Safeguarding children’s rights in immigration law

22 and 23 November 2018 – Leiden University

Programme

Thursday 22 November

PhD/Early career scholar panel

Chair: Dr. Stephanie Rap (Department of Child Law, Leiden University)

15.00 – 15.05 Opening by Prof. Peter Rodrigues (Institute of Immigration Law, Leiden University)
15.05 – 16.25 Workshop 1: Detention of minors

• Stephen Phillips (Åbo Akademi University): The mental health impact of immigration detention on child asylum seekers and the enabling role of international human rights law
• Audrey Plan (College of European and International Studies of Bayonne): The detention of unaccompanied minors in EU asylum law: what is left of children’s rights?
• Milka Sormunen (University of Helsinki): Immigration detention of children in the case law of the ECtHR: towards more child-friendly jurisprudence?
• Caterina Tempesta (Office of the Children’s Lawyer in Ontario, Canada): Alternatives and Remedies to the Immigration Detention of Children and Family Separation: The Canadian Experience

16.25 – 16.35 Break

16.35 – 17.55 Workshop 2: Country studies

• Roberta Ottonello (University of Genoa): The protection of unaccompanied children in Italy
• Marit Buddenbaum (Leiden University): (Minor) Siblings in Migration
• Ratu Durotun Nafisah (Padjadjaran University): The Right to Birth Registration of ‘Children on the Move’: Case Study in Indonesia

17.55 – 18.00 Closing
Friday 23 November

Chair: Prof. Ton Liefaard (Department of Child Law, Leiden University)

9.30 – 9.45 Welcome and opening (Prof. Joanne van der Leun, Dean of Leiden Law School)
9.45 – 10.15 Ms. Andrea Vonkeman (Head UNHCR Netherlands)
10.15 – 11.00 Dr. Bina D’Costa (Australian National University, ANU College of Asia and the Pacific)
11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break
11.30 – 12.15 Prof. Peter Rodrigues (Institute of Immigration Law, Leiden University)
12.15 – 13.15 Lunch
13.15 – 14.45 Parallel workshops round 1

**Workshop 1A: The best interests of the Child in immigration law**
- Carla van Os (University of Groningen): Recently arrived refugee children: The quality, outcomes and implications of Best Interests of the Child Assessments
- Adriana Tidona and Alice Thornton (AIRE Centre): Taking Responsibility Without Solidarity: The impact of Brexit on migrant children’s rights
- Mark Klaassen & Gerrie Lodder (Leiden University): The right to family reunification of beneficiaries of international protection: does the best interest of the child play any role?
- Anna Kurdova (Kids Empowerment): The protection of unaccompanied and separated minors

**Workshop 1B: The right to be heard**
- Domenico Rosani (University of Innsbruck): Migrant children as rights holders: theory and reality
- Guillaume Coron and Isabelle Esteve (Non-linguistic welcome booklet for Unaccompanied Refugee Minors in France)
- Stephanie Rap (Leiden University): The right to effective participation of refugee children: a critical children’s rights perspective

**Workshop 1C: Forced Migration and Trafficking**
- Dagnara Rajska (Utrecht University): Combating child smuggling and trafficking in the European Migration Context
- Sarah Groarke and Samantha Arnold (EMN Ireland): Separated children at the interplay between children’s rights and the immigration framework: Ireland as a case study
- Susanna Greijer (independent consultant) and René Schlechter (Children’s Rights Ombudsman of Luxembourg): The protection of unaccompanied minors: practical insights from Luxembourg

14.45 – 15.15 Break
15.15 – 16.45 Parallel workshops round 2

**Workshop 2A: Access to Justice**
- Ellen Desmet (Ghent University): Different speeds: assessing appellate asylum and migration proceedings in Belgium from a children’s rights perspective
- Samantha Arnold (EMN Ireland): Child refugee and subsidiary protection appeals in Ireland
• Daan Beltman (University of Groningen): The implementation of Best Interests of the Child-Assessment results in asylum and family migration procedures
• Katia Klein (Leiden University): Guardianship for unaccompanied minors in France
• Memory Mathe (University of South Africa): [title to be confirmed]

Workshop 2B: Reception and immigration detention of children
• Charis Pasiourtidou (Court of Justice of the European Union): [title to be confirmed]
• Ciara Smyth (NUI Galway): Towards a complete prohibition on the immigration detention of children
• Elizabeth Macharia-Mokobi (University of Botswana): Immigration detention of families and children in Botswana: A critique of Emma Ngezi and Marie Iragie decisions
• Ioannis Papadopulos (University of Portsmouth): ‘Protecting children’s rights within detention. How ‘protective’ actually is custody for unaccompanied minors in Greece?

16.45 – 17.00 Minibreak
17.00 – 17.30 Reflections by Mr. George Moschos (former Deputy Ombudsman Children’s Rights in Greece)
17.30 Closing and drinks