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PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY | AUGUST, 28 2019



JANSKERK

Registration

Simple lunch available

11.30 - 12.30 PM

Opening addresses

Prof. dr. H.R.B.M. Kummeling (Rector Magnificus Utrecht University)

Prof. dr. A.M. Hol, Head of the Department of Law

12.30 - 12.45 PM

Plenary sessions

For details refer to next pages

12.45 - 14.00 PM

Discussion

14.00 - 14.30 PM



JANSKERKHOF 2-3

Coffee break

entrance hall and coffee corner

14.30 - 15.00 PM

Parallel sessions I

see detailed program

15.00 - 17.00 PM



JANSKERK

Welcome drink

18.30 - 19.00 PM

Diner

19.00 - 22.00 PM



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PLENARY SESSIONS WEDNESDAY

12.45 - 13.10 PM

Robin Kundis Craig, James I. Farr. Presidential Endowed Professor of Law, Salt Lake City

How Do We Think About Transitioning to Sustainability in the Middle of a Transformation? Implications for Environmental and Natural Resources Law in the Anthropocene

DESCRIPTION: How do we think about transitioning to "sustainability" in the Anthropocene? The impacts of a still growing human population, increased consumption, pervasive pollution, climate change, and ocean acidification are cumulatively and synergistically pushing the planet toward transformation, as the Planetary Boundaries Project and various footprint studies have suggested. The IPCC noted in its 2014 reports that climate change alone puts sustainability goals at risk of being unachievable, although nutrient pollution and biodiversity loss may be the more immediate threats. This talk argues that we should more decisively prioritize international goals in the next decade, seeking first to significantly increase the resilience of the ecological components of social-ecological systems.

13.10 - 13.35 PM

Frank Biermann, Professor of Global Sustainability Governance, Copernicus Institute of Sustainable Development, Utrecht University

The "Anthropocene" as a Challenge for Law

DESCRIPTION: The Anthropocene denotes a fundamental change of the relationship of humans and their environment, described by some as "the end of nature" or the "end of environmentalism". But what does this proposed end of environmentalism imply for the traditional field of environmental law? Frank Biermann sketches several key implications that the notion of the Anthropocene brings for the legal sciences, including new challenges for democratic decision-making, the impact of long-termism, novel questions of equity, and the need to better reflect on the normative underpinnings of political decision-making, both within and beyond the legal sphere.

13.35 -14.00 PM

Hugo von Meijenfeldt, Dutch SDG-Coordinator, The Hague

Achieving 17 goals thanks to legal instruments

DESCRIPTION: On 25 September 2015 the government leaders of all countries have agreed upon 17 Sustainable Development Goals to be achieved in 2030. They can only be successful in partnership (business, finance, civil society, science, and youth) and using a mix of instruments (legal, financial, technical, and communication). In this complexity it is crucial that the government is ready to use its regulatory powers in a smart way.



PROGRAM

THURSDAY | AUGUST, 29 2019



JANSKERKHOF 2-3

<i>Parallel session II</i>	see detailed program	9.00 - 10.45 AM
<i>Coffee break</i>	entrance hall and coffee corner	10.45 - 11.15 AM
<i>Parallel session III</i>	see detailed program	11.15 - 13.00 PM
<i>Lunch break</i>	entrance hall and coffee corner	13.00 - 14.00 PM
<i>Parallel session IV</i>	see detailed program	14.00 - 15.45 PM
<i>Coffee break</i>	entrance hall and coffee corner	15.45 - 16.15 PM
<i>Parallel session V</i>	see detailed program	16.15 - 18.00 PM





