

## Summer School

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

The Hague & Amsterdam, Monday 30 July – Wednesday 8 August 2018

#### **Draft Programme** (version 15 May 2018 – subject to change)

#### Week I – Human Rights (30 July – 3 August)

##### Monday 30 July 2018 August (in The Hague)

**10.00 – 10.30 Registration and Welcome**

**10.30 – 11.30 How the global picture is moving**

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

**11:45 – 12.30 Poster presentations about country situations**

By participants

**12.30 – 13.30 Lunch**

**13.45 – 14.30 Poster presentations about country situations**

By participants

**14.45 – 16.00 The right to relate – and its reflection in the sexual orientation cases decided by the UN Human Rights Committee**

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

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

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

**19.00 – 21:00 Opening dinner**

##### Tuesday 31 July 2018 (in The Hague)

**10.30 – 11.30 The role of the African Union in combating SOGI based human rights violations**

Seun Bakare, PhD candidate at Leiden Law School

**11.45 – 12.45 LGBTI and the Inter-American Human Rights System**

Joel Simpson (TBC), managing director of SASOD (Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination) – Guyana

**13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.15 – 15.15 Human rights challenges for LGBTIs in Indonesia**

Saskia Wieringa, professor of Gender and Women's Same-Sex Relations Crossculturally – University of Amsterdam

**15.30 – 16.30 Human rights claims by LGBTIs in China**

Jingshu Zhu, PhD graduate of Leiden Law School

**16.45 – 17.45 The recognition of gender identity in the United Nations Organization and in the Council of Europe**

(incl. introduction to discussion next day)

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris

**19.00 – 20.00 Reception at The Hague Municipality**

**Wednesday 1 August 2018 (in The Hague and Amsterdam)**

**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 Discussion – A right not to be registered as male or female?**

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Université Panthéon-Assas – Paris

**13:00 – 13:45 Sandwich lunch**

**14.00 – 15.00 Transfer to Amsterdam**

**19.30 – 22.00 “Rights Out There 2018 – Heroes of LGBTI+ Worldwide”**

Public event organised by Lutheran Church, with Amnesty, HIVOS, COC Nederland, and other organisations, chaired by Boris Dittrich, Advocacy Director Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch

**Thursday 2 August 2018 (in Amsterdam)**

**10.30 – 11.45 Individuals in the evolving SOGI case law of the European Court of Human Rights**

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

**12.00 – 13.00 The Inter-American Court of Human Rights – the *Atala* case**

Lisa Davis, clinical professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law

**13.00 – 14.00 Lunch**

**14.15 – 15.45 Couples in the evolving SOGI case law of the European Court of Human Rights**

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

**16.45 – 17.45 Gender based violence and the meaning of gender: Reflections on LGBTI-rights and the Istanbul Convention**

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

**Friday 3 August 2018 (in Amsterdam)**

**10.30 – 11:30 Combating SOGIE based discrimination in the Caribbean**

Joel Simpson (TBC), managing director of SASOD (Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination) – Guyana

**11.45 – 12.45 Recent and future SOGIESC cases at the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and at the Caribbean Court of Justice**

Joel Simpson (TBC), managing director of SASOD (Society Against Sexual Orientation Discrimination) – Guyana

**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 Advancing the human rights of LGBTIs at the UN Human Rights Council**

Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

**Saturday 4 August** – Pride Parade of boats on canals in Amsterdam, 13.00-18.00 (<https://pride.amsterdam/canal-parade/?lang=en>)

**Week II – Beyond Human Rights (6-8 August)**

**Monday 6 August 2018 (in The Hague)**

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

Gloria Atiba Davies, Head of the Gender and Children Unit – International Criminal Court  
& Shamila Batohi, Senior Legal Adviser to the Prosecutor – International Criminal Court

**12.15 – 13.15 Lunch**

**13.30 – 15.00 Visit to the International Criminal Court**

**16:00 – 18:15 Panel with different speakers and break-out sessions with those speakers, including:**

- **LGBT issues under International Humanitarian Law and in the humanitarian field**  
Gabriel Alves de Faria, Executive Director of Not Only Voices
- **TBA**
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**Tuesday 7 August 2018 (in The Hague)**

**10.30 – 12.00 Sexual and gender minorities in international refugee law** (incl. introduction to afternoon discussion)

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

**12.15 – 14.00 Meeting and lunch with LGBTI refugees**

refugees and/or practitioners working with asylum seekers (TBA)

**14.15 – 15.15 Discussion on the position of refugees of diverse SOGIESC**

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

**15.30 – 16.15 Finding protection for women and LGBTIs in international criminal law**

Lisa Davis, clinical professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law

**16.30 – 17.45 Applying international law to the Middle East: strategies to address persecution of LGBTI persons**

Lisa Davis, clinical professor of Law for the Human Rights and Gender Justice Clinic – CUNY School of Law  
Jessica Stern, Executive Director of OutRight Action International

**Wednesday 8 August 2018 (in The Hague)**

**10.30 – 12.00 SOGIESC in different areas of international law: consolidation, stagnation, expectations**

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

**12.15 – 12.45 Evaluation**

**13.00 – 15.30 Farewell lunch including presentation of certificates**

## Additional information

### Other events

#### Monday 23 – Friday 27 July in Amsterdam

[International AIDS Conference](#)

#### Saturday 28 July – Sunday 5 August 2018 in Amsterdam

[Amsterdam Pride Week](#), including:

- Saturday 28 July – Pride Walk 11:00-13:30
- Saturday 4 August – [Pride Parade of boats on canals in Amsterdam](#), 13.00-18.00
- Sunday 5 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 29 July until 1 August and from 5 until 8 August, and in Amsterdam from 1 until 5 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