International conference on Judicial and Quasi-Judicial Independence University of Groningen, Netherlands



~ Groningen Centre for Law and Governance ~ International Conference

09.30 Registration, Tea / Coffee

10.00 Welcome

Jan Berend Wezeman, Dean of the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen

Introductory Remarks

Suzanne Comtois, Visiting Professor of Public Law, University of Groningen and Professor at the University of Sherbrooke

10.10 SESSION I: Independence and the Rule of Law

Chair: Professor Suzanne Comtois

Social Systems Theory and Judicial Independence

Professor Martine Valois, *University of Montreal*

Protection effective de l'indépendance de l'autorité judiciaire en France*

Mr. Guy Canivet, Member of the Constitutional Council, Paris and First Honorary President of the Court of Cassation (*english translation provided)

Effective Protection from the Administration and the Role of the Courts in the Netherlands

Mr. Willem Konijnenbelt, Professor emeritus and former member of the Dutch Council of State

11.30 Tea / Coffee break

11.45 SESSION II: Independence and Accountability of Judges and Adjudicators

• Chair: Professor Marc Hertogh, University of Groningen

Adjudicative Independence in Canada: Constitutional Dimensions and **Current Issues**

Judge John Evans, Canadian Federal Court of Appeal

The Accountability of the Judiciary to the Executive and to Parliament

Professor Robert Hazell, University College London

Court Judges: Neutral, Objective, or Independent?

Professor Mauro Zamboni, Stockholm University and Visiting Professor, University of Groningen

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SESSION III: Independent Regulatory Agencies and Advisory Committees 14.00

• Chair: Professor Herman Bröring, University of Groningen

Independence of Regulatory Authorities and the Influence of European Law Professor Annetje Ottow, Utrecht University and member of OPTA

Independent Regulatory Agencies and Formal Governmental Control Professor Heinrich Winter, *University of Groningen*

On the Interaction between a Public Decision- Making Authority and its "Independent" Advisory Committee

Professor Dick A. Lubach, University of Groningen

15.15 Tea / Coffee break

15.30 SESSION IV: Independence of Complaint Committees and Enforcement **Authorities**

• Chair: Professor Ko de Ridder, University of Groningen

A Call for Independent Environmental Law Enforcement

Professor Gustaaf Biezeveld, *University of Groningen*

Advisory Complaint Committees: Deviation or Acceptance?

Professor Jan Jans, University of Groningen

Final Dispute Resolution by Administrative Courts and Independence

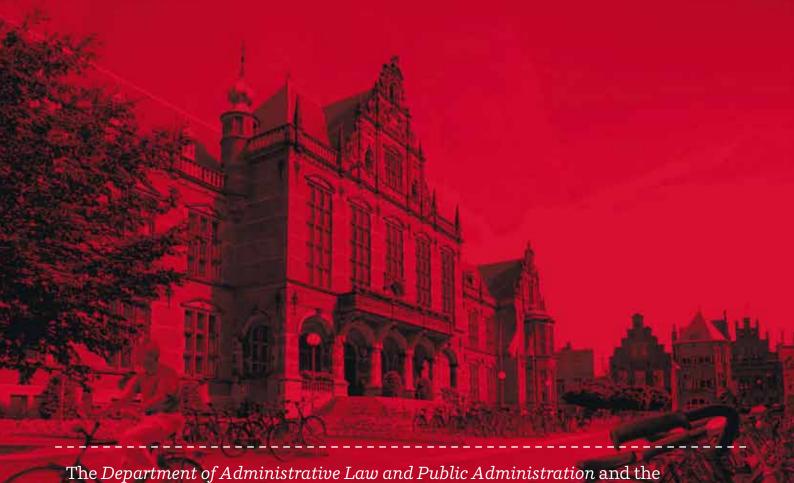
Dr. Kars de Graaf, *University of Groningen*, and *Professor Bert Marseille*, *University of Groningen/Tilburg University*

16.45 **Closing Comments**

Professor Suzanne Comtois

17.00 **Drinks**





Friday, the 25th of May 2012 in Groningen, Netherlands. You may do so by sending an email including your name, title, address and

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professional affiliation to the following address: conference-on-independence@rug.nl

On behalf of the organizing committee, we look forward to welcoming you in Groningen.

Professor Suzanne Comtois Dr. Kars de Graaf

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