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

The Hague & Amsterdam, Wednesday 22 July – Friday 31 July 2020

draft programme

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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 (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: TBA
speaker TBA

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)

16.00 – 17.15 The remarkably global spreadinging 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

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

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  Sexual orientation and gender identity in the Inter-American human rights system
Lucas Ramón Mendos, Senior Research Officer at ILGA World, Geneva

18.15 – 18.45  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

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

13.30 – 14.15  Bring-your-own-lunch picnic

14.30 – 14.45  Welcome at venue
14.45 – 15.15  Presentation about LGBTI situation in Nigeria (TBC)
Seun Bakare, Programmes Manager at Amnesty International Nigeria, and PhD candidate at Leiden Law School (TBC)

15.30 – 17.30  Speakers and topics TBA

19.30 – 22.00  “Rights Out There 2020”
Public event at Old Lutheran Church, Singel 411 (corner Spui) in Amsterdam, organised by Old Lutheran Church together with HIVOS, Amnesty International, COC Nederland, CHOICE, and other organisations
Thursday 30 July 2020 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.45  International trade and investment law as global leverage for SOGIESC issues?
Andreas R. Ziegler, professor of Public International Law, Université de Lausanne

12.00 – 13.15  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

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

Saturday 25 July – Sunday 2 August 2020 in Amsterdam: Amsterdam Pride, including:

- **Saturday 25 July** – Pride Breakfast (TBC) 10.00 and Pride Walk 11.00-13.30
- **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.