PhD positions on Sustainability & Public Law

- Employment: 1.0 FTE
- Faculty of Law
- Level of education: University
- Respond by: 25 September 2022

Among the greatest challenges for the coming decades are climate change, the energy transition and the protection of the environment and biodiversity. The earth is warming up at a rapid pace, resulting in extreme weather situations: from drought to flooding. Climate change raises numerous legal questions. The law is used to spur the executive and legislature into action or, on the contrary, to block measures. The judgment of the Dutch Supreme Court in Urgenda is a good example of this, as are the countless legal conflicts concerning nitrogen emissions in the Netherlands. These and other court decisions raise questions about the role of the courts and the separation of powers. In order to boost research on sustainability and public law, the Research Centre for State and Law (SteR) is looking for four PhD candidates for each of its four research programmes.

As a PhD candidate, you will work simultaneously with three other PhD candidates within the same overarching but broad theme, sustainability. This will promote synergy and cooperation. You can express your preference for one of the following six proposals. However, within those frameworks, there is still a lot of room to make your own choices and to set accents.

**Founding principles & fundamental rights**

[1] (International) criminal liability for climate damage and other threats to sustainability. (Prospective supervisors: Prof. Ronald Tinnevelt, Dr. Maartje Krabbe and Dr. Sjarai Lestrade)

**Interaction between national & international law**

[2] The added value of a separate (inter)national fundamental right to a healthy (living) environment with sufficient attention for the rights of future generations. (Prospective supervisors: Prof. Ronald Tinnevelt and Dr. Jasper Krommendijk)

[3] Greening of EU competition law and emerging sustainability issues in this area, as well as in EU procurement law. (Prospective supervisors: Prof. Johan van de Gronden and Prof. Pieter Kuypers)

**Conflict Resolution Institutions**

Migration & Citizenship

[5] Sustainability and regulating economic migration into the EU and selected Member States. (Prospective supervisors: Prof. Tesseltje de Lange and Dr. Paul Minderhoud)

Do you have an entirely different inspiring research idea? Please note that SteR is also open to candidates' own proposals. We would like to see your proposal relate to the theme 'Sustainability and public law' and one or more research programmes. In that case, please let us know under which of the four research programmes you would like to conduct your PhD research and provide a short draft of your research idea with your application.

In addition to writing a dissertation, you will perform (limited) teaching duties at one of the seven departments that are part of SteR.

Profile

- You have a (nearly) completed Master's degree in law.
- You have demonstrable affinity with academic research.
- You have a clear research ambition.
- You have good study results.
- You have good oral and written skills in English and are willing to learn Dutch;
- You have strong analytical skills.
- You are an enthusiastic colleague with perseverance, willpower and the ability to independently conduct academic research.
- You preferably have proven didactic skills or the willingness to quickly acquire such skills.

We are

The Faculty of Law is part of Radboud University. The core tasks of the faculty are education and research. The law faculty's academic education is aimed at training all-round jurists and at post-graduate training of jurists. Characteristic of its groundbreaking academic research is its focus on the foundations of law and the interaction between theory and practice.

The Research Centre for State and Law (SteR) is specialised in multidisciplinary public law research. Our centre consists of more than 130 staff members with wide-ranging expertise in public law. The centre aims to provide a stimulating environment for the
conduct of high-quality, national and international, innovative legal research and to publish the results of the research by means of authoritative publications, lectures, conferences and symposia. SteR aims to stimulate the internationalisation and Europeanisation of its public law research in its full breadth.

**We offer**

- It concerns an employment for 1.0 FTE.
- The gross salary starts with €2,960 per month based on a 38-hour working week and increases to €3,413 from the 5th year (salary scale 10).
- You will receive 8% holiday allowance and 8.3% end-of-year bonus.
- It concerns a temporary employment for 1.5 year. This employment can be extended after positive evaluation to 5 years in total.
- You will be able to use our Dual Career and Family Care Services. Our Dual Career and Family Care Officer can assist you with family-related support, help your partner or spouse prepare for the local labour market, provide customized support in their search for employment and help your family settle in Nijmegen.
- Working for us means getting extra days off. In case of full-time employment, you can choose between 29 and 41 days of annual leave instead of the legally allotted 20.

**Additional employment conditions**

Work and science require good employment practices. This is reflected in Radboud University's primary and secondary employment conditions. You can make arrangements for the best possible work-life balance with flexible working hours, various leave arrangements and working from home. You are also able to compose part of your employment conditions yourself, for example, exchange income for extra leave days and receive a reimbursement for your sports subscription. And of course, we offer a good pension plan. You are given plenty of room and responsibility to develop your talents and realise your ambitions. Therefore, we provide various training and development schemes.

**More information?**

If you have any substantive questions about the position and the proposed topics, please contact Dr Jasper Krommendijk, Director of the Research Centre for State and Law (SteR) on 024 361 61 45 or jasper.krommendijk@ru.nl.