PROGRAM

FRIDAY | AUGUST, 30 2019



JANSKERKHOF 2-3

<i>Parallel session VI</i>	see detailed program	9.00 - 10.45 AM
<i>Coffee break</i>	entrance hall and coffee corner	10.45 - 11.15 AM
<i>Plenary sessions</i>	room 0.13	11.15 - 12.15 PM
<i>Discussion</i>	room 0.13	14.00 - 15.45 PM
<i>Closure</i>	room 0.13	12.45 - 13.00 PM
<i>Light Lunch</i>	entrance hall and coffee corner	13.00 -13.30 PM
<i>Excursion Zegveld</i>	bus leaves at Janskerkhof	13.30 PM
Arrival at Knowledge Transfer Centre		14.20 PM
Presentations		14.30 PM
Guided tours of the surroundings of Zegveld		15.15 PM
	bus leaves to Utrecht	16.00 PM
	bus arrives at Utrecht city centre	ca. 17.00 PM

PLENARY SESSIONS FRIDAY

11.15 - 11.40 AM

Wolfgang Köck and Moritz Reese, Department for Environmental & Planning Law, Helmholtz Centre for Environmental Research / UFZ Leipzig

The Role of Legal Transition Targets – to Promiseland by Rule of Law?

DESCRIPTION: The speakers will highlight the fundamental importance of long-term, goal-oriented governance, its different legal manifestations and central implementation problems. They take a closer look at two examples, namely the energy transition (“Energiewende”) and the Water Framework Directive, and will finally draw some conclusions about the potential and limits of this steering approach and on the role of the judiciary as enforcer of regulated long term targets.

11.40 AM - 12.05 PM

Eleanor Sharpston, Advocate General, European Court of Justice, Fellow Kings College University of Cambridge

Facilitating access to courts to improve the enforcement of sustainability – Some illustrations from the CJEU

DESCRIPTION: However well-drafted legislative provisions to improve sustainability may be, their impact will be limited unless there are also appropriate enforcement mechanisms. Whilst government agencies and public bodies tasked with overseeing environmental protection indubitably have an important role to play, the case law of the CJEU shows that non-governmental actors’ vigilance can lead to crucial developments in the enforcement of environmental laws – provided that they can get through the door of the court



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EXCURSION ZEGVELD

During the excursion, we will drive through the classic Dutch polder landscape by bus and visit the Knowledge Transfer Centre (KTC) at Zegveld. The area in which the KTC is located consists of peat soil that subsides about two to four centimetres every year. The KTC develops and shares innovative solutions for the area.

Colleagues from the regional water authority De Stichtse Rijnlanden and from Utrecht University will tell us about the role and responsibility of water authorities in Dutch water management, especially in relation to soil subsidence, and about the strategies to deal with (the consequences of) soil subsidence.

We then will have a guided tour 'across the fields' where we can discover the effects of soil subsidence and look at innovative methods to avert subsidence or adapt to it.

