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Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity

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“Gay rights are human rights, and human rights are gay rights.” This course explores the legal framework underpinning this slogan, analysing laws, policies and human rights jurisprudence on LGBTQIA+ issues. It aims to create insight into human rights law as it applies to sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) issues.

It will identify key challenges and ways in which members of the LGBTQIA+ community do not yet fully and equally enjoy their human rights, and will analyse the relevant legal standards in that regard. Specifically, it will be studied how the interpretation of those standards has developed at a legislative level, in the case-law of national and international courts, and in soft law instruments and quasi-judicial decisions, and whether those developments have been moving towards or rather further away from full equality.

The course will discuss instruments of international law as well as evolutions at the national level, but the primary focus will be on the European level. The relevant case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union will also be analysed extensively.

After this course you are able to
- Understand the evolving interpretation and the legal value of different legal sources related to sex and gender
- Identify the main human rights issues related to sex and gender
- Critically assess the role of LGBTQIA+ issues in policy of (European) governments
- Indicate the role of different international actors in the field of human rights protection of LGBTQIA+ people

Number of EC
2 ECTS credits

Course leaders
- Johan Lievens, Researcher, Leuven Centre for Public Law University of Leuven, Belgium
- Nele Verbrugghe, PhD, Leuven Centre for Public Law, University of Leuven, Belgium
Admission documents
Motivation letter and CV

Entry level
Advanced Bachelor, Master, PhD, Postdoc and Professional

This course is designed for
Everyone with an interest to study sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression and sex characteristics. The main approach in the course will be legal.

You can find more details about this course on our website

Course date
Monday 5 August - Friday 9 August 2019

Course fee
€ 600

Deadline application
1 June 2019

Discounts
• 10% discount for early bird applicants. The early bird deadline is 1 March 2019.
• 15% discount for students and PhD candidates from partner universities. Please note that these discounts can be combined if you apply before 1 March 2019.

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What is the RSS experience?

RSS is more than just a course!

Radboud Summer School offers you a unique opportunity to meet other students and researchers from all over the world with different cultural and academic backgrounds. You will also get to know Radboud University and the city of Nijmegen. Our social programme includes a welcome reception, guest lecture and farewell drinks. And for a small fee you can join our BBQ, River Cruise on a pancake boat, a Pub Quiz, Sports Activities or a City Game.

Want to know more?
Have a look at what participants have said about their experience on our website!

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