



Newsletter

Dear all,

With this newsletter we wish to inform you of upcoming events, calls for funding and new releases. If you have relevant information or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Save the dates!

- **17 May 2016, CCHR Book L(a)unch**
- **8 September 2017, CCHR Research Conference**

The CCHR team,
Rosemarie Buikema, Antoine Buyse and Ton Robben

News

Results CCHR grant proposal round February 2016

For the February 2016 round of funding the CCHR selection commission received 12 eligible applications that have been selected for funding. All have impressed us in terms of the quality of the work and determination of the scholars to make CCHR a strong and timely focus area within Utrecht University. The selected proposals are:

- Marjolein van den Brink & Christine Quinan – ‘Gender Identity Registration and Human Rights’
 - Kiene Brillenburg Wurth – ‘International Conference of American Comparative Literature Association at Utrecht University’
 - Fenella Fleischmann – ‘Seed money for NWO-Vidi and ERC Grant’
 - Judith Keilbach – ‘Workshop geschiedenis-gerelateerde apps’
 - René Koekkoek – ‘Seed money for VENI-scholarship. Repairing historical justice: a global intellectual history’
 - Susanne Knittel & Uğur Ümit Üngör – ‘Conference: Representing Perpetrators of Mass Violence’
 - Koen Leurs – ‘Tentoonstelling Smartphone broekzakarchieven van jeugdige asielzoekers en expats’
 - Brianne McGonigle Leyh – ‘ERC-Starting Grant Application. Socializing Transitional Justice?’
 - Sem de Maagt - ‘Socio-Economic Human Rights: Justification and Distribution’
 - Barbara Oomen & Anya Luscombe – ‘Utrecht University and Eleanor Roosevelt’s legacy’
 - Sandra Ponzanesi – ‘PCI Research Assistant 2016-2017’
 - Berteke Waaldijk & Aurora Perego – ‘ATGENDER Spring conference ‘Spaces of Feminist Learning and Teaching: queering movements, translations and dynamics’
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CCHR projects awarded GRACE Gender & Cultures of Equality – two new Early Stage Researchers at UU



The GRACE (Gender and Cultures of Equality) research and training consortium in which CCHR fellows participate has been awarded a European Commission grant of €3.7 million under the Horizon 2020 'Marie Skłodowska-Curie Innovative Training Networks' programme to fund the employment and training of fifteen Early Stage Researchers (ESRs) on 36 month fixed term posts (1 February 2016 until 31 January 2019).

The aim of the GRACE – Gender and Cultures of Equality in Europe project is to systematically investigate the cultural production of gender equalities within Europe.

The GRACE project employs and provides advanced training for 15 ESRs at 8 partner universities in 6 EU countries, which have recently been recruited, who will research the production of cultures of gender equality across five specific sites where cultures of gender equalities are produced and contested by differently situated social agents.

More information on GRACE can be found [here](#) and on the website of [CCHR](#).

Judith Keilbach receives Wiesenthal Fellowship for research on Eichmann trial



CCHR-fellow Dr Judith Keilbach, assistant professor at the Department of Media and Culture Studies has been awarded a Wiesenthal Senior Fellowship. From 1 April to 31 August she will be at the Vienna Wiesenthal Institute for her research on the television coverage of the Eichmann trial. Keilbach's research project focuses on the technical and institutional preconditions that facilitated the television coverage of the trial of Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann (1960-1962). It discusses the historical and political context of the trial, explores the transnational collaboration, negotiations and conflicts before and during the recording of the proceedings, and compares the trial coverage in different countries.

Lorena Sosa wins Max van der Stoel Award



Dr. Lorena Sosa (Assistant Professor in Human Rights at SIM) received the Max van der Stoel Award on Human Rights for her PhD thesis on intersectionality in the human rights framework on violence against women. Since 2002 the Human Rights Award is named after Max van der Stoel, the former OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, in honour of his work in this field.

Conferences / Courses / Lectures

26 February – 5 June 2016, Art manifestation *Hacking Habitat* in former prison Wolvenplein



On 26 February the art manifestation *Hacking Habitat* opened its doors in the former prison Wolvenplein in Utrecht. Over 80 artists and 30 scientists, speakers and authors are providing their views on the role of technology in our lives. To what extent are high tech networks controlling our society? *Hacking Habitat* demonstrates how we are losing control over our life, due to institutes and systems such as CCTV, Facebook, Google, NSA and AIVD. The claim of *Hacking Habitat* is to regain control by 'hacking our habitat'; to not fight technology but to use it in our benefit.

