



## EMA Director

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**Name:** Prof. Ria Wolleswinkel

**Fields of competence:** Criminal law, Gender studies, Criminology

## Other Academics Involved in EMA 2017/2018

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Prof. Fons Coomans  
Dr. Ingrid Westendorp

## The University and the City

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Maastricht University (UM) is the most international university in the Netherlands. It stands out for its innovative education model, international character and multidisciplinary approach to research and education. The educational system of the UM is based on problem-based learning (PBL), which is an innovative approach toward education, characterized by the use of problems and cases as a stimulus for learning. The students meet in tutorial groups consisting of 15 to 20 students in which they discuss problems on the basis of cases and situations described in the course book. This enables students to apply their theoretical knowledge on practical issues. Next to the tutorial-based structure, most courses at the UM also offer some lectures to supplement the tutorials.

There are a lot of study facilities at the UM. There is a big library in the Inner City with a large collection of books and many computer facilities. There is also a Mensa where students can purchase meals or coffee. Other learning spaces can be found at Tapijn, Bonnefanten and at the Student Service Centre.

The City of Maastricht is a real student city with a large international student population. The city has a nice atmosphere with many little cafés and terraces, old buildings, a beautiful view over the river Maas and little streets to stroll along. Maastricht is also very close to cities as Aachen, Brussels and Liège.

## Second Semester Courses

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**Courses available for EMA students (including ECTS):** The courses most suitable for EMA students will be the Master courses taught in the Human Rights Track of the Master Globalisation and Law. EMA students are also allowed to choose courses from other Globalisation and Law tracks, the European Law School Master or the International Laws master. Sometimes, EMA students will also take courses at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences or the University College.

Examples of courses taught in the second semester in 2017/2018:

- European Criminal Law
- European Labour and Social Security Law
- European Migration Law and Citizenship
- Human Rights and Human Development
- International Criminal Law
- Human Rights of Women
- Corporate Social Responsibility

All courses are 6 ECTS, will last for 7 weeks and end with an exam. This can

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be different per course, but it mostly consists of papers and/or a written exam. EMA students have to attend 2 courses, both in the 4<sup>th</sup> course period or divided over period 4 and 5. They also have to attend the weekly tutorials and lectures.

#### **Deadline for enrolment in the courses:**

Period 4 runs from February the 5<sup>th</sup> until April the 6<sup>th</sup>, period 5 runs from April the 16<sup>th</sup> until June the 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Thesis

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#### **Research areas:**

The Faculty of Law of the UM has many areas of research, including:

- Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
- International and European Law
- Human Rights of Women, Gender Studies
- Criminal Law, Criminology and Transnational Justice
- Migration and international refugee law
- Business and human rights
- Disability rights

#### **Thesis supervision:**

Most of our professors and lectures will be able to supervise an EMA student with its thesis, for example: Prof. Jure Vidmar, Prof. Fons Coomans, Prof. Hildegard Schneider, Prof. Lisa Waddington, Prof. André Klip, Prof. Hans Nelen, Dr. Fabian Raimondo, Dr. Ingrid Westendorp, Dr. Jennifer Sellin, and Dr. Roland Moerland.

#### **Recommended research topics:**

The recommended research topics cover the full spectrum of human rights topics such as economic, social and cultural rights, extraterritorial obligations, but also human rights in gender perspective, comparative perspective or in criminal law.

## Library

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## Contacts with NGOs, IGOs, and Civil Society

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The Maastricht Centre for Human Rights is an independent research institute, connected to the UM. Research conducted at this centre is interdisciplinary, with a focus on public international law, human rights law, criminal law and criminology. Next to this, there is the Maastricht Centre for Citizenship, Migration and Development which is an interdisciplinary research platform that brings together scholars working in the fields of migration, mobility, citizenship, development and family life. There is also a student group of Amnesty International, called Amnesty International Maastricht Students, which is very active in creating awareness on human rights issues. Furthermore, the Faculty of Law also hosts together with the municipality of Maastricht a human rights defender twice a year, called the Shelter City Project.

## Administration and Logistics

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#### **Information concerning visa arrangements:**

Visa procedures may take some time, therefore the EMA student should contact the university as soon as possible. More information about the visa can be found here: [www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/visa](http://www.maastrichtuniversity.nl/visa)

#### **IT and logistics:**

There are two computer rooms in our Faculty which can be used freely by the students. The Inner City University Library is nearby and is regularly open until midnight. The Faculty of Law has a small canteen where coffee, lunch and snacks can be bought. The Faculty of Law is situated in the centre of the town, only a 5-minute walk to the shops, restaurants and pubs and the famous square 'Vrijthof'.