Law and Development Research Network
PhD Course 2019

Legal Values and the Functions of Law: Symbioses and Synergies

24-28 June 2019

International Institue of Social Studies (ISS), The Hague, The Netherlands

Programme & Information

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<td>Symbioses in Form &amp; Function</td>
<td>Mixed Methodologies</td>
<td>Equality &amp; Inclusion</td>
<td>Synergies &amp; Resistance</td>
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<td><strong>Arrivals</strong></td>
<td>9 – 10.45 Researching Law's Values and Functions</td>
<td>9 – 10.45 Equality, Gender and the Dutch Cultural Archive</td>
<td>9 – 12.30 (with a coffee break)</td>
<td>9 – 10.45 Planning your PhD</td>
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<td>Sanne Taekema</td>
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<td>11 – 12.30 Contested Liberal Values in a Post-Apartheid Government</td>
<td>11.00 – 12.30 Equity and inclusion challenges: the role of law and policy in an age of globalized austerity</td>
<td>Evaluation and Wrap-Up</td>
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<td>Jeff Handmaker &amp; Karin Arts</td>
<td>Koen de Feyter, Freerk Schiphorst, Sanne Taekema Celine Tan &amp; Janine Ubink</td>
<td>Carolien Jacobs, Koen de Feyter &amp; Celine Tan</td>
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<td>14 – 17.30 (with a tea break) WORKSHOP: Introduction to participants’ PhD Projects</td>
<td>16 – 17.30 Individual Methods Coaching Panellists</td>
<td>16 – 17.30 Writing for Publication</td>
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<td>Facilitators</td>
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<td><strong>18.00</strong></td>
<td>Welcome drinks (Butterfly Bar)</td>
<td>Canal boat tour</td>
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Theme of the Course

What does law seek to accomplish, and how is society affected by it? And from a researcher standpoint, how do I identify synergies between my research subject and those of others?

Law’s values and law’s function are generally discussed as entirely separate topics. But a discussion of legal equality in the distribution of resources or tackling foreign-based corruption would ring rather hollow if it didn’t engage with how law functioned (or was dysfunctional) from a governance standpoint. Similarly, understanding the social working of law and in particular the possibilities for individual and state accountability in a conflict setting has crucial implications for how the normative content and doctrinal principles underpinning international criminal law ought to be interpreted and – possibly – reframed.

Further, the positionality of the researcher should be regarded in a critically-reflexive manner. This is especially crucial when researching legal values and law’s function in a law and development context where researchers frequently confront a range of complex societal, economic, gendered and cultural dilemmas, including socio-economic and white privilege and cultural essentialism.

The 2019 LDRN PhD Course involves doctoral candidates attached to one of the LDRN-Partner Institutions from different legal (and related) disciplines to discuss the role of law in relation to development questions both occurring in the global north and in the global south, with particular attention both to law’s embedded values as well as its functional character.

From the course, participants will draw insights on some of the methodological, ethical and theoretical considerations relevant for these aspects of the law and development research field, both in the global North and global South. The course will comprise of a range of interactive methods of teaching and learning, consisting of a combination of lectures and seminars, a methods clinic, group work sessions and paper workshops.

The 2019 LDRN COURSE course is organised by the International Institute of Social Studies in the framework of the Integrating Normative and Functional Approaches to the Rule of Law and Human Rights Project and the Governance, Law and Social Justice Research Group, in co-operation with other colleagues of the Law and Development Research Network.

Applications are due: 30 March 2019

We look forward to welcoming you to The Hague in June!

Dr. Jeff Handmaker
Academic Co-ordinator, LDRN PhD School 2019.
Confirmed Instructors and Profiles

Prof. Karin Arts  
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Prof. Aminata Cairo  
Lector/Professor of Inclusive Education, Hague Institute for Applied Sciences

Prof. Koen de Feyter  
Professor of International Law, University of Antwerp

Dr. Jeff Handmaker  
Senior Lecturer in Law, Human Rights & Development, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University

Dr. Carolien Jacobs  
Assistant Professor in Law, Van Vollenhoven Institute, School of Law, Leiden University

Dr. Freek Schiphorst  
Associate Professor of Labour Relations and Vice-Dean for Education, International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University

Dr. Sanele Sibanda  
Senior Lecturer, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand

Dr. Celine Tan  
Associate Professor of Law and Director, Centre for Law, Regulation and Governance of the Global Economy, Warwick University

Prof. Janine Ubink  
Professor of Law, Governance and Development, Van Vollenhoven Institute, School of Law, Leiden University
Practical Information

Venue: International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University
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Course Fee: Euros 120. This fee includes coffees/lunches, dinners on 26/27 June, course materials and social activities. Please note: it does NOT include accommodation or travel costs to The Hague.

Housing: Those who need advice on accommodation possibilities are asked to indicate this in their application. We will be updating this section on the course webpage: https://www.iss.nl/LDRNPhD2019

Social Events: In addition to welcome drinks at the ISS’ own “Butterfly Bar” on the 24th of June, we have organised various activities, including a boat tour through The Hague’s canals (25 June), a walk in the West Dune National Park (26 June) and relaxing evening on the beach, watching the sun go down in Scheveningen (27 June).

On other activities in The Hague: https://denhaag.com/en
Fees and Accommodation

Please confirm your attendance by registering on-line at:


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