

SAVE THE DATE: CONFERENCE INSTITUTIONS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION 2023

It is essential that substantive and procedural legal rules and public institutional actors function – in practice – to prevent and mitigate conflicts in society.

However, the premise that substantive and procedural legal rules, and public institutional actors should – in practice – contribute to prevention and mitigation of conflicts in society is highly complex and not always self-evident.

THREE ISSUES ARE IMPORTANT:

1. The needs and expectations of individuals who use the legal rules and procedures do not (always) match with the aims, content or outcomes of the substantive legal rules and procedures.
2. Other actors have (gained) a role in conflict prevention and mitigation, such as communities, insurers, mediators, arbiters, etc. These actors replace, interact with or co-exist next to public institutional actors in conflict prevention and mitigation.
3. Society is challenged by global developments, such as climate change, digitalization, disinformation and fake news, and polarization. This (may) also challenge legal rules and the functioning of (public institutional) actors in conflict prevention and mitigation.

TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES A COI CONFERENCE IS HELD

The 2023 COI-conference aims to identify just institutional approaches that seek (real) conflict prevention and conflict mitigation in the legal context. We depart from the notion that institutional approaches to conflict prevention and mitigation should be 'just' from a legal-doctrinal, legal-empirical, and/or legal-normative or -theoretical perspective. In it, we want to include the three issues described above.

Towards just institutional approaches to conflict prevention and mitigation

We kindly ask you to save the following date:

28-29 September 2023
Utrecht, the Netherlands