



Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research

July 2026 Newsletter

Time to recharge: NNHRR wishes you a great summer break!



We will be taking some time to recharge in August and are looking forward to all the events and activities the next academic year!

Announcements



Call for applications: PhD representative

The NNHRR Steering Committee has a vacancy for one PhD representative. This role involves attending Steering Committee meetings four times per year, providing input from the perspective of our PhD members, surveying PhD members for their feedback and ideas for Network activities and occasionally organising social events. To apply, please send your CV and a short motivation email to nnhrr@asser.nl by **31 August**. Applicants will ideally be in the first or second year of their PhD.

Calls & Opportunities

[Call for Abstracts] 2026 NNHRR Doctoral Research Forum

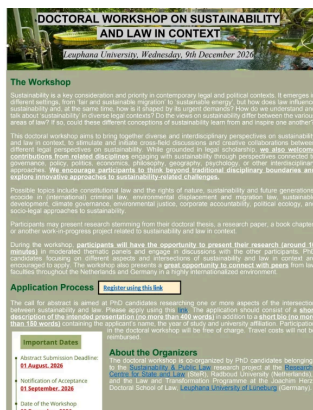
- **Date:** 19 November 2026
- **Location:** University of Amsterdam
- **Deadline:** 2 October 2026



The NNHRR invites PhD members to submit abstracts for the **2026 Doctoral Research Forum**. This event offers PhD candidates at all stages of their doctoral research the opportunity to present their work in a supportive academic environment, receive feedback from senior human rights scholars, and engage with fellow researchers from across the Network. Abstracts may relate to a research proposal, dissertation chapter, or article in progress.

The deadline for abstract submissions is **2 October 2026**. Participation is open to NNHRR PhD members, and travel and accommodation grants are available. Registration and submission of abstracts can be completed via the [online registration form](#).

More information



[Call for Applications] Third Round of the Doctoral Workshop on Sustainability and Law in Context

- **Date:** 9 December 2026
- **Location:** Leuphana University of Lüneburg, Germany
- **Deadline:** 1 August 2026

[Radboud University's Sustainability and Public Law PhDs](#), and the Law and Transformation Programme at the [Joachim Herz Doctoral School of Law, Leuphana University of Lüneburg \(Germany\)](#), kindly invite you to the third round of our **Doctoral Workshop on Sustainability and Law in Context** on **9th of December 2026**. At the Workshop, PhD candidates researching one or more aspects of the intersection between sustainability and law will have the opportunity to present their research (around 10 minutes) in moderated thematic panels and engage in discussions with the

other participants. Further information can be found [here](#). Interested PhD candidates are invited to submit their applications [here](#) by **1 August 2026**.



[Opportunity] Shine a Spotlight on your PhD Research

- **Deadline:** ongoing

Are you conducting innovative human rights research during your PhD, or know someone who is? We would love to interview you on our newest initiative for PhD members: **PhD Spotlight!** To participate, send a portrait picture and a filled out version of [the following document](#) to nnhrr@asser.nl with the subject line "PhD Spotlight - [your name]".

Events & Education

[Event] 45 Years of SIM and Peter Baehr Lecture

- **Date:** September 10th 2026
- **Time:** 16:30–17:30
- **Location:** Neude Library, Utrecht University



We are delighted to invite you to a special event marking 45 years of the [Netherlands Institute of Human Rights \(SIM\)](#) at Utrecht University. On **Thursday, 10 September 2026**, Utrecht University is hosting the [Rule of Law Parade](#) at the Neude Library in Utrecht, where researchers, writers, theatre makers, and visitors come together to explore the democratic rule of law.

As part of this event, SIM will celebrate its 45th anniversary with the SIM Peter Baehr Lecture at 16:30–17:30. This year's Peter Baehr Lecture will be delivered by Judge Beti Hohler of the International Criminal Court. Register [here](#).



