New Perspectives on Acquisitive Prescription

10 & 11 MAY 2018

COLLOQUIUM PROGRAMME
WEDNESDAY 9 MAY 2018

18h00 GUIDED TOUR THROUGH GRONINGEN (optional)

19h30 INDONESIAN DINNER (optional; for own account)
Javaans Eetcafé, Schuitendiep 33, Groningen

THURSDAY 10 MAY 2018

09h00 – 09h30 REGISTRATION
Venue: Het Kasteel, Melkweg 1, Groningen

09h30 – 09h40 WELCOME & HOUSEKEEPING
Dr Björn Hoops (University of Groningen)
Dr Ernst Marais (University of Johannesburg)

Group 1 SQUATTING AND THE JUSTIFICATION OF BAD FAITH ACQUISITIONS
Chair: Dr Björn Hoops (University of Groningen)
(discussion after each presentation)

09h40 – 10h10 Speaker: Dr Una Woods (University of Limerick)
Topic: The ‘Undeserving’ and the ‘Deserving’ Squatter under the Irish Law on Adverse Possession

10h10 – 10h40 Speaker: Dr Miriam Anderson (University of Barcelona)
Topic: Squatters and Landlords: ‘Neither Victims nor Executioners?’

10h40 – 11h10 Speaker: Prof. Jelle Jansen (University of Groningen)
Topic: Defying Montesquieu: Squatters, acquisitive prescription, the Dutch experience

11h10 – 11h30 TEA

Group 2 SQUATTING AND THE JUSTIFICATION OF BAD FAITH ACQUISITIONS II
Chair: Prof. Jelle Jansen (University of Groningen)
(discussion after each presentation)

11h30 – 12h00 Speaker: Dr Shai Stern (Bar-Ilan University)
Topic: David against Goliath: the distributive justification for the adverse possession doctrine

12h00 – 12h30 Speaker: Dr Ernst Marais (University of Johannesburg)
Topic: Acquisitive prescription and sharing
12h30 – 13h00 Speaker: Dr Björn Hoops (University of Groningen)  
Topic: Compensation for Loss of Ownership by Prescription

13h00 – 14h00 LUNCH

14h00 – 14h30 After-lunch talk on acquisitive prescription in practice  
Liesbeth van Leijen: 5 Reasons Why I Love Prescription

Group 3  
ACQUISITIVE PRESCRIPTION FROM A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE  
Chair: Dr Ernst Marais (University of Johannesburg)  
(discussion after each presentation)

14h30 – 15h00 Speaker: Dr Jozef Štefanko (University of Trnava)  
Topic: Acquisitive Prescription in a Post-Transition Economy

15h00 – 15h30 Speaker: Dr Emma Waring (The University of York)  
Topic: Tolerating Adverse Possession of Land in English Law

15h30 – 16h00 Speaker: Prof. Matti Niemi (University of Eastern Finland)  
Topic: The Many Dimensions of Acquisitive Prescription - Case Finland

16h00 – 16h20 TEA

16h20 – 16h50 Speaker: Dr Francesco Mezzanotte (University of Rome 3)  
Topic: Italian Perspectives on Acquisitive Prescription: Tradition and Novelty

17h00 – 17h20 Speaker: Dr Lars van Vliet (Maastricht University)  
Topic: Limitation periods for actions to reclaim artwork

19h00 Sardinian Dinner: Da Mino, Zuiderdiep 44, Groningen
FRIDAY 11 MAY 2018

Group 4  LAND REGISTRATION SYSTEMS AND ACQUISITIVE PRESCRIPTION
Chair: Prof. Leon Verstappen (University of Groningen)
(discussion after each presentation)

09h00 – 09h30 Speaker: Dr Alasdair Peterson
Topic: Land Registration and the dwindling role of Acquisitive Prescription in Scotland

09h30 – 10h00 Speaker: Dr Héctor Simón Moreno (University Rovira i Virgili)
Topic: Registered land and adverse possession in Europe: comparative remarks

10h00 – 10h30 Speaker: Ruben Roes (The Netherlands’ Cadastre, Land Registry and Mapping Agency, Kadaster)
Topic: New perspectives on the improvement of boundary information

10h30 – 10h50 TEA

Group 5  PROCEDURAL OBSTACLES TO ACQUISITIVE PRESCRIPTION
Chair: David Kopalit (University of Groningen)
(discussion after each presentation)

10h50 – 11h20 Speaker: Prof. Nicolas Carette & Dr Johan Van de Voorde (University of Antwerp)
Topic: How can acquisitive prescription be proved in Belgian law?

11h20 – 11h50 Speaker: Prof. Eran Kaplinsky (University of Alberta)
Topic: Adverse possession and boundary disputes in Alberta: recent developments in the law

11h50 – 12h20 Speaker: Prof. Leon Verstappen (University of Groningen)
Topic: The Bill on the Facilitation of Registering Acquisitions by Prescription in the Netherlands

12h20 – 12h30 Closing

12h30 – 13h30 FAREWELL LUNCH
13h30 – 17h00  COMMON CORE GROUP:  
DISCUSSION OF COUNTRY REPORTS  
Venue: Harmoniegebouw, Room 1315.0037,  
Oude Kijk in ’t Jatstraat 26, Groningen

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