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Marleen van Rijswijk received Schilthuispenning



Prof. mr. Van Rijswijk was handed over the Schilthuispenning on 10 February by Minister Schultz van Haegen (Infrastructure and Environment) for her achievements in the field of water law and water management. This prize is being awarded once or twice annually to an individual or to an organization for achievements in – and the development of- the field of water law.

New researchers affiliated to UCWOSL

Annelies Freriks, professor in *omgevingsrecht* (specialized in environmental law)

Chris Backes, professor in environmental law

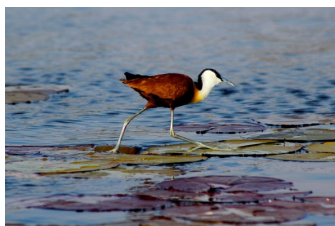
Marga Robesin, **INFO**

New guest researchers and lecturers

Leonie Reins, who recently defended her Ph.D thesis "The coherent regulation of energy and environment in the European Union, using Shale Gas as a case study"

Xia Yu from China, **who also visited Utrecht six years ago**

Lingjie Kong, affiliated to China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies (CIBOS) at Wuhan University.



JACANA Project in South Africa in cooperation with Rotary Bilt-hoven

In June 2016, Marleen van Rijswijk and Anoeska Buijze will accompany six students to South-Africa for the JACANA Project. The project supports the Inkomati-Usuthu Catchment Management Agency in order to improve the strategic and operational water management. By exchanging views and ideas with various stakeholders, the students aim to set up a reciprocal learning process. In doing so, the focus will be on vulnerable groups and to include their interests in the water management (by stressing on inclusiveness and participation).



Daphina Misidjan will conduct field work in Suriname

Daphina Misidjan will be receiving a research grant from the Dr. Silvia W. de Groot Fund to complete field work in Suriname. This grant is designed to give students and young researchers from the Caribbean, preferably of Maroon descent, financial support in the preparation of a scientific publication on Caribbean issues. Daphina Misidjan's PhD research focusses on the human right to water and includes sustainability requirements. Suriname serves as one of the two case-studies.

Tineke Lambooy and Aikaterini Argyrou participated at a work conference organised by Social Enterprises NL

The work conference with the title 'The social enterprise on the way to the Civil Code' (De sociale onderneming op weg naar het Burgerlijk Wetboek) was held in The Hague at the facilities of the Sociaal-Economische Raad (SER) on the 14th of January 2016. The working conference was organised by Social Enterprises NL with the objective to discuss in detail with a broad group of stakeholders the vision of Social Enterprises NL for a new legal regime applicable to social enterprises in the Netherlands.

At the conference Tineke Lambooy gave a keynote speech regarding the 'International perspective on the legal position of social enterprises' (Internationaal perspectief op de juridische positie van de sociale onderneming). Both Tineke Lambooy and Aikaterini Argyrou participated in an intensive dialogue organised in discussion tables regarding the role of stakeholders in the governance of social enterprises. A colleague from Edinburgh University, David Cabrelli, was invited by Aikaterini Argyrou to share the insights gained in Scotland with the functioning of the Community Interest Company.



SAVE THE DATE

Conference 22-23 April 'Representations of the (Extra)territorial: Theoretical and Visual Perspectives'

On 22-23 April 2016 a conference on 'Representations of the (Extra)territorial: Theoretical and Visual Perspectives' will take place at the Faculty of Law of Utrecht University.

The conference will consist of four panels, addressing respectively virtual reality, the environment, human rights, and general conceptual shifts in understandings of territoriality.

The speakers will include Prof. Wouter Werner & Dr. Geoff Gordon (VU Amsterdam), Prof. Peer Zumbansen (King's College London), Prof. Mireille Hildebrandt (Radboud University Nijmegen), Prof. Philip Steinberg (Durham University), Prof. Chris Armstrong (University of Southampton), Prof. Juscelino Colares (Case Western University), Dr. Kerry Woods (Leeds University), Prof. Marcus Düwell (Utrecht University) and Dr. Daniel Augenstein (Tilburg University).

The seminar will take place on 22 April 2016 from 13:00-18:00h in the Raadzaal, Achter Sint Pieter 200, 3512 HT Utrecht and on 23 April 2016 from 9:30-12:00h in the Belle van Zuylenzaal, Academy Building Utrecht, Domplein 29, 3512 Utrecht.

