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

The Hague & Amsterdam

draft programme of the cancelled edition of July 2020

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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

*TBA = to be announced

*TBC = to be confirmed



Wednesday 22 July 2020 August (in The Hague)

11.15 – 11.45 Registration

12.00 – 13.15 The global picture and how it is moving

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – Leiden University

13.15 – 15.45 Lunch and poster presentations about country situations

By all participants

16.00 – 17.15 The right to relate – as reflected in SOGI cases at the UN Human Rights Committee

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – Leiden University

17.15 – 17.30 Overview of upcoming sessions

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – Leiden University

19.00 – 21:00 Opening dinner

Thursday 23 July 2020 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45 Transgender issues across the world

Alecs Recher, Transgender Network Switzerland

12.00 – 13.15 The emergence of intersex as a protected category in international law

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.00 Presentations by participants (two or three parallel sessions)

15.15 – 16.30 Gender identity in the case law of the European & Inter-American Courts of Human Rights

Alecs Recher, Transgender Network Switzerland

16.45 – 18.00 Contested legal issues on intersex: torture and non-binary gender

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris



Friday 24 July 2020 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45 Persons of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities in international refugee law

Katinka Ridderbos, Senior Research and Information Officer in the Division of International Protection at the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR

12.00 – 12.30 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

Waruguru Gaitho (Kenyan lawyer), student (Advanced LLM in Human Rights Law) & research assistant at Leiden Law School

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.45 Discussion on the position of refugees of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities

Katinka Ridderbos, Senior Research and Information Officer in the Division of International Protection at the UN Refugee agency, UNHCR (with guests: Berachard Njankou & Waruguru Gaitho)

16.00 – 17.15 Sexual orientation and gender identity in the Inter-American human rights system

Lucas Ramón Mendos, Senior Research Officer at ILGA World, Geneva

17.30 – 18.00 Presentations by participants (two or three parallel sessions)

Monday 27 July 2020 (in The Hague)

10.00 – 12.00 Discussion at the International Criminal Court in The Hague

with speakers TBA

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch at the International Criminal Court

14.30 – 15.45 Applying international law to the Middle East: strategies to address persecution of LGBTI persons

Lisa Davis, Associate Professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law
& Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

**16.00 – 17.15 Finding protection for women and LGBTI persons in international criminal law:
the draft articles for a treaty on crimes against humanity**

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International
& Lisa Davis, Associate Professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law

17.30 – 18.00 Presentations by participants (two or three parallel sessions)



Tuesday 28 July 2020 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45 The role of the African Union in combating SOGI based human rights violations

Seun Bakare, Programmes Manager at Amnesty International Nigeria, and PhD candidate at Leiden Law School

12.00 – 13.15 The Yogyakarta Principles of 2007 – and their 2017 update “YP+10”

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.00 The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – the *Atala* case

Lisa Davis, Associate Professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law

15.15 – 16.30 Advancing the human rights of LGBTIs at the United Nations

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

**16.45 – 18.00 The remarkably global spreading of the prohibition of sexual orientation discrimination
& the international right to marry as a prohibition of gender-based discrimination**

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – Leiden University

Wednesday 29 July 2020 (in Amsterdam)

Morning is free – Time to transfer to Amsterdam

12.00 – 13.15 Gender based violence and the meaning of gender:

Reflections on LGBTI persons and the Conventions of Istanbul and Belem do Para

Renée Römkens, director of Atria (Institute on gender equality and women’s history);
professor of Gender Based Violence – University of Amsterdam

13.30 – 14.15 Bring-your-own-lunch picnic

14.45 – 15.15 Presentation about LGBTI situation in Nigeria

Seun Bakare, Programmes Manager at Amnesty International Nigeria, and PhD candidate at Leiden Law School

15.30 – 16.00 Towards decriminalisation of sexuality in Kenya

Waruguru Gaitho, Kenyan lawyer, currently student (Advanced LLM in Human Rights) & research assistant at Leiden Law School

16.15 – 17.30 The role of international law in recent SOGI developments in India

Surabhi Shukla, Indian lawyer, currently PhD candidate in law at the University of Oxford

19.30 – 22.00 “Rights Out There 2020: How to Fight for Our Rights”

Public event (cancelled) at Old Lutheran Church, Singel 411 (corner Spui) in Amsterdam, organised by Old Lutheran Church together with HIVOS, Amnesty International, COC Nederland, and other organisations



Thursday 30 July 2020 (in Amsterdam)

11.00 – 11.45 How to do a PhD on SOGIESC law (optional session)

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law (and former head of PhD studies), Leiden Law School

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 – 14.45 Lunch followed by tour of the venue

15.00 – 16.15 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

16.30 – 18.00 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

Friday 31 July 2020 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.45 SOGIESC challenges in different areas of international law

Kees Waaldijk, professor of Comparative Sexual Orientation Law – Leiden University

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 (all cancelled)

Saturday 25 July – Sunday 2 August 2020 in Amsterdam: [Amsterdam Pride](#), including:

- **Saturday 25 July** – Pride Breakfast 10.00, Pride Walk 11.00-13.30 followed by Pride Park
- **Saturday 1 August** – [Pride Parade \(of boats on canals\) in Amsterdam](#), 12.30 – 18.00

Accommodation information

Courses will be taught in The Hague and Amsterdam. It is therefore recommended that participants find accommodation in The Hague from 21 (or 22) until 29 (or 28) July and in Amsterdam from 29 (or 28) July until 2 August (or until 31 July). However, the train connections between the cities are very good (takes less than one hour), so participants may also choose to find housing in one of the two cities – also as classes mostly start at 10.30 am.