In addition to the exhibition there is the publication *Hacking Habitat* – funded by CCHR – which reports in word and image the Life Hack Marathons that have been organised in the past months in TivoliVredenburg, and provides reflection on the subject matter. One of the contributors is CCHR-fellow Mirko Tobias Schäfer.

The exhibition closes on Sunday 5 June 2016.

For more information click [here](#).

14 April 2016, Utrecht Forum for Memory Studies seminar with Damir Arsenijević 'Jokes, War, and Genocide. The Case of Bosnia and Herzegovina'



In this lecture, Damir Arsenijević will present the collective work of the Working Group on Jokes, War, and Genocide, which he initiated in Bosnia and Herzegovina in early 2012. The motivation for the establishment of the group was to explore collectively jokes as one of the ways to speak about war and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, through collective work, better to understand the mechanisms of such speech and the effects it produces in Bosnian society.

Jokes, as speech about war and genocide, are posited and explored as specific forms of witnessing. In the analysis of the jokes, the Working Group locates and confronts the unconscious of war and genocide influences dominating our speech and language. This work starts with Freud's position that jokes and the enjoyment gained through jokes are short-circuits. In such short-circuits through jokes on war and genocide we gain insight into something more important and more disturbing—'finding the known anew', something we have already known but chose to be silent about. The analysis starts with some of the following questions: what kind of enjoyment is enabled by these jokes? In relation to what kind of critique do the jokes protect and enable enjoyment?

Time: 11.00-13.00

Location: Kernkampkamer, Academiegebouw, Domplein 29

More information can be found [here](#).

15 April 2016, Inaugural lecture Prof. Sandra Ponzanesi



On 15 April Sandra Ponzanesi will give her inaugural lecture as Professor of Gender and Postcolonial Studies. Ponzanesi's expertise is gender and postcolonial critique from a comparative and interdisciplinary perspective. She is currently PI of the ERC consolidator project CONNECTINGEUROPE 'Digital Crossings in Europe. Gender, Diaspora and Belonging'. Ponzanesi is also founder and director of the Postcolonial Studies Initiative (PCI) and Head of Department Humanities at University College Utrecht.

Time: 16.15 - 19.15

Location: Utrecht University, Academiegebouw, Domplein 29.

This inaugural lecture will be delivered in English. More information: [here](#).

19 April 2016, PCI Film screening 'The Act of Killing' (Joshua Oppenheimer, Indonesia 2013)



Introduction by Dr Susanne Knittel

The Act of Killing is a documentary in which former Indonesian death-squad leaders are challenged to reenact their mass-killings in whichever cinematic genres they wish, including classic Hollywood crime scenarios and lavish musical numbers.

Time: 19.15-21.00

Location: Room 0.32, Drift 21, Utrecht University

25 April 2015, PCI Lecture by Ana Mendes 'Reinvention, Intermediality and Dissent in the Art of Nalini Malani'



The art of Nalini Malani, born in Karachi the year before Indian independence, is acutely influenced by that watershed moment, in particular by the legacies of the British Empire and also by the hastily-arranged partition of the subcontinent. Reinvention, intermediality and dissent are key signifying practices and strategies in Malani's multimedia art, comprised of paintings, drawings, video installations and theatrical productions. Focusing on Malani's Transgressions and

other selected video shadow plays, this lecture will consider the use of citation, borrowing and adaptation to analyse how these installations mirror and combine the experiences of being a refugee of a subcontinental partition, a female artist in a male-dominated art world, and a postcolonial subject of a (newly) independent nation.

Time: 16.00-17.30

Location: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht University

17 May 2016, Book l(a)unch CCHR



The half-yearly CCHR Book l(a)unches are meant to create a platform for the CCHR community to exchange and discuss recent work. There will be ample opportunity for all researchers to display new releases and discuss them with colleagues in the break. Every lunch we highlight three or four recent publications which will be introduced by the authors and discussed by the attendants in a plenary session.

Speakers will be announced shortly.

Time: 12.00-14.00

Location: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht University

24 May 2016, Masterclass and PCI Lecture by Prof. Radhika Gajjala



In the morning prof. Radhika Gajjala will give a masterclass entitled 'E-diasporas in Big and Small 'Data' Space: A Postcolonial and Feminist Perspectives'. The masterclass is open to MA and PhD students. For registration please contact Sandra Ponzanesi (s.ponzanesi@uu.nl) or the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (nog@uu.nl).

