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## **Symposium 70 Years Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands**

**Wednesday May 8<sup>th</sup> 2024 13.00\* - 17.30, Utrecht**

For 70 years the Charter for the Kingdom of The Netherlands has constitutionally arranged the relationships between the Netherlands in Europe and the Caribbean parts of the Kingdom. This milestone deserves our comparative attention. The Charter provides a common legal framework grounded in a quest for prosperity, social justice, and peace. At the same time, the Charter's anniversary calls for a comparative reflection of its historical roots in colonialism and the unique cultural, geographical, and socioeconomic contexts of each territory. Comparative law can help answer the legal questions that the overarching legal framework that the Charter continually raises both in the public and the private domain, such as transformative justice, fundamental rights, and the general tensions between unity and diversity.

### **Program**

- **mr. Ady Thijsen**  
Minister Plenipotentiary of Aruba  
*Introductory remarks*
- **dr. Milly Schwengle**  
Former member of the Advisory Division of the Council of State of the Kingdom of the Netherlands  
*Topic: The Kingdom as a community of values: a basis for connection?*
- **mr. Charlotte Duijf MSc.**  
Sector head Council of State of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, *contributing in a personal capacity*  
*The Charter and the right to self-determination in the post-colonial context*
- **prof. dr. Gerhard Hoogers**  
Director of the Cabinet Governor of Sint Maarten / University of Groningen & University of Oldenburg  
*Three times the charm? The Union Française, the Dutch-Indonesian Union and the Charter for the Kingdom of the Netherlands as quasi-federal solutions for decolonization*
- **dr. Jose María Lorenzo Villaverde**  
Assistant Professor, University of Southern Denmark / Affiliate Associate Professor, University of the Faroe Islands  
*Autonomous Islands and Interregional Framework: The Case of Denmark (with Insights from Spain and Portugal)*

- **Panelists:**

**dr. Peter van den Berg** (Associate professor, University of Groningen / Guest lecturer, University of Aruba);

**dr. Chequita Ramautar** (Assistant professor Open University Heerlen / Associate professor Anton de Kom University)

Day & Time: May 8th 2024 13:00-17.15 \*start symposium 13.30 precisely; reception: 17.15-18.15.

Location: Achter Sint Pieter 200, Utrecht

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