

Challenge Accepted! Exploring Pathways to Civil Justice in Europe

Access to civil justice is of paramount importance for enforcing rights of citizens. Key issues in the current efforts to improve access to justice at the EU and national levels regard the digitisation of justice and the use of artificial intelligence in dispute resolution, the privatisation of justice and the multiplication of alternative dispute resolution schemes, the increased possibility of self-representation, and the ever-increasing specialisation of court systems. Each of these trends greatly influences the emerging EU civil justice system but it also raises a number of questions and doubts. On 19 and 20 November 2018, policymakers, practitioners, academics and civil society representatives from all over Europe will meet in Rotterdam to exchange and reflect on these innovative pathways to civil justice in a two day conference. Together, they will aim at defining a sustainable framework for a 21st century EU civil justice system.

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General information

When?

From 13:00 on Monday, 19 November 2018 to 15:30 on Tuesday, 20 November 2018

Where?

Monday: Room M3-15 Forum room

Tuesday: Room M1-19 Athena room

Van der Goot Building (see map below), Erasmus University Rotterdam



Costs

€ 100 for practising lawyers requesting permanent educational credits (*NOVA opleidingspunten*).

€ 50 for other attendants.

€ 30 for early bird subscribers (before 30 September).

No fee for (PhD) students, staff of Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Attendants from public institutions or private persons having little resources can request a waiver (please send an email to biard@law.eur.nl).

Registration

You can register on the following website:

<https://www.eur.nl/en/esl/events/challenge-accepted-exploring-pathways-civil-justice-europe-2018-11-19>

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Seminar organised by:

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Programme

Monday 19 November 2018

13.00 – 13.30 Registration

13:30 – 13:45 Opening: Access to Justice and Building Bridges in Europe
Xandra Kramer and ERC Team

13:45 – 14:20 Keynote
Ruth de Bock
Advocate General Supreme Court of the Netherlands, Professor University of Amsterdam

14:20 – 16:20 Panel 1: The computer as the court

Chair: **John Sorabji**
University College London, UK

- ◆ **Dory Reiling**
Senior judge—Amsterdam District Court, NL
- ◆ **Guglielmo Tamburrini**
Universita' di Napoli Federico II, IT
- ◆ **Katie Atkinson**
University of Liverpool, UK
- ◆ **Erich Schweighofer**
University of Vienna, AT
- ◆ **Nicolas Vermeys**
University of Montreal, CA

Rapporteur: **Erlis Themeli**
Erasmus University Rotterdam

16:20 – 16:40 Coffee break

16:40 – 18:40 Panel 2: Consumer ADR/ODR: Justice Behind Closed Doors?

Chair: **Christopher Hodges**
Oxford University, UK

- ◆ **Naomi Creutzfeldt**
Westminster University, UK
- ◆ **Frederique Coffre**
Energy Ombudsman, FR
- ◆ **Gerhard Wagner**
Humboldt University, DE
- ◆ **Lewish Shand Smith**
Chief Ombudsman and Chief Executive, Ombudsman Services, UK

Rapporteurs: **Emma van Gelder & Alexandre Biard**
Erasmus University Rotterdam

19:45 Dinner
(Registration and additional fee required)

Tuesday 20 November 2018

9:00 – 9:30 Coffee

9:30 – 11:30 Panel 3: Access to Civil Justice: Taking Lawyers out of the Equation?

Chair: **Burkhard Hess**
Max Planck Institute Luxembourg

- ◆ **John Sorabji**
University College London, UK
- ◆ **Nigel Balmer**
University College London, UK
- ◆ **Paulien van der Grinten**
Dutch Ministry of Justice, NL
- ◆ **Roland Eshuis**
Research and Documentation Centre, WODC, NL

Rapporteur: **Jos Hoevenaars**
Erasmus University Rotterdam

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 12:40 Keynote:
Courts and their Alternatives: The forms and functions of dispute resolution

Judith Resnik
Yale Law School USA

12:45 – 13:45 Lunch

13:45 – 15:15 Panel 4: Court Specialization: Turning the tide of the 'vanishing trial'?

Chair: **Sebastian Spinei**
Sibiu University, RO

- ◆ **Elaine Mak**
Utrecht University, NL
- ◆ **Elisabetta Silvestri**
Pavia University, IT
- ◆ **Stefaan Voet**
Leuven University, BE
- ◆ **Gerard Meijer**
Erasmus University Rotterdam & NautaDutilh, NL

Rapporteur: **Georgia Antonopoulou**
Erasmus University Rotterdam

15:15 – 15:30 Concluding remarks & rapporteurs' takeaways
Xandra Kramer and Panel Rapporteurs

15:30 Farewell cocktail at Pavilion



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