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# **New Perspectives on Acquisitive Prescription**

10 & 11 MAY 2018

## **COLLOQUIUM PROGRAMME**



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## 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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