Seminar: ‘Complexity and the public role of civil courts in health and environmental matters’

Location: Paushuize Kromme Nieuwegracht 49, 3512 HE, Utrecht.
Date & time: 22 April 2022, 09:30 – 15:30, followed by the inaugural lecture of prof. De Jong.

09:00 – 09:30  Registration and coffee

09:30 – 09:40  Opening by the chair, Ivo Giesen, professor of Private Law, Head of the Utrecht School of Law, Vice-president, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences (KNAW).

09:40 – 10:30  Dineke de Groot, president of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands. ‘Some observations on observational research and judicial decision-making in health and environmental matters’.

10:30 – 11:20  Linda Steg, prof. of Environmental Psychology, University of Groningen. ‘Understanding Climate Action’.

11:20 – 11:30  Coffee break


12:20 – 13:00  Lunch


13:50 – 14:40  Veerle Heyvaert, prof. of Law, London School of Economics and Political Science. ‘Normative complexity after Vedanta: is better access to justice access to better justice?’.

14:40 – 14:55  Coffee break

14:55 – 15:10  Early researcher perspective

15:10 – 15:30  Pathways for future research and further discussion, Michael Faure, prof. Comparative International Environmental Law, Maastricht University.

16:15 – 17:00  Inaugural lecture Elbert de Jong, prof. of Private Law, Utrecht University.

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The seminar is organized by Prof. Elbert de Jong. Co-organizers are Prof. Michael Faure Maastricht University & Erasmus School of Law Rotterdam, Prof. Ivo Giesen (Utrecht University) & Prof. Peter Mascini (Erasmus School of Law Rotterdam). The seminar is organized in the context of a KNAW Early Career Partnership, a grant awarded to De Jong in 2020. An Early Career Partnership enables early career researchers to organize a meeting with participants from different scientific disciplines to jointly explore ideas or methods for innovative and unconventional research.