



Universiteit Utrecht



Netherlands Institute  
of Human Rights

**SIM Summer School 2023**  
**International Human Rights Law: An Introduction**  
**3-7 July 2023**

Course Director: Dr Felisa Tibbitts, [f.l.tibbitts@uu.nl](mailto:f.l.tibbitts@uu.nl)  
Asst. Course Director: Dr Roisin Burke [r.s.burke@uu.nl](mailto:r.s.burke@uu.nl)

Programme (as of 21 March. Subject to further modifications.)

<b>Monday 3 July 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
9.00-9.30am	Registration and Welcome	<a href="#">Prof. Antoine Buyse</a> and <a href="#">Prof. Felisa Tibbitts</a> Tea and coffee
9.30am-12.30pm	Lecture with Discussion	The Human Rights Idea: Foundations and Historical Overview by <a href="#">Dr Brianne McGonigle Leyh</a>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	Provided by the SIM Summer School
1.30-3.00pm	Lecture and Activity	The Work of the UN Treaty Body System of Human Rights Protection Workshop on engaging with the UN Treaty Body System of Human Rights Protection by <a href="#">Dr Cees Flinterman</a>
3.15-4.30pm	Lecture and Activity	UN Charter-Based System of Human Rights Protection by <a href="#">Dr Tina Stavrinaki</a>

<b>Tuesday 4 July 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
9.30-11.00am	Lecture and Activity	Workshop on Regional Human Rights Systems: Africa and Americas by <a href="#">Prof. Javier Couso Salas</a>
11.15am – 12.30pm	Lecture	ECHR and EU system of fundamental rights protection by <a href="#">Dr Claire Loven</a>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	Provided by the SIM Summer School.
1.30-3.00pm	Lecture and Activity	Human rights topic [tbd] with discussion of the summer school assignment by <a href="#">Dr. Marjolein van den Brink</a> and <a href="#">Dr. Katharine Fortin</a>
3:15-4:30pm	Lecture and Activity	Right to Life by <a href="#">Dr. Kushtrim Istrefi</a>

<b>Wednesday 5 July 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
9.30 – 11.00am	Lecture and Activity	Civil and Political Rights, with the Right to Protest as a Case Study by <a href="#">Prof Antoine Buyse</a>

11.15am-12.30pm	Lecture and Activity	Hate Speech and Freedom of Expression by <a href="#">Prof. Felisa Tibbitts</a>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	Provided by the SIM Summer School
1.30-3.00pm	Lecture and Activity	Business and Human Rights by <a href="#">Dr. Lucas Roorda</a>
3:15-4:30pm	Lecture and Activity	Right to Development by <a href="#">Dr Roman Teshome</a>

<b>Thursday 6 July 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
9.30am – 11:00pm	Lecture and Workshop	Workshop on Equality and Discrimination in Human Rights Law by <a href="#">Dr Alexandra Timmer</a>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	Provided by the Summer School
1.30-3.00pm	Lecture and Activity	Workshop on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights by <a href="#">Dr Lorena Sosa</a>
3.15-4.30pm		Students prepare for moot court
4:30-7:00	Welcome reception	Central Museum Utrecht, organized by the SIM Summer School [tbc]

<b>Friday 7 July 2023</b>		
<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Description</b>
9:30 am	Check out of accommodation	
10.00am-12.00pm	Final Assignment – Moot Court Activity	Group presentations of assignment with <a href="#">Dr Marjolein van den Brink</a> and <a href="#">Dr Katharine Fortin</a>
12.30-2.00pm	Lunch	Provided by the SIM Summer School
2.30-4.00pm	Panel – Human Rights in Practice	Representatives from NHRI, Utrecht HR City, Amnesty International, UNESCO (tbc)