



## E.MA Director

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Prof. Koen Lemmens

**Fields of competence:** International and European Human Rights Law

## Other academics involved in E.MA 2016/2017

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Prof. Marie-Claire Foblets, Prof. Paul Lemmens, Prof. Stephan Parmentier, Prof. Jan Wouters

## The university and the city

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### **Leuven**

Leuven is a modern city of nearly 100,000 inhabitants that has managed to maintain its traditional style. It developed as the capital of the Duchy of Brabant, and as a textile and trading centre on the road to Germany. Brewing beer became an art and presently Leuven possesses the largest brewery in Belgium.

Moreover, it hosts a wonderful collection of historic buildings, from the early Romanesque period to the last century. The masterpiece is undoubtedly the 15th century gothic town hall. Leuven is located about 25 kilometres from Brussels.

### **KU Leuven – University of Leuven**

Established by Pope Martinus V on 9 December 1425, at the request of Duke John IV of Brabant, the University of Leuven is the oldest and largest catholic university in the world. From the very beginning, the university attracted students from all countries of Western Europe. World-famous scholars such as Pope Adrian of Utrecht, Erasmus of Rotterdam, Vesalius and Justus Lipsius established themselves here.

From 1932 the University gradually became bilingual, with courses not only in French, but also in Dutch. In 1970 it was officially split into two independent universities. The French-speaking Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL) moved to a new campus, southeast of Brussels (Louvain-la-Neuve). The Dutch-speaking KU Leuven (KUL) remained in the city of Leuven.

The KU Leuven has about 55.000 students, of which about 5,000 are at the Faculty of Law. The latter offers undergraduate (bachelor), graduate (master) and postgraduate (master) courses. The Institute for Human Rights, established in 1987, is one of the Faculty's research institutes.

## Second semester courses

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### **Courses available for E.MA students:**

Students can choose courses from the Master of Laws (LL.M.) programme. Possible courses are:

- Substantive Law of the European Union (Prof. W. Devroe) – 6 ECTS points.
- Humanitarian and Security Law from a European Perspective (Prof. J. Wouters) – 4 ECTS points.
- The Law of External Relations of the European Union (Prof. G. De Baere) – 4 ECTS points.
- European Legal Theory (Prof. L. Wintgens) – 4 ECTS points.

### **Websites:**

<http://www.kuleuven.be/english>

<http://www.law.kuleuven.be/>

<http://www.law.kuleuven.be/humanrights>

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- European Labour Law (Prof. C. Engels and Prof. F. Hendrickx) – 4 ECTS points.
- Judicial Protection in the European Union (Prof. K. Lenaerts and Prof. G. De Baere) – 6 ECTS points.
- Public International Law (Prof. J. Wouters) – 6 ECTS points.
- International Criminal Law (Prof. F. Verbruggen) – 4 ECTS points.
- Political Crimes and Transitional Justice (Prof. S. Parmentier) – 6 ECTS points.
- Global Social Law (Prof. D. Pieters and Prof. P. Schoukens) – 6 ECTS points.

Upon a reasoned request, the programme director can authorise students to choose a course offered outside of the LL.M. programme.

**Deadline for enrolment in the courses:** The second semester starts on 13 February 2017. Students are expected to arrive in the week of 6 February in order to enroll and to find housing. (Please also take into account that 2 February is a university holiday and the university services will be closed; non-university services in the city will function normally).

**Examination procedures:** Written or oral exams, depending on the instructions by the lecturer. Some courses may require the writing of a paper.

## Thesis

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**Research areas:** The KU Leuven welcomes applications in any research area, in particular in the fields of law, philosophy or political science.

**Thesis supervision:** Thesis supervision can be provided by various professors at the university.

**Number of copies to hand in at the hosting university:** 3 copies at the faculty (+ 1 copy to the E.MA. Secretariat).

## Library

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The law school possesses an excellent collection of books and journals at its library. There is electronic access to a wide range of periodicals. Other university libraries are also accessible.

## Contacts with NGOs and/or IGOs

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The Institute for Human Rights maintains privileged contacts with several NGOs, national organisations and IGOs. For a full and regularly updated overview, see <http://www.law.kuleuven.be/humanrights/opportunities-for-students> or contact Nele Verbrugghe at [nele.verbrugghe@kuleuven.be](mailto:nele.verbrugghe@kuleuven.be).

**NGOs:** Amnesty International Flanders; Flemish League for Human Rights; Flemish Refugee Action; Combat Poverty, Insecurity and Social Exclusion Service.

**National (Belgian) Organisations:** Interfederal Centre for Equal Opportunities; Institute for the Equality of Women and Men.

**IGOs:** United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human rights (Regional Office for Europe).

## Administration and logistics

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**Information concerning visa arrangements:** Assistance is provided through the International Office of the Faculty of Law, which will contact students selected for Leuven.

**IT and logistics:** There is no IT room reserved for E.MA students. However, IT equipment is available in the library, as is wireless access to internet. Moreover, practically all student rooms are linked to the university network.