Time: 9.30-13.30

Location: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht University

In the afternoon Gajjala will give her PCI lecture entitled 'Archives of Subalternity: Questions of and Provocations for Digital Humanities'.

Time: 16.00-18.00

Location: Sweelinckzaal, Drift 21, Utrecht University

10 June 2016, NOG National Research Day



The Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies (NOG) hosts the annual National Research Day, held this year at the Leiden University Centre for the Arts in Society. This year the National Research Day is called 'Doing Gender in The Netherlands: TRANS* approaches, methods & concepts'. The NOG Research Day is a dedicated platform for sharing the work of junior and senior researchers of Dutch universities in the fields of Gender, Ethnicity, Sexuality and Diversity. Faculty, Postdoctorate fellows, PhD candidates and Research Master students are cordially invited to participate in this event.

For more information click [here](#).

18-22 July 2016, Summer School International Law from a Gender Perspective

Justice is to be done regardless of money, race etc. but also of gender. However, the law, including international law, is not a perfect system, and just like the people who made it, it is biased. This interactive one-week course will look at law from a gender perspective, encompassing cis, gay, trans* and intersex perspectives. The focus is primarily on human rights but will cut across other areas of international law, such as refugee law. Through lectures,

excursions, and group assignments, topical issues will be explored and analyzed, linking theory and practice.

Registration is now open. More information can be found [here](#).

11-22 July 2016, Summer School on Human Rights and Gender

Have you ever wanted to know about human rights and gender? This intensive and interactive, two-week course focuses first on the theory and practice of international human rights law, more generally, and then delves into legal gender issues by examining, in a broad sense, gay, trans, intersex and cis perspectives. Building upon international human rights law as a basis, the course cuts across topical issues in legal disciplines such as international humanitarian law, international criminal law and refugee law. Participants will strengthen their skills to critically assess law and its (im)possibilities, while exploring current developments in the field.

Registration is now open. More information can be found [here](#).

29 August – 2 September 2016, NOI♀SE Summer School ‘Feminist Media Studies of Migration: European discourses and lived experiences’



This year, the 24rd edition of NOI♀SE will introduce you to cutting-edge scholarship on media and migration at the intersections of feminist media and cultural studies, postcolonial studies, cultural anthropology, religion studies, communication, activism and the arts.

The summer school is organized by the Netherlands Research School of Gender Studies

Questions that will be addressed are among others:

- How can gender and postcolonial perspectives be fruitfully combined for an emancipatory re-imagination of Europe as inherently culturally diverse?
- How do axes of difference including gender, race, religion, class and generation intersect in mediatized European discourses and lived experiences?
- What is feminization of migration?
- How can Europeanness be rethought from below, by mobilizing feminist media studies of migration?

More information can be found [here](#).

1-3 September 2016, Human Rights Conference

On 1-3 September 2016, SIM will be the host of the international research conference of the Association of Human Rights Institutes (AHRI). The conference will also mark SIM's 35th birthday. The title of the conference is: "50 Years of the Two UN Human Rights Covenants: Legacies and Prospects". The conference will serve as a platform for presenting international human rights research across different disciplines. The conference will have six tracks:

- Indivisibility and interactions of norms and regimes;
 - Citizenship, migrants and refugees;
 - Non-state actors;
 - EU and human rights;
 - Human rights and the global economy;
 - New avenues in human rights research
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8 September 2017, CCHR Research Conference

CCHR is planning to organize an international conference with renowned keynote speakers in the field of cultures, citizenship and human rights, and paper presentations of CCHR funded research by CCHR fellows and consortia. SAVE the date. Programme will be announced soon.

Funding and Job Applications

Horizon2020 Call 'The European Union and the global challenge of migration'



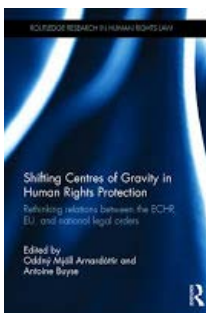
On 14 October 2016 the Horizon2020 call 'ENG-GLOBALLY-03-2017 – The European Union and the global challenge of migration' will be opened. The deadline is 2 February 2017.

