Pride Walk & Pride Park in Amsterdam
- Saturday afternoon 6 August – Pride Parade (of boats on canals) in Amsterdam

Accommodation:

Most sessions of the Summer School will be in The Hague and the last two days in Amsterdam. Participants would ideally first stay in The Hague and later in Amsterdam, but because train connections between the cities are very good, taking less than one hour, participants may choose to find housing in one of the two cities – also as classes mostly start at 10.30 am.