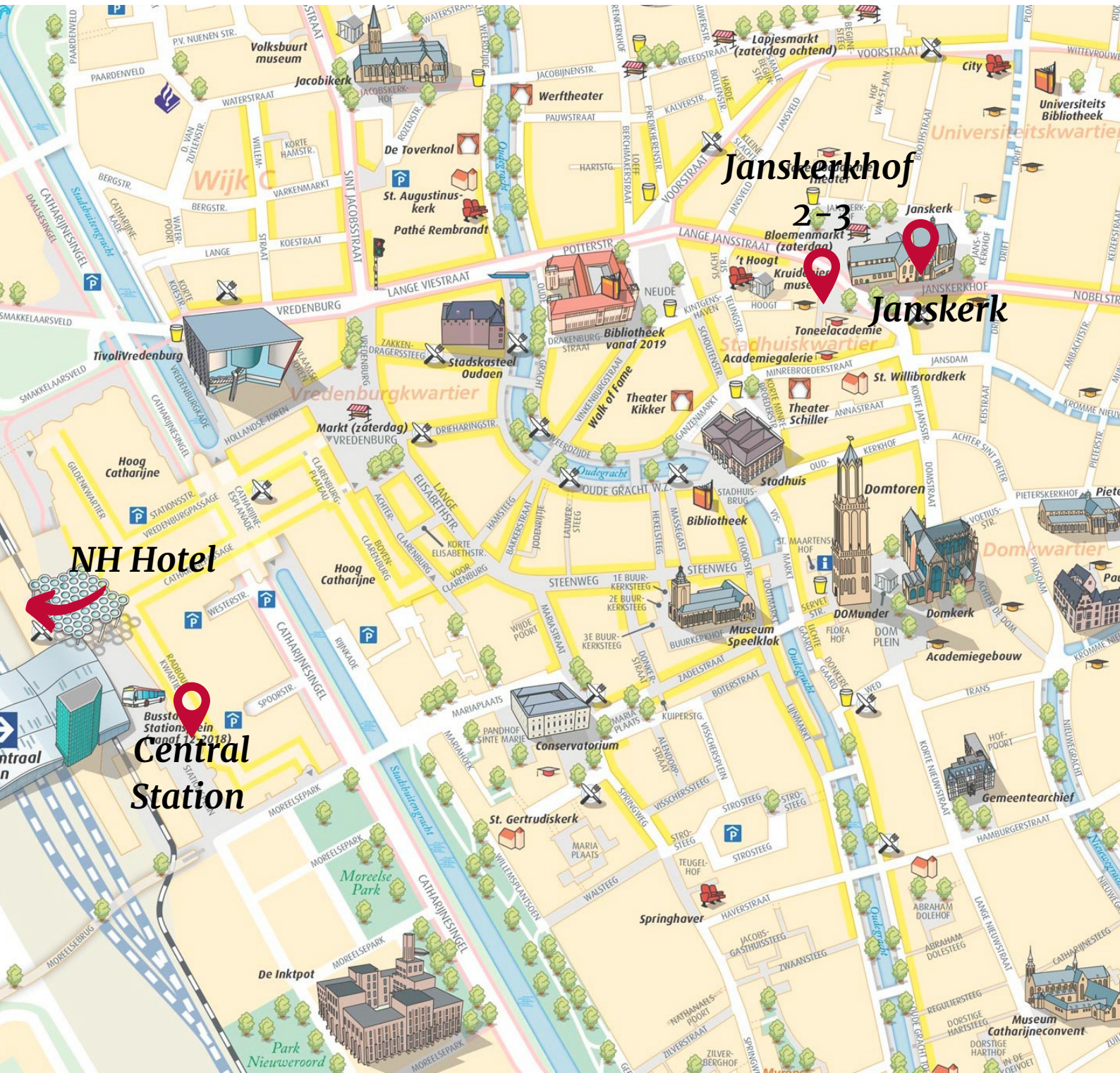


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MAP UTRECHT - CITY CENTRE



INFORMATION



WEBSITES

EELF 2019 website:

www.uu.nl/en/utrecht-centre-for-water-oceans-and-sustainability-law/eelf-2019-conference

EELF website:

www.eelf.info



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Tel: +31 30 232 1616 (front desk) - only on Wednesday



WIFI

Eduroam or UU-visitor (no log-in required).



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In the basement of Janskerkhof is a limited amount of lockers available.



CLOAKROOM

The unattended cloakroom is available at your own risk. The cloakroom is situated in the basement of Janskerkhof.



LUNCH

As part of the sustainability policy of the Utrecht University EEFL committee all lunches served during the conference will be vegetarian.



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Public transport 'Chip Card'

To use buses, trains or trams, you could buy a single ticket in a bus or at the self service ticket machine at the train station.

Another possibility is to buy a Public Transport 'Chip Card'. This card is available at kiosks, supermarkets and also in advance by using this link:

<https://www.public-transport-holland.com/product/public-transport-chip-card/>

Notice that you have to charge the card before using it. You can do that online with the link provided, or at all ticket machines in the Netherlands.

Bus

Bus lines: 2, 7, 8, 18, 27, 28, 50, 51, 52, 55, 77, 251, 412, 428, 441, 447, 452, 474, 495

Nearest bus stop: Janskerkhof

Train

Get off at Utrecht Central Station. From there, take bus number 28 (platform A4) towards P+R Utrecht Science Park via Rijnsweerd, bus line 2 (platform A2) towards Museumkwartier or bus line 8 (platform D2) towards Wilhelminapark via Diakonessenhuis. Get off at the Janskerkhof bus stop.

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