[Save the Date] PhD Defence – David Patterson

- **Date:** 14 September 2026
- **Time:** 14:30
- **Location:** Academy Building, University of Groningen

Please save the date for the PhD defence of [David Patterson](#) (University of Groningen), where he will defend his dissertation "*The Climate Crisis and the Right to Health: Mobilising International Human Rights Law for Urgent Climate Action*", which explores how international human rights law can strengthen responses to the climate emergency and advance the protection of the right to health.

Colleagues are warmly invited to attend in person or follow the defence via the University of Groningen's [livestream](#).

[Short Course] Climate Litigation and Regulation – International and European Perspectives

- **Date:** 7–8 December 2026
- **Location:** T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague



The T.M.C. Asser Institute, in collaboration with [SEVEN – the University of Amsterdam's interdisciplinary climate institute](#), is offering a two-day short course on **Climate Litigation and Regulation – International and European Perspectives**.

The programme provides participants with a practical understanding of the rapidly evolving landscape of international and European climate law. Topics include human rights and the climate, the UN climate regime, the ICJ Advisory Opinion on Climate Change, strategic climate litigation, the European Climate Law, the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive (CSDDD), and corporate climate obligations.

Designed for legal and non-legal professionals alike, the course is open to policymakers, corporate counsel, NGOs, academics, diplomats, and practitioners seeking to deepen their understanding of climate law and its practical implications. More information [here](#).



[Save the date] Inaugural Lecture – Prof. Nadia Bernaz

- **Date:** 5 March 2027
- **Location:** Wageningen University

Please save the date for the inaugural lecture of NNHRR Steering Committee member Prof. Nadia Bernaz, Professor of Law and Corporate Justice at Wageningen University, which will take place on **5 March 2027 at 16:00** at Wageningen University.

An official invitation, including further details on the programme and registration, will be shared in due course.

Publications

Call for Contributions!

Would you like us to feature your recent or upcoming publication in the NNHRR Newsletter? Reach out to nnhrr@asser.nl.



Human Rights Here Blog

Call for Submissions!

Submissions to the Human Rights Here blog are invited from scholars and practitioners both inside and outside of the Netherlands on topics related to human rights. Members of the NNHRR and early career scholars are especially welcomed to submit blog content. Please send your contribution to humanrightshere@asser.nl and check [here](#) for the requirements.



The Living Instrument Doctrine in Rights-based Climate Litigation by Lianne Baars

The 2025 TU Dresden Summer School, titled “Navigating Change – Contemporary Perspectives on Human Rights,” explored how human rights law can develop in the face of emerging global challenges such as climate change, artificial intelligence, and public health crises. Lianne Baars' blog contribution draws upon the material discussed at the 4th edition of the International Summer School “Human Rights in Theory and Practice” at the TU Dresden, and upon the author’s own doctoral research. The author’s attendance at the conference was facilitated with the aid of a conference attendance grant from the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR).

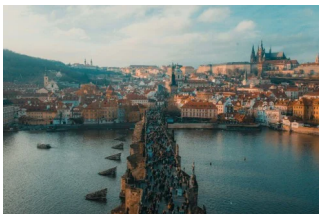
You can read the blog post [here](#).

'Should I Stay or Should I Go?': The Implications of the ADDE Case in Relation to the Schengen Acquis and the Rights of Third Country Nationals by Estephany Ximena Leon Rodriguez



When internal borders reappear, do rights disappear? At a time of expanding internal border controls within the EU, the ADDE case of the Court of Justice of the European Union has important implications for third-country nationals in the EU. In her blog, Estephany León Rodríguez argues that the judgment reinforces the applicability of the Return Directive and strengthens fundamental rights, specifically procedural, within the Schengen area. In her blog, the author comments on the ADDE judgement and on its implications for the Schengen acquis and the rights of TCNs.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



From Scepticism to the Courtroom: How Czech Climate Litigation Is Fighting for Future Generations - Climate Litigation for Future Generations Series by Marek Chuman

Czech Courts are quietly making history. In 2022, a Prague court became the first in the country to recognise “climate stability” as a constitutional right. The ruling has had serious implications for future generations across Europe. In his blog, Marek Chuman

explores what that breakthrough meant, why it was overturned and why the fight is far from over.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

