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GRONINGEN CENTRE FOR HEALTH LAW

Research Methodologies Workshop - Global Health Law and Human Rights
Groningen Centre for Health Law

27-29th January 2027
Het Rölinggebouw, Groningen, the Netherlands

Provisional Programme

This workshop is hosted by the Groningen Centre for Health Law (GCHL). The GCHL engages with law as it regulates the conditions for health and informs the underlying determinants of health. In our research and teaching, we place strong emphasis on the role of human rights and the right to health in addressing access to quality healthcare services as well as disease prevention and health promotion. We further explore the role of other fields of law such as international trade law, international investment law, international environmental law and EU law in these areas.

We foster PhD research in these areas and offer courses in health law at the LLM level (Dutch and English); we organize yearly summer schools; and we collaborate with the University Medical Center Groningen (UMCG) in teaching and research. Over the years we have built up considerable expertise with researching and teaching on a broad range of different methods of legal and interdisciplinary research at the intersections of Global Health Law and Human Rights. In this workshop we will share our knowledge and expertise in this area, using practical examples and having room to reflect on our own piece of research or writing as well.

The provision programme for the workshop, taught by a variety of staff, is as follows:

Day 1	**Legal methodology and methods for global health law and human rights research** *Marlies Hesselman*
9:00am-10:30am	What is a methodology in law? ● The link between methodology and methods ● What is methodology? ● Difference between approach and methodology
10:30 -11:00am	Coffee Break
11:00-12:00pm	Linking Methodology and Methods ● Positive law research methods for global health law and human rights ○ Sources of Global Health Law and Human Rights

	○ Interpretation of law ○ Systemic integration of law
12:00-1:00pm	Lunch *(provided)*
1:00-2:00pm	Normative Research: Health Capabilities
2:00-3:00pm	Critical Approaches to Global Health Law and Human Rights Law: TWAIL, Gender and more
3:00pm-3:30pm	Afternoon tea
3:30-6:00pm	Supervised work time
Day 2	**Interdisciplinary methods for global health Law and human rights research**
9:00-9:30am	Legal database research *Marlies Hesselman & Dominique Mollet*
9.30-11.00am	Rigour in research: systematic methods ● Systematic content analysis ○ Protocol development *Michelle Bruijn & Marlies Hesselman*
11:00-11:15	Coffee Break
11.15-11.45	What's in a name? Human-Rights Based Approaches as Research Methodology *David Patterson*
11.45-12.15	Rigour in research: systematic methods ● Systematic literature review PRISMA (for law) *David Patterson & Shuailong Ren*
12:15-1:00pm	Lunch *(provided)* and group photo
1:00-2:15pm	Qualitative research methods ● Focus group discussions ● Interviews ● Ethnographic methods *Monique van Cauwenberghe*
2:15-3:00pm	Ethics (ethics application and process) *Christine Penninga-Lin & Monique van Cauwenberghe*
3:00-3:30pm	Afternoon tea

3:30-6:00pm	Supervised work time
Day 3	**Interdisciplinary conversations and participant presentations**
9:00-12:00pm	Participant presentations
10:30-11:00am	Coffee Break
12:00-1:00pm	Wrap-up: Methodological and Interdisciplinary conversations about Global Health Law and Human Rights • How to communicate as lawyers to non-lawyers? • Projects, grants/interdisciplinary publications • Presenting at conferences • Tips on publishing in legal and non-legal journals
1:00-1:10pm	Closing

Workshop coordinators:

- Associate Prof. Dr. Marlies Hesselman, Chair of Groningen Centre for Health Law (GHCL)
- Monique van Cauwenberghe, PhD Researcher, Coordinator GCHL
- Patricio Trincado Vera, PhD Researcher
- Sofia Vanzan, PhD Researcher

Costs:

The fee for this workshop is €325 per participant. This includes the full programme, lunches and coffee breaks. A discounted rate is available for €275 for UG students and those affiliated with a RUG partner university. Partner universities incl. ENLIGHT universities, Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) universities, and universities of the Strategic Partnership Framework. If you are in doubt please contact us.

Availability 20 participants.

If you have any questions, please contact us via: healthlaw@rug.nl