



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 10 December 2018, subject to changes and additions

Wednesday 24 July 2019 August (in The Hague)

12.45 – 13.15 Registration

13.30 – 14.45 How the global picture 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

Alecs Recher, Transgender Network Switzerland

13.15 – 14.15 Lunch

14.30 – 15.45 Sexual and gender minorities in international refugee law

Katinka Ridderbos, Senior Research and Information Officer, Division of International Protection, UNHCR

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

Katinka Ridderbos, Senior Research and Information Officer, Division of International Protection, UNHCR, & guests



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, Lecturer, 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 A right not to be registered as male or female?

Benjamin Moron-Puech, Lecturer, 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 (tbc)

12.15 – 13.30 Lunch at the International Criminal Court (tbc)

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, 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, 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, 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, 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

**13.15 – 14.30 Gender based violence and the meaning of gender: Reflections on LGBTI rights and the Conventions
of Istanbul and Belem do Para**

Renée Römkens, Director, Atria (Institute on gender equality and women’s history); Professor of Gender Based
Violence, University of Amsterdam

15.30 – 19.00 TBA

19.30 – 22.00 “Rights Out There 2019”

Public event at Old Lutheran Church, Singel 411 (corner Spui) organised by Lutheran Church, with Amnesty, HIVOS,
COC Nederland, and other organisations; moderated by Boris Dittrich (former Advocacy Director Lesbian, Gay,
Bisexual and Transgender Rights Program at Human Rights Watch)

Thursday 1 August 2019 (in Amsterdam)

10.30 – 13.00 TBA

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 the African Union in combating SOGI based human rights violations

Seun Bakare, PhD Candidate, Leiden University



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

12.30 – 13.00 Presentation of certificates

13.15 – 15.30 Farewell lunch

Saturday 3 August – Pride Parade (boats on canals) in Amsterdam, 13.00-18.00 (<https://pride.amsterdam/canal-parade/?lang=en>)

Additional information

Other events

Saturday 27 July – Sunday 4 August 2019 in Amsterdam

Amsterdam Pride, including:

- **Saturday 27 July** – Pride Breakfast and Pride Walk 10.00-13.30
- **Saturday 3 August** – Pride Parade of boats on canals in Amsterdam, 13.00-18.00
- **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