



**Ius Commune PhD Training
Programme 2024-2025**

**Comparative Law
Methodology
Utrecht,
2 April 2025**



We would like to invite you to the lus Commune training on “Comparative Law Methodology” in Utrecht on 2 April 2025.

Programme, dinner and accommodation

This year, we have implemented some changes from what you might be used to. Most notably, the training session will be condensed to a single day: **2 April 2025**. However, we would be honoured if you join us for an informal dinner on the night before, **1 April 2025, at 18:30**. This dinner will offer a great opportunity to connect with colleagues from other universities. More information about the restaurant will follow. There is no additional cost for the dinner.

If you wish to stay overnight in Utrecht, please note that accommodation will be for your own (or your university’s) account. A list of recommended hotels is included in this email, but you are of course welcome to explore other options as well.

The preliminary programme for the training on 2 April 2025 is as follows:

8:30 – 9:00	Welcome with tea and coffee
9:00 – 9:10	Introduction
9:10 – 10:40	Marieke Oderkerk: “A Framework for Comparative Legal Research”
10:40 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30	Maurice Adams: “Comparative law and the Challenge of Interdisciplinarity”
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:30	Jaap Baaij: “Comparative law and Translation”
14:30 – 15:30	Emanuel van Dongen: “Comparative Law and Legal Traditions”
15:30 – 15:45	Coffee break
15:45 – 16:30	Tom Vos: “Comparative Law and Empirical Research”
16:30 – 17:30	Interactive workshop: reflect on and discuss the comparative law methodology of your own research

Venue

The training will take place in the Johanna Hudig Building, Achter Sint Pieter 200, 3512HT Utrecht. If you travel to Utrecht by train, after your arrival at Utrecht Centraal you can take a bus or walk to the location. If you want to go by bus: take any bus that goes to bus stop “Janskerkhof”, for example, bus 28 that leaves from bus stop A4 (centrumzijde). If you want to walk from the train station: take the exit to Stationsplein, don’t enter Hoog Catharijne (the shopping mall) but go immediately to the right towards Moreelsepark. See [this link for directions](#).

Registration

Please register via the following [registration link](#). The deadline for registration is **March 1st 2025**. Please note that participation in the training is required in order to complete the training program and to be awarded the lus Commune Research School certificate. Also note that you are expected to make your own arrangements with regards to transport and accommodation.

Preparation

To fully prepare for the training, and to allow the speakers to tailor their workshops to your needs, we ask you to answer the following questions briefly (300 words) and send it before March 25th 2025 to [Tom Vos](#):

1. What is the topic and area of law of your research?
2. What is your research question (and what are the sub-questions)?
3. Does your research contain a comparative component? Do you use the method of comparative legal research? If yes: which legal systems did you include in your research? If not: would including comparative legal research possibly be useful and if so why?
4. In which language are you writing your research?
5. Does your research have an interdisciplinary component?
6. Are there specific questions related to doing comparative legal research that you have encountered or expect to encounter in your own research? Or: are there questions you would simply like to see addressed?

Please do not hesitate to contact [Tom Vos](#) if you have any questions about the course, or [MIWPI Secretariat](#) if you have any questions about your registration.

We hope to see you all at the training!

Tom Vos and Rianka Rijnhout

Utrecht city centre

Hotel NH Centre Utrecht

[Booking.com](#)

Modern and atmospheric hotel right in the city centre of Utrecht and just a 10 minutes walk from Utrecht Central train station. A five minute walk to Johanna Hudig Building.

Hotel Brass

[Booking.com](#)

Boutique hotel in the city centre of Utrecht, 10 minutes walk from Utrecht Central train station. Small hotel so limited availability. A ten minute walk to Johanna Hudig Building

Eye Hotel

[Booking.com](#)

Modern and atmospheric hotel right in the city centre of Utrecht, a 12 minutes walk from Utrecht Central train station. A ten minute walk to Johanna Hudig Building.
Small hotel so limited availability.

Bunk Hotel Utrecht

[Website](#)

Affordable but very comfortable hotel offering both regular hotel rooms and 'pods' with shared amenities, in a beautiful historic building. A few minutes walk from Utrecht Central Station, and across the street from a big bus stop. 15 minutes' walk or 10 minutes by bus to Johanna Hudig Building.

Near Utrecht Central Station

NH Utrecht ****

[Booking.com](#)

Modern hotel near Utrecht Central Station. 250m from Utrecht Central Station. 20 minutes' walk or 15 minutes by bus to Johanna Hudig Building.

Park Plaza Utrecht ****

[Booking.com](#)

Modern hotel near Utrecht Central Station. 250m from Utrecht Central Station. 20 minutes' walk or bus ride to Johanna Hudig Building.

Inntel Hotels Utrecht Centre ****

[Booking.com](#)

Modern hotel near Utrecht Central Station. 250m from Utrecht Central Station. 15 minutes' walk or 10 minutes by bus to Johanna Hudig Building.

Crowne Plaza Utrecht – Central Station

[Booking.com](#)

Modern hotel with many amenities. 250m from Utrecht Central Station, accessible via covered walkway through Hoog Catharijne. 12 minutes' walk or 10 minutes by bus to Johanna Hudig Building.

Near trainstation Utrecht Vaartsche Rijn / Twijnstraat

Hotel Moxy Utrecht ***

[Website](#)

[Booking.com](#)

Modern hotel with trendy interior. 100m from Utrecht Vaartsche Rijn station, from where you can reach Utrecht Centraal in a few minutes. 25 minutes walking or 20 minutes by direct bus connection to Johanna Hudig Building.

MUZE hotel

[Website](#)

[Booking.com](#)

Beautiful and atmospheric hotel on the edge of the cozy city center of Utrecht. Close to the cozy Twijnstraat and Ledig Erf. At 500m from Utrecht Vaartsche Rijn station, from where you can reach Utrecht Centraal in a few minutes. 15 minutes walk to Johanna Hudig Building
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