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TLS welcomes its youngest member: Oliver Peter Frans Lane, born on March 24th 2019!

Upcoming Events

June 4
Inaugural speech
Brigit Toebes;
Recht in tijden
van chronische
ziekten (**Law in
the time of
chronic disease**)

Academy
Building
16:15

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General research activities

On Monday April 8th, **Aline Klingenberg** gave a workshop for judges of the court in Rotterdam about the GDPR (AVG).

On Tuesday afternoon 9 April **Evgeni Moyakine** and **Aline Klingenberg** organised a workshop for the judges and their legal assistants in Groningen about the GDPR and data protection in judicial proceedings. The court in the northern part of the Netherlands also invited colleagues from our department with an interest in the subject. The language of communication was Dutch.

On Friday 26 April **Evgeni Moyakine** and **Aline Klingenberg** will give a beginners course GDPR for lawyers and practice lawyers, and on 17 May a current affairs (GDPR) course for advanced lawyers.

Thursday 14 March the **6th Avril McDonald Lecture** took place, this time held by Dr. Katharine Fortin, Lecturer at Utrecht University and expert in international humanitarian law, about the legal identity of individuals living under armed group control - a very topical concern. More information about her lecture can be found [here](#).

With the lecture series we commemorate Avril McDonald, a dedicated scholar and teacher in international law, who passed away in 2010 at the age of 44. More information can be found [here](#).

On March 26, 2019, **Brigit Toebes** was present at the round table Geneva: Global health governance: the power of law; organised with Prof. Gian Luca Burci of the Graduate School in Geneva. More info can be found [here](#).

On May 9th coming the seminar '**Legal epidemiology**' with Prof Scott Burris, will take place, organised in collaboration with the Aletta Jacobs School of Public Health.



SPOTLIGHTED

For those who want to give away a nice business gift; our department has purchased a stock of candles in the shape of the Martini Tower, available in different colours. Please send a message to Elvira for those who would like to give away a gift.

Room no 213A@t

For some time, our department can use an extra meeting room in the Harmony Building; room 213A. The intention is to show an art object here every now and then. Please, if you have any suggestions, let us know!

Brigit Toebes will have her inaugural speech on June 4th, at 16:15 at the Academy Building: Recht in tijden van chronische ziekten (**Law in the time of chronic disease**).

Panos Merkouris was appointed by the Board of the University as a member of the Young Academy Groningen. The new members (seven), appointed from different disciplines within the RUG, will be officially installed at a ceremony on 30 September 2019.



Trix Mulder received a Fulbright grant and will visit the Francis King Carey School of Law at the University of Maryland from August to November 2019. There she will work on the final part of her dissertation under the supervision of Professor Frank Pasquale. Annually, the Fulbright Center makes a number of scholarships available for PhD students who want to conduct research at an American university. The grant is awarded on the basis of a recommendation from the Netherlands Organization for Scientific Research (NWO).

SEMINARS, EVENTS, WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES

Fundamental Rights in Courts and Regulation (FRICoRe)

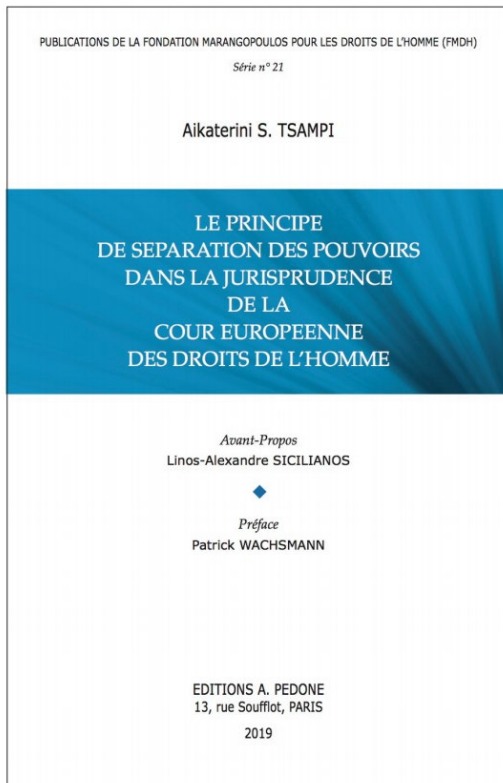
4- 5 March: Aurelia Colombi Ciacchi and **Tobias Nowak** attended the launch of the judicial training project, FRICoRe. Legal practitioners and academics met at the University of Trento to kick-off this project financed by the European Union's Justice Programme. Building on the Re-Jus project, the project focuses on the effective and coherent application of EU law in selected policy fields. In the next three years, the involved European Universities, research institutes and schools of magistracy will develop guidelines, design training material for judges and legal trainers, and extent the RE-Jus database. The project team from the University of Groningen consists of, besides Aurelia and Tobias, **Brigit Toebes**, Charlotte Pavillon, Maria Campo Comba, and an yet-unknown-post-doc.

On 8/3/2019 **Katerina Tsampi** held a presentation on "Administrative democracy", "social watchdogs" and "misuse of power": *Democracy à la strasbourgeoise?*, D&G (UG SuSo Democracy & Governance platform) theme-event on institutional and non-institutional forms of democracy

Publications

Together with student research master **Wouter van Beek**, **Aline Klingenberg** published: Gegevensbescherming anno 2019; Klingenberg, A. & van Beek, W., Feb-2019, In : SEW: Tijdschrift voor Europees en Economisch Recht. 2019, 2, p. 66-75 10 p., 21.

Katerina Tsampi published a book: A. Tsampi, *Le principe de séparation des pouvoirs dans la jurisprudence de la Cour européenne des droits de l'homme*, avant-propos: Prof. L.-A. Sicilianos, Vice-president of the European Court of Human Rights, Associate Member of the Institute of International Law (IIL) & preface: Prof. Patrick Wachsmann, Institut de recherches Carré de Malberg (IRCM), Editions Pedone, Série Fondation Maragkopoulos pour les droits de l'homme no 21, Paris, 2019, 385 p.



What of the idea that a constitutional principle concerning the institutional organization of the State, such as the separation of powers, could be found in the jurisprudence of an international court of human rights, namely the European Court of Human Rights ? Even if it were to be audacious to prove that the judges of the Strasbourg Court apply a precise theory of separation of powers, it, nonetheless remains relevant to answer the question whether the solutions adopted by the aforementioned judges outline a coherent vision of what should be, in their view, the relations between the branches of government. Yet, one should always bear in mind that the theory of the separation of powers, as conceived in the contemporary liberal State, implies the consecration of only a minimum nucleus of solutions. Within this context, the primary aspiration of the separation of powers lies in the protection of the judicial and legislative branches against the executive. The European Court of Human Rights shares this view. Even if the principle of the separation of powers is not a principle enunciated by the Court, at least not with the required precision, it is, nonetheless, a principle already present in the Strasbourg jurisprudence and its future cannot but be regarded as promising.