Doctoral Research Forum 2022

Friday, 14 October 2022
10:00-18:00 CEST
Van Swinderen Huys
Oude Boteringestraat 19, 9712 GC Groningen

In cooperation with the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research, the T.M.C. Asser Institute, the University of Groningen, and the Open University

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About the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

The Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) was established in 2017 to sustain and further strengthen cooperation in the field of human rights research. The NNHRR has become an essential platform for human rights researchers seeking to establish meaningful contacts and durable links in the Netherlands. The NNHRR is connecting researchers, academic institutions, innovative ideas and outputs, thus generating relevant societal insights. As such, it maintains and strengthens the institutionalized cooperation among human rights researchers in the Netherlands and facilitates the organization of inter-university research and trainings for PhD researchers. It also enhances the visibility of human rights work conducted at Dutch universities nationally and internationally and constitutes a key focal point for academic work focused on contemporary challenges.

One of the priorities of the NNHRR is the maximization of its member’s resources by creating spaces for them to learn from each other through meetings, workshops and exchanges. Therefore, the Network has developed the following flagship activities in addition to the Doctoral Research Forum: the Toogdag (annual research day) and training courses for 1st and 2nd year PhD-students as well as for 3rd and 4th PhD-students. In addition, the NNHRR organizes PhD Meet & Greets and informal gatherings for PhD researchers. Finally, thematic activities and events are organized within the Network’s three working groups.

About the NNHRR Doctoral Research Forum 2022

The NNHRR Doctoral Research Forum 2022 brings together PhD candidates from Dutch universities who engage in research in the field of human rights. Established in 2021, this year’s edition will take place in Groningen in cooperation with the University of Groningen and the Open University. The Doctoral Research Forum aims at giving participants the opportunity to present their work in a collaborative and informal setting, providing PhD candidates with practical tips and career advice, and facilitating interaction between junior and senior members of the NNHRR.

The day will feature three thematic panels, each containing six presentations by PhD candidates at different stages of their respective PhD projects. Each presentation will last 10 minutes, after which a senior Network member will provide the presenter with feedback. Following the presentations, there will be a general Q&A with the audience. We encourage everyone to use this opportunity to give and receive feedback and exchange thoughts with the other participants. The day will be completed by two informative sessions on writing a blogpost and the work of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights as well as a social activity to get to know your peers in an informal setting.
Program

09:30-09:50  Walk-in with coffee & tea

09:50-10:00  Welcome
Dr. Antenor Hallo de Wolf (University of Groningen)

10:00-10:45  Impact where it matters? Writing a blogpost
Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (T.M.C. Asser Institute, NNHRR Academic Coordinator)

10:45-11:00  Break with coffee & tea

11:00-12:15  Panel 1: Regional human rights issues
Moderator: Noor Swart (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Prof. Marcel Brus (University of Groningen)

Protecting Human Rights through Judicial Policymaking: Public Interest Litigation before the India Supreme Court
Anmol Gulecha (Tilburg University)

Health data governance in China: Emphasising ‘sharing’ and ‘protection’ based on the right to health
Lujia Sun (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

A lawless space? The legal regulation of evictions of “informal” refugee camps in Calais
Isabella Leroy (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Social media platforms challenging EU fundamental rights protection: The need for an effective response to online hate speech
Stevi Kitsou (Maastricht University)

12:15-13:00  Lunch
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13:00-15:00  Panel 2: Business & economics and human rights
Moderator: Kilian Roithmaier (University of Groningen)
Discussant: Dr. Lottie Lane (University of Groningen)
The Corporate Responsibility to Respect Freshwater: Conceptualisation and some ideas for potential empirical research
Candice Foot (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

Is CSR window dressing? Bridging corporate responsibility in codes of conduct and their actions in global supply chains
Sarah Vandenbroucke (Leiden University)

Access to an Effective Remedy for Victims of Transnational Business-Related Human Rights Abuses: The Role of Private Grievance Processes
Gustavo Becker (University of Amsterdam/Max Planck Institute Luxembourg/University of Luxembourg)

Through the scope of human rights: About risk management with gun control laws
Johri Maat (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Anonymity and authenticity on online platforms
Yelyzaveta Markova (Radboud University Nijmegen)

Participatory rights, international investment law and inclusive prosperity: Re-imagining legal economic systems around inclusion
Stephanie Triefus (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

15:00-15:15 Break with coffee & tea

15:15-17:15 Panel 3: Procedural questions & current challenges
Moderator: Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (T.M.C. Asser Institute, NNHRR Academic Coordinator)
Discussant: Prof. Michel Vols (University of Groningen)

How do States’ arguments impact ECHR’s established case law?
Mônica Ávila Currás (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

States’ Strategic Litigation in Collective Expulsion Cases at the European Court of Human Rights
Jessica Klüger (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Research on balancing clashing fundamental rights
Noor Swart & Jorrit Westerhof (University of Groningen)
Voting Matters: An Analysis of the Use of Electoral-Assistive Devices through the Lens of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities
Adriana Caballero-Pérez (Maastricht University)

Are 20th century ‘rights’ fit for 21st century pandemics and climate change? Rethinking human right-based approaches to health in the post-colonial context
David Patterson (University of Groningen)

17:15-18:00  Human rights in practice: Careers outside of academia
Dr. Charlotte Baarda (College voor de Rechten van de Mens)

18:00-19:00  Dinner
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19:45-21:15  Social activity: Pétanque & drinks
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