For more information, please click [here](#)

Participation is free but participants are kindly required to register before the 18th of April 2016 at the following email address: Secretariaat.IER@uu.nl

summerschool UTRECHT 2016

Future Deltas

4 July 2016 - 9 July 2016

This course focuses on sustainable management of river deltas, that are increasingly under pressure of climate change and human impacts. Deltas are valuable areas, providing many services that are essential for humans such as fertile soils, fresh water, (river) transportation networks, low-relief accessible land, water purification and support of high biodiversity. Because of all these benefits hundreds of millions of people live in deltas worldwide, often in mega-cities.

International, European and Domestic Water Law

11 July 2016 - 15 July 2016

This course provides an introduction to selected issues of international, regional (EU) and domestic water law. These issues include the organizational aspects of water management, water safety and flood protection, water quality and combating pollution, protection of drinking water resources and the sustainable use of water.

Overview of upcoming UCWOSL activities

Tuesday, 8 March 2016 — Expert Meeting **Slimme Combinaties**

Thursday, 10 March 2016 — Eindsymposium 'Onbegrensde Samenwerking' Water Governance Centre te Amersfoort, presentatie van verschillende UCWOSL onderzoeken, meer informatie vindt u [hier](#)

Wednesday, 20 April 2016 — Jubileum Symposium Fort Vechten Schilthuisfonds en Vereniging Waterstaatsgeschiedenis, thema: waterveiligheid

Friday, 22 April 2016 — Jaarcongres Koninklijk Waternetwerk, thema: Omgevingswet (sprekers onder anderen Marleen van Rijswijk)

Friday, 17 June 2016 — European Environmental Law Forum Workshop: Meeting European Commission and Academia in Brussels, please click [here](#) for more information

Wednesday, 14 September 2016 — Seminar on Polar Fisheries

UCWOSL Meetings (Achter Sint Pieter 200, Toon Peterszaal)

Monday, 15 February 2016, 12-13 o'clock

Friday, 11 March 2016, 16-17 o'clock

Monday, 11 April 2016, 12-13 o'clock

Friday, 13 May 2016, 16-17 o'clock

Monday, 13 June 2016, 12-13 o'clock



Belgisch-Nederlandse bijeenkomst over omgevingsrecht te 's-Hertogenbosch (in Dutch)

22 april 2016 — Omgevingsrecht in de Lage Landen: Toren van Babel of Tuin der Lusten?

Voorstelling van de boeken 'Omgevingsrecht' en 'Vlaams Omgevingsrecht' door Frank Groothuijs (UCWOSL), Marlon Boeve (Centrum voor Milieurecht) en Isabelle Larmuseau (Vlaamse Vereniging voor Omgevingsrecht)

Meer informatie kunt u [hier](#) vinden.

Book Chapter published by Aikaterini Argyrou and Tineke Lambooy

'An empirical investigation of supportive legal frameworks for social enterprises in Belgium: A cross-sectoral comparison of case studies for social enterprises from the social housing, finance and energy sector perspective', in V. Mauerhofer, (Ed.) Legal Aspects of Sustainable Development: horizontal and sectorial policy issues, Springer, 2016.

Abstract

This study aims to investigate how the existing legal framework for social enterprises in Belgium affects the activity of social enterprises in the social housing, finance and energy sector. The article focuses on the examination of the legal factor of governance as well as the decision-making power of stakeholders in one particular type of social enterprises, the so-called company with a social purpose, 'Vennootschap met Sociaal Oogmerk' (VSO). The authors conducted three case studies. They examined three social enterprises which are active in three different sectors in Belgium i.e. the energy, finance and housing sector. By comparing three case studies, this article aims to generate a cross-sectoral theoretical analysis regarding the practical application of the legal factor of governance in the Belgian social enterprises as well as a comprehensive understanding of the involvement of different stakeholders in the social enterprises governance in three different sectors. The cross-sectoral analysis elaborated on the implementation of the legal provisions with respect to the governance of social enterprises as well as on the participation of various types of stakeholders in the decision-making process in every sector. Useful conclusions were drawn for the improvement of the legal framework of social enterprises in Belgium as well as for the improvement of the social enterprises functioning.