Migration is a central and common phenomenon in human history. The international migrant population in Europe is expected to increase in the future, due to economic and demographic factors, political unrest, conflicts and climate change. One aspect that has become increasingly clear in recent years is that, if the EU wants to successfully manage immigration flows at home, it needs to strengthen its cooperation with third countries of origin and transit of migrants, by fully addressing the root causes of migration and exploiting the potential of migration as a development enabler. Research should make recommendations on how to tackle migrant smuggling and those who profit from it. The research to address this challenge should focus on one or two dimensions that have to be comprehensively addressed. The research may also cover other issues relevant for addressing the specific challenge.

More information the call can be found [here](#).

Publications

Professor Antoine Buyse publishes new book on European human rights



Shifting Centres of Gravity in Human Rights Protection. Rethinking Relations between the ECHR, EU, and National Legal Orders. Edited by Oddný Mjöll Arnardóttir, Antoine Buyse (Routledge 2016)

The protection of human rights in Europe is currently at a crossroads. There are competing processes which push and pull the centre of gravity of this protection between the ECHR system in Strasbourg, the EU system in Luxemburg and Brussels, and the national protection of human rights.

This book brings together researchers from the fields of international human rights law, EU law and constitutional law to reflect on the tug-of-war over the positioning of the centre of gravity of human rights protection in Europe. It addresses both the position of the Convention system vis-à-vis the Contracting States, and its positioning with respect to fundamental rights protection in the European Union. The first part of the book focuses on interactions in this triangle from an institutional and constitutional point of view and reflects on how the key actors are trying to define their relationship with one another in a never-ending process. Having thus set the scene, the second part takes a critical look at the tools that have been developed at European level for navigating these complex relationships, in order to identify whether they are capable of responding effectively to the complexities of emerging realities in the triangular relationship between the ECHR, EU law and national law.

People

New Assistant Professors at Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM): Dr Katharine Fortin and Dr Alexandra Timmer

Dr Alexandra Timmer and Dr Katharine Fortin have been appointed as Assistant Professors at Utrecht University's Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM). Alexandra has worked as Postdoc Researcher at SIM in relation to the FRAME project and is currently coordinator gender equality law for the European Equality Law Network. Her area of expertise is equality and non-discrimination law. Katharine has been a lecturer at SIM since August 2015 and her research focuses on the legal frameworks that apply to non-international armed conflict.

Janneke Gerards joins Utrecht

Professor Janneke Gerards has been appointed full professor of fundamental rights and will join Utrecht Law School's constitutional law department, where she will also closely cooperate with SIM in her new capacity as SIM

fellow. Professor Gerards is one of the leading experts on European human rights law and a former chair of the KNAW young Academy.

CCHR PhD Community

The CCHR PhD community, initiated by candidates Wouter Oomen and Gisela Carrasco Miro, had their kick-off meeting in January. If you are interested in their activities or projects, you can contact Wouter Oomen (w.a.oomen@uu.nl).

A complete list of the candidates can be found [here](#).

In the press

Prof. Rosemarie Buikema in *De Volkskrant* 'You're missing half the world'

On International Women's Day (8th March) prof. Rosemarie Buikema was interviewed by the national newspaper *De Volkskrant*. She states that male dominance is still blatantly visible in the Dutch media. If journalists are quoting or featuring men mainly, they are missing out the views and insights of half of the world's population. Hence, the media have, according to Buikema, a huge responsibility since media shape the stories that we are able to tell about the world. However, crucial is not only that, but also *how* women are present in media. As Buikema points out: "Are women asked to tell they have been raped three times in Cologne or are they also allowed to act as experts or innovators? Emancipation is only successful if women can decide about and shift the norms, and receive the credits for it."

The article appeared in Dutch and can be found [here](#).

CCHR-fellow Ernst van den Hemel in *De Groene Amsterdammer*

Ernst van den Hemel was interviewed by *De Groene Amsterdammer* for the article 'De goddeloze samenleving (4) Ernst van den Hemel pleit voor meer religiekennis', which appeared on 16th March. Herein Van den Hemel explains that 84 percent of the world population is religious, hence to claim religion is old-fashioned - a practice he calls the 'hobby of the babyboomers' - is not only outdated but also dangerous. Instead, with the events on 9/11 religion returned from its private spheres into the public domain. According to Van den Hemel we can no longer pretend that religion is not relevant for us, just because we liberated ourselves from it in the sixties in the Netherlands. Religion in our contemporary postsecular society requires a new approach and relationship.

The article appeared in Dutch, and can be found [here](#) (subscription needed!)

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