

Summer School

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

The Hague & Amsterdam, Wednesday 24 July – Friday 2 August 2019

draft programme, version 8 July 2019, subject to changes and additions

Wednesday 24 July 2019 August (in The Hague)

12.45 – 13.15 Registration

13.30 – 14.45 The global picture and how it is moving

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

15.00 – 16.30 Poster presentations about country situations

By all participants

16.45 – 18.00 The right to relate – as reflected in sexual orientation cases at the UN Human Rights Committee

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

19.00 – 21.00 Opening dinner

Thursday 25 July 2019 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45 Transgender issues across the world

Alecs Recher, Transgender Network Switzerland

12.00 – 13.00 Gender identity in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights

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13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.45 Sexual and gender minorities in international refugee law

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

16.00 – 17.30 Discussion on the position of refugees of diverse SOGIESC

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with guests: Berachard Njankou (law graduate, D.E.A., University of Douala Cameroon), The Hague & Moses Walusimbi, founder and chairman of UGOM (“Uganda Gay On Move”) in the Netherlands

Friday 26 July 2019 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.45 The emergence of intersex as a protected category in international law

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris

12.00 – 13.00 Gay and lesbian individuals in the case law of the European Court of Human Rights

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

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.45 Practical legal issues on intersex: torture and non-binary gender

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris

16.00 – 17.30 Same-sex couples in the evolving case law of the European Court of Human Rights

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

Monday 29 July 2019 (in The Hague)

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

Gloria Atiba-Davies, Head of the Gender and Children Unit, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court
& Rosette Muzigo-Morrison, Legal Office, Office of the Prosecutor, International Criminal Court

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch at the International Criminal Court

14.45 – 16.00 SOGIESC issues in international trade and investment law

Andreas R. Ziegler, professor of Public International Law, Université de Lausanne

16.15 – 17.30 The gender-neutrality of the international right to marry

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

17.45 – 18.30 How to do a PhD on SOGI law (optional session)

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



Tuesday 30 July 2019 (in The Hague)

10.30 – 11.30 Advancing the human rights of LGBTIs at the United Nations

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

11.45 – 12.45 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

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.15 – 15.15 The Yogyakarta Principles of 2007 – and their 2017 update “YP+10”

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

15.30 – 16.30 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

**16.45 – 17.45 Finding protection for women and LGBTIs 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

Wednesday 31 July 2019 (in Amsterdam)

Morning is free – Time to transfer to Amsterdam

13.30 – 14.15 Bring-your-own-lunch picnic

14.15 – 16.15 Meeting with trans activists from Latin America (who have been invited as part of the Building Bridges programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands), including the following the lecture:

14.45 – 16.00 Sexual orientation and gender identity in the Inter-American human rights system

Lucas Ramón Mendos, Senior Research Officer at ILGA World (the International Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersex Association, Geneva)

16.15 – 17.30 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

18.30 – 19.30 Dinner

19.30 – 22.00 “Rights Out There 2019”

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

Thursday 1 August 2019 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.30 ILGA's *State-Sponsored Homophobia* report and ILGA's *Trans Legal Mapping Report*

Lucas Ramón Mendos, Senior Research Officer at ILGA World, Geneva, principal author of 2019 edition of *State-Sponsored Homophobia* report

11.45 – 12.45 Experiences of the former Advocacy Director of the LGBT Rights Program at Human Rights Watch

Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director LGBT Rights Program at HRW (2007-2018), member of the Senate of the Netherlands

12.45 – 13.15 Presentation of ILGA's 2019 *State-Sponsored Homophobia* report to Boris Dittrich and to IHLLA LGBT Heritage

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

14.45 – 16.15 Panel with different speakers (including some participants) and break-out sessions with those speakers

16.30 – 17.45 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

Friday 2 August 2019 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 11.45 SOGIESC in different areas of international law: consolidation, stagnation, expectations

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

12.00 – 12.30 Evaluation of the summer school

12.30 – 13.00 Presentation of certificates

13.15 – 15.30 Farewell lunch

Saturday 3 August – Pride Parade (boats on canals) in Amsterdam, 12.30 – 17.00



Additional information

Other events

Saturday 27 July – Sunday 4 August 2019 in Amsterdam

Amsterdam Pride, including:

- **Saturday 27 July** – Pride Walk reception 10.00-11.00; Pride Walk starting at Homomonument 11.00-13.30; Pride Park 13.30-22.00
- **Saturday 3 August** – Pride Parade of boats on canals in Amsterdam, 12.30 – 17.00
- **Sunday 4 August** – Closing Concert

Accommodation information

Courses will be taught in The Hague and Amsterdam. It is therefore recommended that participants find accommodation in The Hague from 23 (or 24) until 31 (or 30) July and in Amsterdam from 31 July until 4 (or 2) August. However, the train connection between the cities is 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.

*SOGI = Sexual orientation and gender identity

*SOGIE = Sexual orientation and gender identity/expression

*SOGIESC = Sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, and sex characteristics

*LGBTI = Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex

*TBA = to be announced

*TBC = to be confirmed