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 (in The Hague)

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

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 Römkens, 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

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 – 17.30 TBA
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