**Ethical Review Committee Inner City faculties
Complaints procedure**

The Ethical Review Committee Inner City faculties (ERCIC) is an advisory committee advising the Faculty Boards of the School of Business and Economics, the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, the Faculty of Law and the Faculty of Humanities and Sciences on the permissibility of scientific research from an ethical perspective.[[1]](#footnote-1) The ERCIC does not have its own complaints procedure.

There are three types of complaints in relation to the ERCIC:

1. complaints made by researchers about the functioning of ERCIC, about individual committee members and/or the nature and content of the advice given;
2. complaints made by research participants or parents/carers/responsible parties concerning the research design and implementation and/or conduct of the researchers;
3. complaints made by researchers about the conduct of other researchers.

The Faculty Board concerned is the complaints body in the event of the types of complaints listed under 1 and 2, on the understanding that for the complaints under 2 the principal researcher should first be contacted, who must be listed as such in all information provided to the research participants. In the case of a PhD student, her/his supervisor is the principal researcher to be contacted in case of complaints. The principal researcher is required to inform the ERCIC if complaints are submitted.

For the complaints under 3 the chairman of the department or director of the research institute in question is the first point of contact. Specifically responsible for scientific integrity is the Maastricht University (UM) confidential adviser on scientific integrity.

If you have any questions, please contact: Nastaja Reslow, ERCIC secretary, mailto:n.reslow@maastrichtuniversity.nl

1. Social sciences research that uses research participants or data which can be traced to individuals and that is submitted to the committee for review. (ERCIC Regulations 2016). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)