



Utrecht University

EMA Director

Prof.dr. Antoine Buyse: European Convention on Human Rights, transitional justice, freedom of speech, reparations for human rights violations, civic space.

Other Academics Involved in EMA 2017/2018

Dr. Marjolein van den Brink: national and international human rights law, equality and non-discrimination, gender in a broad sense incl. sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics, migration.

Dr. Katharine Fortin: human rights, armed conflict, international humanitarian law, non-state actors.

Dr. Brianne McGonigle Leyh: victims' rights, accountability and justice, social justice issues within transitional justice, international criminal law.

Dr. Alexandra Timmer: ECHR and EU equality and non-discrimination law, vulnerability, human rights and stereotyping.

The University and the City

The university: Located in the heart of the Netherlands, Utrecht University is firmly founded on tradition. Utrecht University, established in 1636, has developed into one of Europe's largest and most prominent institutes of research and education.

Utrecht University offers a high-quality academic environment in which inspiring and committed academics share their knowledge with inquisitive and ambitious students. Students of different nationalities and cultural backgrounds are trained to work in an international environment.

The University houses the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) of which all the experts mentioned above are part.

The city: With over 340,000 inhabitants, Utrecht is the 4th-largest city in the country. It is located in the centre of the Netherlands and has a number of higher education institutions and some 70,000 students, of which 30,000 study at Utrecht University.



Utrecht is seen as one of the most thriving and charming cities in the Netherlands, with a vibrant cultural life and a rich architectural legacy. Thanks to its international population of citizens, the city boasts a diverse variety of cuisines, music and dance. Utrecht has a history stretching back 2,000 years to Roman times.

The Netherlands is an internationally-focused country, often referred to as 'the gateway to Europe'. The language spoken is Dutch, with English widely spoken as a second language. Utrecht's central location combined with excellent transport

and communication infrastructures make it easy to visit the international institutions in The Hague, such as the ICJ and the ICC.

Second Semester Courses

Courses available for EMA students (including ECTS):

In 2017-2018, an interesting option is to take one or more of the short but intensive Capita Selecta courses (2.5 ECTS per course), on prospectively e.g. International Human Rights Law from a Gender Perspective, International

Websites:

Utrecht University
www.uu.nl/en

Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM):
www.uu.nl/sim

SIM Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/SIMHumanRights/>

International Office of Utrecht University:
www.uu.nl/en/organisatie/international-office-faculty-of-law-economics-and-governance/contact-international-office

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Netherlands Institute
of Human Rights

Humanitarian Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination, International Security Law, Transitional Justice in Post-Conflict Societies, Transnational Corporations and human rights, Migration. Other courses include European Labour Law and Clinical Criminology. There are limited possibilities to take related courses in the Faculty of the Humanities, e.g. in gender studies and in ethics, and in the Master on Criminology, e.g. 'Crimes of the Powerful' (conditional on a background in criminology). Subject to approval from the EpMA director in Venice, advanced bachelor courses can be taken such as Gender and International Law. For further and more detailed information on the courses, please check: <https://students.uu.nl/en/leg/information-for-exchange-students-school-of-law>

Deadline for enrolment in the courses:

There are two blocks of teaching in the second term: block 3 (February-April 2018) and block 4 (April-July 2018). Please check at the course info in which block the course is given. The emphasis is on period 3 in which also the capita selecta are offered, as most students are writing their thesis in period 4. Registration for courses closes very early: in case of problems please contact the Utrecht EMA coordinator a.s.a.p.

Thesis

Research areas:

The keywords of our academic experts at the top of this sheet also tell you about our key research areas. Our current research projects can be found under 'research' on the SIM website (uu.nl/sim) and on the webpages of our researchers.

Thesis supervision:

EMA students will be closely supervised by senior lecturers or professors, including several face-to-face meetings.

Recommended research topics:

In general we recommend topics within the areas of gender and law, non-discrimination (both EU and ECHR), human rights in armed conflict (including the interface with international humanitarian law and international criminal law), and human rights in transitional justice.

Library

The University Library has two main locations, with the one including the law and humanities collections located in the city centre (a five minutes' walk from the Law School). The other location is in the modern campus of the university, a 20-minute bicycle ride from the centre. EMA students get access to Utrecht University's extensive library collection and online resources for their research.

Contacts with NGOs, IGOs, and Civil Society

NGOs:

- Amnesty International
- Public International Law & Policy Group
- Netherlands Helsinki Committee
- NJCM – the Dutch Section of the International Commission of Jurists

National Organisations:

- National Institute of Human Rights (the NHRI of the Netherlands, based in Utrecht)

IGOs:

- International Federation of Health and Human Rights Organisations ; Council of Europe ; United Nations ; OSCE ; UNESCO; International Court of Justice; ECHR; IACHR

Administration and Logistics

Information concerning visa arrangements:

International Office, Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance, Janskerkhof 3, 3512 BK Utrecht, the Netherlands, tel. +31-30-2537289, e-mail: internationaloffice.leg@uu.nl
Please note that in the Netherlands obtaining VISA for non-EU or non-EEA countries can be very time-consuming, taking several weeks, so apply for visa as soon as possible.



IT and logistics:

A moderate stipend of a few hundred euros is offered to EMA students coming to Utrecht to cover material expenses, such as literature, travel for field research or conference visits. This is not meant to be used for housing. In general housing in Utrecht is quite difficult to get, so start looking for it as early as possible, e.g. on www.sshxl.nl/en