

PROGRAM

13.45 - 14.10 **Registration and tea/coffee**

14.10 - 14.15 **Welcome and introductory remarks**

Marc Hertogh

Professor of Socio-Legal Studies

SESSION I: PUBLIC LAW AND PROCEDURAL JUSTICE

Chair: Marc Hertogh

Professor of Socio-Legal Studies

14.15 - 15.00 **Fair Process and Lay Reactions to Government:**

Who, what, why, when and how?

Keynote lecture by Allan Lind

James L. Vincent Professor of Leadership

Duke University, United States

15.00 - 15.30 **Discussion**

15.30 - 15.45 **Break**

SESSION II: PRESENTATION OF THREE RESEARCH PROJECTS

Chair: Jan Jans

Professor of Administrative Law

15.45 - 16.30 **1. Complex decision-making procedures: wind turbines in the valley of Hunze**

By Herman Bröring, Professor of Integrative Law Studies

2. Massive electronic decision procedures. More than words? How perceptions of legitimacy shape regulatory compliance among Dutch traffic offenders.

By Heinrich Winter, Professor of Administrative Law

& Marc Hertogh, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies

3. New way of case management by the Dutch Administrative Courts

By Bert Marseille, Professor of empirical studies of administrative law

& Albertjan Tollenaar, Assistant Professor of Administrative Law

16.30 - 17.00 **Discussion**

17.00 - 17.05 **Closing remarks**

17.05 - 18.00 **Reception**

PUBLIC TRUST & PUBLIC LAW

“Public Trust & Public Law” is a new research program at the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen. It focuses on issues of public law through the lens of trust, legitimacy, and procedural justice. The legitimacy of governments and that of the courts and other public institutions has gradually become a subject of public debate and some empirical studies argue that there is growing dissatisfaction with important elements and procedures of public law. This seems to suggest that, at least in some cases, public law no longer promotes public trust and sometimes public law procedures may even lead to a loss of public trust. Considering these developments, this research program focuses on the relation between public trust and public law. The central research question can be summarized in the following terms: How may public law promote public trust in government, trust among different bodies of government, and trust among different levels of government? The program focuses on the relation between public trust and public law in five different areas: political decision-making, regulation, procedural justice, state/government structures and public enforcement & supervision. This multidisciplinary research program involves both several fields of national and international public law and several social sciences. Researchers participating in the program are active in the following academic disciplines: (Dutch and European) administrative law, constitutional law, public order law, legal philosophy, political science, public administration and sociology of law.

<http://www.rug.nl/research/groningen-centre-for-law-and-governance/programmas/public-trust-and-public-law>

PRETTIG CONTACT MET DE OVERHEID

“Prettig Contact met de Overheid” or “Fair Tracks: the Informal Pro-active Approach Model” is a project run by the Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations stimulating a nationwide implementation of interventions that enhance procedural justice during government decision-making and conflict management procedures in the Netherlands. This project was internationally rewarded by the European Commission, the United Nations and International Association for Conflict Management. The project currently contains 300 pilot projects within 16 government domains. The effects of this new approach are measured and analyzed in cooperation with scholars from various universities. Through action-research the Dutch government wants to further develop, research and implement successful interventions, improve government-citizen interactions, improve the quality of its decision-making and conflict management procedures, strengthen Dutch democracy, increase trust in government and wants to provide a platform for the exchange of knowledge, best practices, manuals, measurement instruments and other tools.

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PUBLIC LAW AND PROCEDURAL JUSTICE



INTRODUCTION

This conference marks the start of a new interdisciplinary research program “Public Trust & Public Law” at the Faculty of Law, University of Groningen. In this program scholars in public law, public administration, and legal theory focus on issues of public law, through the lens of trust, legitimacy, and procedural justice.

A central topic during this conference is the question how past, present and future research can be used to provide insight into the meaning of procedural justice for decision-making and conflict management procedures within the public sector. Professor Allan Lind will address the key concepts and key findings from procedural justice literature and research. After his presentation there is room for discussion and professor Lind will respond to questions. The break will be followed by three short presentations by researchers participating in the new research program. The final element of the conference is a general discussion with these and other researchers and practitioners from the audience.

An experiment in 1974 by social psychologist, professor John Thibaut, and legal scholar, professor Laurence Walker, is widely recognized to be the first procedural justice study and opened up a whole new research domain. Allan Lind started off as one of John Thibaut's researchers and has continued researching procedural justice ever since. He is one of the most influential scholars in this field. He is internationally most known for his handbook “*The social psychology of procedural justice*”.

Organization University of Groningen, Faculty of Law
Groningen Centre for Law & Governance
Research Program “Public Trust and Public Law”
& The Ministry of the Interior and Kingdom Relations

Date: Thursday February 14, 2013

Location The conference is held at the Hanze Sociëteit, Oude Boteringestraat 19, right in the centre of Groningen. The Hanze Sociëteit is a 10-minute walk from the train station (about 1 kilometer).

Registration Registration is open until the 6th of February. You can register for this conference by sending an e-mail to a.t.marseille@rug.nl. Admission to the conference is free of charge.

Information If you have any questions about the conference please contact us at a.t.marseille@rug.nl

Professor E. Allan Lind

Prof E. Allan Lind is the James L. Vincent Distinguished Professor of Leadership at the Fuqua School of Business, Duke University. Professor Lind's teaching interests center on leadership and global management issues. He teaches MBA courses on leadership, management, culture, and ethics in Duke's on-site and distance-mediated degree programs as well as executive education classes on leadership, teams and virtual teams, global culture and business, and change and innovation. His research interests include leadership, organizational behavior, organizational fairness judgments, and conflict management, with special emphasis on culture and effective management practices. In particular, he studies how leaders and managers can enhance feelings of fair treatment, the development of initiative and trust, the acceptance of organizational authority, and the resolution of disputes and conflicts in organizations.

Prior to coming to Duke, he did policy research on law, counter-terrorism, and military leadership and decision making at the RAND Corporation in California. He has taught in Departments of Psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Washington, and at the University of New Hampshire, and he held a staff position in the research and development arm of the U.S. Federal Courts. He was a Regents Scholar for one year at the University of California at Berkeley. For five years, he held the Leiden University Fund Chair Visiting Professorship in Social Conflict and Social Justice at the University of Leiden in the Netherlands, and for four years he was Visiting Professor of Leadership Studies at the University of Auckland in New Zealand. He did his doctoral dissertation research in Paris and has conducted research in France, Germany, Great Britain, New Zealand, Australia, the Netherlands, China, India, the Philippines and Japan. Professor Lind has consulted for GlaxoSmithKline, Micron Technologies, and the United States Federal Courts. He has taught executive education courses for Deutsche Bank, Siemens, Areva, Satyam, Westpac Bank, Red Hat, URS-Washington Division, bioMerieux, the Nature Conservancy, the Organization for Tropical Studies, and several departments in the United States Federal Government. He teaches regularly in Fuqua's open-enrollment executive course, the Duke Leadership Program.

Professor Lind has published more than 100 research papers in major scholarly journals around the world. He has received grants from the U.S. National Science Foundation, the Japanese Federal Science Foundation and the Ford Foundation in support of his research. His book on the psychology of fairness in organizational, political, and social contexts is one of the 50 most cited works in his home field of social psychology. He is a Fellow of the Association of Psychological Sciences. He received his PhD and MA from the University of North Carolina and his BA from the University of Florida.

