

conference

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The Science Shop of Law, Economics and Governance, Utrecht University and the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings (BNRM) are organizing an international conference on

Human trafficking, turning our attention to labour exploitation



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Location

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More information and registration

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The participation is free of charge

Language of communication

The language of communication during the symposium is English but you are welcome to put questions or comments in Dutch as well.

Human trafficking may well be one of the most horrific crimes of our times. The full extent of this crime has, however, not yet been recognised. This stems partly from little attention in academic research for human trafficking for labour exploitation. This conference therefore aims at an interdisciplinary debate about human trafficking, with an emphasis on labour exploitation. A combination of both dissemination of research results and suggestions for (further) research, on a broad array of topics: a labour market approach, criminal law efforts, research methodologies and the victims' perspective. During the conference, a research publication will be presented to **E. Hirsch Ballin**, *Minister of Justice*. The day will be chaired by **Ton Hol**, *Professor of Jurisprudence and Legal Philosophy, Utrecht University*

Programme

- 9.30–10.00 Registration**
- 10.00–10.20 Welcoming speech and opening of the conference**
Henk Kummeling (*Dean Faculty of Law, Economics and Governance*) *Utrecht University*
Ton Hol, *Chair, Utrecht University*
- 10.20–10.50 Human trafficking for labour exploitation**
Corinne Dettmeijer (*Rapporteur Human Trafficking (BNRM)*)
- 10.50–11.15 Break**
- 11.15–11.45 Trafficking and human rights protection**
Rick Lawson (*Leiden University, Professor of Public Law*)
- 11.45–12.15 Trafficking and labour market regulation**
Roger Plant (*ILO, Head of Special Action Programme to combat Forced Labour*)

12.15–13.15 Lunch

13.15–14.15 Parallel workshop session 1

1. Labour market: *Demand and supply of vulnerable workers*

Panellist: J. Schippers (*Utrecht School of Economics*)

Facilitator: F. van Dijk (*EU expert Group on human trafficking*)

2. Criminal law: *Effective investigation and prosecution*

Panellist: C. Rijken (*Tilburg University, Faculty of Law*)

Facilitator: M. Boot (*BNRM*)

3. Methodology: *Anthropological and philosophical studies*

Panellist: B. Oude Breuil (*Utrecht University, Social Sciences*)

Facilitator: J. Philips (*Utrecht University, Ethics Institute*)

4. Victims: *Victims' rights protection under international law*

Panellist: M. Wijers (*Freelance consultant on human trafficking*)

Facilitator: H. de Jonge van Ellemeet (*BNRM*)

14.30–15.30 Parallel workshop session 2

1. Labour market: *Regulating the labour market*

Panellist: B. Uhl (*EU expert Group on human trafficking*)

Facilitator: S. van Walsum (*Free University, Faculty of Law*)

2. Criminal law: *International and European criminal law*

Panellist: H. Olásolo (*International Criminal Court*)

Facilitator: F. Kristen (*Utrecht University, Willem Pompe Institute*)

3. Methodology: *Criminological studies*

Panellist: F. Bovenkerk (*Utrecht University, Willem Pompe Institute*)

Facilitator: D. Siegel (*Utrecht University, Willem Pompe Institute*)

4. Victims: *Victims' rights protection in the Netherlands*

Panellist: J. van Dijk (*University of Tilburg, Intervict*)

Facilitator: B. Boermans (*Bonded Labour in the Netherlands*)

15.30–16.00 Break

16.00–16.30 Summary plenary session - Research agenda

Summary of plenary sessions and workshops by Chair

16.30–17.00 Presentation of research publication

by J. Coster van Voorhout (*Utrecht University*) and a reaction by E. Hirsch Ballin, *Minister of Justice*

17.00 Drinks

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This conference falls within the scope of the research area **Conflicts and Human Rights**, Utrecht University www.uu.nl/EN/research/focusareas

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The Rapporteur's main task is to report on the nature and extent of human trafficking in the Netherlands, and on the effects of the anti-trafficking policy pursued. The reports contain information on relevant regulations and legislation, as well as information on prevention, criminal investigations regarding human trafficking, prosecution of perpetrators and victim support. They also contain policy recommendations aimed at improving the fight against human trafficking. www.bnrm.nl