Organisation and chairing the CSR workshop of the Ius Commune Conference 2015 in Leuven with the topic 'Tailor-made Legal Frameworks for Social Enterprises'

Tineke Lambooy and Aikaterini Argyrou organised a session on Corporate Social Responsibility at the annual Ius Commune Conference 2015 that took place in Leuven on the 27th November 2015. The workshop with the title 'Tailor-made Legal Frameworks for Social Enterprises' combined various perspectives: sustainability, innovation and corporate law.

The purpose of the CSR workshop was to build awareness and a comprehensive understanding of tailor-made legal models for social enterprises in Europe. Tineke Lambooy and Robert Helder chaired the session. Various presenters provided legal, academic and practical insights into the concept of social enterprises as well as knowledge regarding the implementation of tailor-made legislation on a national level. Stijn De Jonge, a colleague of the university of Leuven and also a social entrepreneur commenced with a keynote speech. The topic regarded the legal structure of CORE CVBA-SO, a social enterprise which is located in

Leuven, in which he plays an important role, which is stimulating innovation in the area of sustainability, and in which social enterprise students of Leuven university hold shares.

Aikaterini Argyrou presented part of her PhD research at the workshop explaining - with the assistance of Guus Kruseman (LLM UU student) - the legal framework for the Vennootschap met Sociaal Oogmerk (VSO) (Company with Social Purpose) in Belgium as well as the implementation of the Belgium VSO legislation in the organizational model of social enterprises in three different sectors, i.e. the energy sector, the finance sector, and the social housing sector (on the basis of 3 case studies). The discussion generated a forum for legal researchers to exchange ideas and knowledge on the topic of legislation applicable to social enterprises, and will conclude with formulating new research questions.

Liping Dai's presentation on her research 'Exploring China's approach to implementing 'ecocompensation' schemes'



Liping Dai presented her research during the conference 'Sustainability and Ecological civilization as a common challenge. Research in Different Cultures: China and Europe' on 1 October 2015 in Utrecht. The Conference was organized by the Ethics Institute.

Congres 'Waterbeheer in de Lage Landen' (in Dutch)

Implementatie van de Kaderrichtlijn Water: alles in goede toestand?

Vanuit de bestaande samenwerking tussen de Universiteit Gent, de Vlaamse Vereniging voor Omgevingsrecht en de Vereniging voor Milieurecht organiseerde het Utrecht Centre for Water, Oceans and Sustainability Law (UCWOSL) op 4 december 2015 het congres 'Waterbeheer in de Lage Landen'. Onder leiding van dagvoorzitters Marleen van Rijswijk (UCWOSL, Universiteit Utrecht) en Frank Maes (Universiteit Gent) werd de Europese Kaderrichtlijn Water (KRW) vanuit verschillende juridische en bestuurlijke oogpunten besproken.

Het 15-jarige bestaan van de Europese Kaderrichtlijn Water, de Wezer-uitspraak en het naderende punt van afronding van de tweede ronde beheerplannen gaven genoeg aanleiding om de Kaderrichtlijn water grondig onder de loep te nemen. Daarnaast diende in beginsel eind 2015 aan alle milieudoelstellingen te zijn voldaan, tenzij lidstaten een terecht beroep op één van de uitzonderingsbepalingen konden doen. Door middel van verschillende workshops onder voorzitterschap van Barbara Beijen, Daan Korsse en Petra Lindhout (alle drie verbonden aan de Universiteit Utrecht) en Jacqueline Zijlmans (Rijkswaterstaat Corporate Dienst) werden de deelnemers bijgespijkerd op het gebied van de implementatie van de richtlijn en was er ruimte voor discussie.

Het congres vond plaats in een gerenoveerd historisch pand van de Universiteit Utrecht, dat speciaal voor dit evenement zijn deuren opende nog voor de officiële ingebruikname. Het feestelijke karakter van de bijeenkomst kwam naar voren tijdens de lunch en borrel, waarbij de deelnemers en sprekers volop de gelegenheid hadden om bij te praten en te netwerken. De workshops en plenaire sessies brachten felle discussies naar voren over de uitleg van de Kaderrichtlijn water maar ook een positieve zoektocht naar hoe het wél zou kunnen en moeten binnen de Nederlandse wensen en verhoudingen. Verder vormden de workshops een mooi platform voor uitwisseling van informatie en *best practices* tussen de Nederlandse en Belgische collega's.