



## Conference

### The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Practice: A Comparative Analysis of the Role of Courts

Faculty of Law, Maastricht University  
25 & 26 October 2018

Organisers: Professor Lisa Waddington and Dr. Andrea Broderick (Maastricht University), with Professor Anna Lawson (Leeds University)

#### Thursday 25 October 2018

#### 13.00-14.40 Opening

*Chair: Dr. Andrea Broderick*

**13:00** Opening: **Professor Jan Smits**, Dean of the Faculty of Law

**13:10** Short video presentation by **Professor Theresia Degener**, Visiting Professor, Maastricht University; Professor, Protestant University for Applied Sciences of the Rheinland-Westfalen-Lippe, and Chair of the CRPD Committee

**13:20** **Professor Jenny Goldschmidt**, Emeritus Professor, Utrecht University, *The Importance of the CRPD and the use of the CRPD by National Courts and Quasi-Judicial Bodies*

**13:40** **Professor Anna Lawson**, Leeds University, *Comparative International Law and the CRPD*

**14:10** **Professor Lisa Waddington**, Maastricht University, *The use of Article 5 CRPD (Equality and Non-Discrimination) by Courts: Comparative Findings*

#### 14.40: Coffee break

#### 15:00 – 17:00 Litigators, Advocates and Adjudication – The use of the CRPD in Domestic Courts

*Chair: Professor Jenny Goldschmidt*

*Speakers:*

- **Valentin Aichele**, German Human Rights Institute, *The Role of National Human Rights Institutions in relation to the Judiciary*

- **Dick Houtzager**, Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, *Use of the CRPD by Human Rights Bodies*
- **Professor Oliver Lewis**, Leeds University, Barrister, *The Importance of Amici Curiae Briefs*
- **Oliver Tolmein**, Lawyer specialised in disability rights litigation (Kanzlei Menschen und Rechte), *Litigating and the use of the CRPD*
- **Professor Marc de Werd**, senior justice at the Administrative High Court (CRvB) in Utrecht and Administration of justice professor at the University of Amsterdam, *A Judicial Perspective on the use of the CRPD by Courts*

**Friday 26 October 2018**

**9:00 Round-table discussion by chapter authors on findings of jurisdiction-specific research (with short coffee break around 10.30)**

*Chair: Professor Anna Lawson*

*Speakers:*

- **Valentin Aichele**, German Human Rights Institute, Chapter author Germany
- **Dr. Shreya Atrey**, Bristol University, Chapter author India
- **Ekaterina Evdokimova**, Erasmus University, Chapter co-author Russia
- **Dr. Delia Ferri**, Maynooth University (Ireland), Chapter author Italy

**12:00 Lunch**

**13:30 The use of the CRPD by regional courts and implications at the domestic level**

*Chair: Professor Oliver Lewis*

*Speakers:*

- **Professor Lisa Waddington**, Maastricht University, *Use of the CRPD by the Court of Justice of the European Union*
- **Professor Anna Lawson**, Leeds University, *Impact of the CRPD in UK Courts through the Prism of EU law and the ECHR*
- **Dr. Andrea Broderick**, Maastricht University, *The Influence of the CRPD on the Inter-American Human Rights System*

**15:30 Coffee break**

**16:00-17:00** Keynote Speaker, **Professor Christopher McCrudden**, Queen's University Belfast and University of Michigan Law School: *A Comparison of the use by Domestic Courts of the CRPD and CEDAW*

*Chair: Professor Lisa Waddington*