Beyond the Courtroom: The Unfinished Legacy of Neubauer v. Germany - Climate Litigation for Future Generations Series by Giorgia Urari



In 2021, the German Federal Court announced a monumental ruling in the country's history of climate litigation. This ruling gave future generations a constitutional right to a liveable climate, but its vague implementation guidelines left room for legislative backsliding. In her blog post, [Giorgia Urari](#) explores how that hard-won victory has since been tested, and what its legacy can tell us about the limits of climate litigation.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



AppalachianVoices

Appalachian Voices v. EPA: Jurisdictional Challenges Impeding Climate Justice for Future Generations - Climate Litigation for Future Generations Series by William Anderson

Appalachian Voices v. EPA is an ongoing suit in the United States Federal Court system which involves the alleged unlawful termination by the Trump Administration of the Environmental and Climate Justice Block Grants, a program designed to financially assist in climate resilience projects for present and future peoples. The decision of the D.C. District Court, which is now being appealed, centered around a question of subject-matter jurisdiction put forth by the defendant. This post will illuminate the danger of this subject-matter jurisdiction claim and the resultant impact on future generations.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

Future generations, Victims and Associations: The ECtHR's Contradictory Approach in KlimaSeniorinnem - Climate Litigation for Future Generations Series by Maja Versa



In *Verein KlimaSeniorinnen Schweiz and Others v. Switzerland*, the European Court of Human Rights addressed the negative impacts of climate change, with particular emphasis on governments' responsibility to provide adequate climate measures to ensure individuals' protection from climate harm. In her contribution, the author discusses the decision through the lenses of future generations, particularly through the questions of admissibility of applications and victim status developed in the judgement.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



A Look into the NNHRR Human Rights Research Series: Interviews with Some of the First Authors by Estephany Leon Rodriguez and Marianna Peroni

To mark the publication of the first volume in the renewed Human Rights Research Series, Estephany León Rodríguez and Marianna Peroni interviewed four distinguished scholars who were among the earliest authors to publish their dissertations in the series: Christophe Paulussen, Antoine Buyse, Nicola Jägers, and Yvonne Donders. Reflecting on their experiences, they discuss how publishing their doctoral research influenced their academic careers, how human rights scholarship has evolved over the past two decades, and why the Human Rights Research Series continues to play an important role in fostering high-quality research and connecting generations of scholars.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

The Human Rights Research Series - The Human Cost of Development: Situating Development-Induced Displacement in International Human Rights Law by Estephany Leon Rodriguez and Marianna Peroni



To celebrate the publication of the latest volume in the renewed Human Rights Research Series, Estephany León Rodríguez and Marianna Peroni interviewed Dr. Roman Teshome, author of "The Human Cost of Development: Situating Development-Induced Displacement in International Human Rights Law". In the interview, Dr. Roman Teshome discusses what inspired her research, the key normative gaps in international human rights law on development-induced displacement, the added value of a human rights-based approach, and the role international financial institutions should play in ensuring that development projects respect human rights standards. She also shares valuable advice for early-career researchers considering publishing their PhD in the Human Rights Research Series.

You can read the blog post [here](#).



Future Generations in Climate Litigation: Promise and Limits from Colombia's Amazon Case - Climate Litigation for Future Generation Series by Juliette Bormann

In her blog, Juliette Bormann examines the landmark Colombian Amazon climate case *Future Generations v Ministry of the Environment and Others*. The blog argues that the judgment powerfully links deforestation, human rights, and intergenerational justice, but also leaves unresolved questions about future generations, rights of nature, and implementation.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

Blog Series: Developments on Human Rights and the Environment in the Global South by Patricio Trincado Vera and Julian Suarez



Given the strong group of experts brought together for the workshop “Developments on Human Rights and the Environment in the Global South”, organised by the Working Group on Climate Crisis and Human Rights of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research, this blog series aims at sharing some of the contributions made during that event with a wider audience. With their blog, Patricio Trincado Vera and Julián Eduardo Suárez Bohórquez introduce the series.

You can read the blog post [here](#).

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