

# **CALL FOR ABSTRACTS REOPENED**

## **The Conference**

Leiden University, Utrecht University and Maastricht University are organizing a two day conference on ***extradition and surrender***, offering a venue for practitioners and young scholars to exchange experiences and ideas on these subject matters. We aim to:

- Identify current trends and issues in both extradition law and the European arrest warrant mechanism (EAW);
- Identify the further impact (or: side-effects, such as harmonising effects) of recent case-law on extradition and surrender on national criminal law and procedure;
- Discuss potential approaches to occurring and recurring obstacles to extradition and surrender;
- Discuss possible future initiatives in the areas of extradition and surrender;
- Involve practitioners and early-career researchers and offer the latter a platform to discuss their ideas with senior experts.

The dual theme of the conference is scrutinized from three different angles, which build three streams, both at the plenary sessions and in the working groups.

The first stream focuses on ***trends and issues in extradition law***. This includes the current legal frameworks in treaties and national legislation, including national case-law on the matter. This stream also offers an opportunity to discuss the impact of fundamental rights concerns on extradition and relevant ECtHR case law dealing with such concerns.

As a second stream the conference takes a look at ***trends and issues in surrender law***, covering the current legal framework of the European arrest warrant (EAW). Topics may include the impact of rule of law concerns on actual surrender and the position of competent authorities in that regard. This stream also offers the possibility to discuss side-effects (such as harmonizing effects) of the EAW Framework Decision and CJEU case-law on the matter.

The third stream focuses on ***common issues on extradition and surrender***. This includes issues occurring in both extradition and surrender, or issues that have an impact on both cooperation mechanisms (such as *Petruhhin* and beyond). Topics in this stream may also compare trends in extradition and surrender.

The first day focuses on the three streams in a series of corresponding plenary sessions. Each plenary session includes two presentations, followed by audience discussion.

On the second day, participants are offered the opportunity to present their research in working groups, receiving feedback from senior experts and the audience. **Our initial call (end 2019) has already allowed to compose five panels for the conference which was originally scheduled for May 2020, but had to be postponed due to COVID-19. Because there is some room left for additional presentations and panels, we have decided to reopen the Call for Abstracts.** With this call we therefore invite you to submit a paper proposal for presentation in one of the working groups, each related to one of the three streams. The conference committee expressly encourages early career researchers to present their research.

## **Paper proposals**

We welcome abstracts falling within the scope of one of the three streams (see above).

### *Formal requirements:*

**Abstract proposals (maximum 500 words) need to be submitted online by 31 January 2021.** See <https://www.leidenlawconference.nl/legal-courses/2021/conference-on-extradition-and-surrender/>.

Please indicate under which of the three streams you would like to present and please include your contact details. Submitted paper abstracts will be reviewed by the conference committee. Abstracts that have been rejected in the previous round will not be considered.

**Applicants will be notified of acceptance by 28 February 2021 at the latest.**

### *Presentations*

Accepted abstracts will be placed in a panel of contributions within one of the three streams and will be chaired by a senior expert. A panel session consists of three presenters.

The sessions will last approximately 90 minutes, so participants will be granted no more than 15 minutes to present their papers. The presentation is followed by comments by the senior expert and a general discussion.

### *Publication of the papers in the European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice*

The organizers of the conference offer the possibility to publish the presentations in the peer-reviewed European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice. However, all submitted articles will have to meet the quality standards of the journal individually and will undergo peer-review. In case enough articles are accepted, these may be grouped together in a thematic Issue. The organizers will inform the speakers of the possibility for publication after the event.

## Conference practicalities

The conference will start on 24 June 2021 and end on 25 June 2021. **Please note that it has not yet been decided whether the conference will take place on-site or online** – the final decision will be taken by 1 March 2021. *If* the conference can take place on-site, conference participants contribute a conference fee of € 65, but no fee will apply for selected presenters and for them conference dinner will be included. Participants must cover their own travel and accommodation expenses. *If* the conference will have to take place online, participation in the conference will be free of charge for everyone.

Of course you are equally welcome to participate without presenting a paper.

Updated information on registration, payments and the final programme will be published on <https://www.leidenlawconference.nl/legal-courses/2021/conference-on-extradition-and-surrender/>.

## Organization and contact

The conference committee consists of Jannemieke Ouwerkerk (Leiden University), Michiel Luchtman (Utrecht University), and André Klip (Maastricht University).

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