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Approaches to Rule of Law and Human
Rights (INFAR)*

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The International Institute of Social Studies and Erasmus School of Law, in collaboration with the Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Working Group of the School of Human Rights Research invite you to attend a seminar on:

The Sustainable Development Goals and Human Rights: Synergies or Tensions?

Date: 29 May, 10.00-13.30 hrs.

Venue: ISS, Kortenaerkade 12, 2502 LT The Hague (room 4.14, on the fourth floor)

In this seminar, the speakers and participants will investigate in what way human rights protection interacts with promoting Agenda 2030, and more in particular the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and which synergies and tensions can be identified.

More particular questions to be explored include:

- 1) if synergies are to be expected, which human rights (aspects) are most likely to contribute to sustainable development, and
- 2) how does the interdependence of human rights affect the interplay with the SDGs: is a focus on particular human rights or on inequality advisable or does it require integral human rights protection (and is the latter feasible?)

The seminar is an activity of the Research Excellence Initiative INFAR (Integrating Normative and Functional Approaches to Rule of Law and Human Rights), which is a collaborative project involving Erasmus School of Law (ESL) and the ISS.

In case you wish to attend, please register through secretariaatM5@law.eur.nl and send us your name, and contact details.

On Friday 26 May all registered participants will receive an email with the latest update and logistical details.

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The seminar Programme is as follows:

10.00 Opening by Prof. Karin Arts (Professor of International Law and Development, ISS)

Session 1 (chaired by Prof. Karin Arts, ISS)

- 10.05-10.30 **The SDGS and the Role of International Human Rights Law**
by *Prof. Nico Schrijver* (Chair of Public International Law, Leiden University; Chair Committee of Foreign Affairs, Defense and Development Co-operation of the Senate of the Netherlands; and former member and vice-chair of the UN Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights)
- 10.30-10.55 **Access to Water for All: SDG 6 and the Further Development and Realization of the Human Right to Water**
by *Daphina Misiedjan* (PhD student, Utrecht University, associated with The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights SIM)
- 10.55-11.05 Initial comments by *Prof. Kim Lane Scheppele* (Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Sociology and International Affairs in the Woodrow Wilson School and the University Center for Human Values, Princeton University; and INFAR visiting Professor)
- 11.05-11.20 Initial discussion

Coffee break (11.20-11.40 hrs)

Session 2 (chaired by Prof. Kristin Henrard, ESL)

- 12.05-12.30 **Linking Human Rights and the SDG Agenda: Opportunities for SDG 7.1 on Universal Access to Energy Services**
by *Marlies Hesselman* (Ph.D. Candidate and Lecturer International Law, Law Faculty, University of Groningen)
- 12.30-12.55 **The SDGS and Human Rights in The Netherlands**
by *Hugo von Meijenfeldt* (Coordinator National Implementation SDGs, The Netherlands)
- 12.55-13.05 Initial comments by *Prof. Sanne Taekema* (Professor of Jurisprudence, ESL)
- 13.05-13.25 Discussion
- 13.25-13.30 Closure by Prof. Karin Arts

Informal Sandwich Lunch Available as of 13.00 hrs.