



Fundamental rights and the relational self: overcoming the limitations of an individualistic focus in human rights law?

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Leiden University, Faculty of Law
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Lorentz Room (room A144)

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Protection of Fundamental Rights in a Pluralist World

The classical focus of human rights on the autonomous, individuated self is increasingly considered to ignore the fact that human beings are inherently also relational beings, who need to build all sorts of relationships with other people to flourish. This conference explores whether recent developments, for example with regard to rights of the child, sexual orientation and digital data, have affected the traditional, individual focus of human rights law and discourse.

Programme

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| 13:00 | Reception with coffee/tea |
| 13:00 – 13:15 | Welcome and introduction to the conference (Prof. dr. Titia Loenen) |
| 13:15 – 14:30 | Panel I: Individual rights and family relations (Moderator: T.b.c.)

Prof. Nick Huls , Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Society, Leiden Law School: <i>It takes a village to raise a child</i>
Prof. mr. Kees Waaldijk , Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden Law School: <i>It takes two (or more) to be of the same sex</i> |
| 14:30 – 14:45 | Break |
| 14:45 – 16:00 | Panel II: Collective approaches to individual rights protection (Moderator: Tjebbe Geldof LL.M)

Dr. Jerfi Uzman , Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law, Leiden Law School: <i>Three concepts of Liberty. Collective justice (f)or individual rights?</i>
Dr. Esther Keymolen , eLaw – Centre for Law and Digital Technologies, Leiden Law School: <i>Online trust: why it is not just about you and me</i> |
| 16:00 – 16:15 | Break |
| 16:15 – 17:30 | Key note speech and yearly VVI-lecture (followed by Q&A) by Prof. David Engel , State University of New York, Buffalo, United States: <i>Rights of the relational self: law, culture and injury in the global north and south</i> |
| 17:30 – 18:30 | Drinks (Global Lounge) |