Programme VWR Summer Meeting 2018

Thursday May 31th, 2018 at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Location: Atrium Lecture Room, Medical Faculty (VU Medische Faculteit), Van der Boechorststraat 7, 1081 BT, Amsterdam.

Chairs: Luigi Corrias & Wouter Veraart (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

14.00 Opening

14.15 Keynote lecture David Luban (Georgetown Law): The Enemy of All Humanity

14.55 Commentary Antony Duff (Minnesota Law School/University of Stirling): Crimes Against Humanity and Hostes Generis Humani

15.15 Commentary Sofia Stolk (Asser Institute): Cruel Men Can Do Kind Things and Kind Men Can Do Cruel Things: Reconsidering the Enemy of Humanity in Contemporary Criminal Trial Discourse

15.35 Coffee/ tea break

15.50 Commentary Marc de Wilde (University of Amsterdam): Enemy of All Humanity: The Dehumanizing Effects of a Dangerous Concept

16.10 Commentary Louis Sicking (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam/ Leiden University): ‘God’s Friend, the Whole World’s Enemy.’

16.30 Reply David Luban

17.00 (until 18.00) Drinks

About the keynote speaker, David Luban:

David Luban is a University Professor and Professor of Law and Philosophy at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. In 2012-13 he co-directed the Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. Luban has also directed Georgetown's Center on National Security and Law. His research interests center on moral and legal responsibility in organizational settings, including law firms, government, and the military. In addition to legal ethics, he also writes on just war theory, national security, and international criminal law.

Luban is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He has been a Guggenheim Fellow and a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson Center; and has received prizes for distinguished
scholarship from the American Bar Foundation and the New York State Bar Association. In 2011 he was a Fellow of the Institute for Advanced Studies at Hebrew University.


About the commentators:

Antony Duff is a leading expert on the philosophy of punishment and is internationally recognized for his expertise in criminal law and its structure. He joined the Law School faculty as a tenured professor in 2010 and is also a professor emeritus in the Department of Philosophy, University of Stirling, Stirling, Scotland. Landmark books that have influenced thinking on punishment theory and philosophy include Trials and Punishments (Cambridge, 1986) and Punishment, Communication and Community (Oxford, 2001).

Sofia Stolk is a researcher in the Dispute Settlement and Adjudication strand at the T.M.C. Asser Institute. She is also affiliated to the Centre for the Politics of Transnational Law (VU Amsterdam) and Honorary Research Fellow at Liverpool Law School (University of Liverpool). She pursued her PhD in International Law at VU Amsterdam. In April 2017, she defended her dissertation entitled ‘A Solemn Tale of Horror: the Opening Statement of the Prosecution in International Criminal Trials’ (cum laude). She holds a BA in Linguistics and Phonetics (Utrecht University, 2010, cum laude), and an MA in Conflict Studies and Human Rights (Utrecht University, 2011).

Marc de Wilde is Professor of Jurisprudence at the University of Amsterdam with a focus on the history of legal thought and head of the Department of General Jurisprudence. His research interests include the history and theory of the rule of law, human rights, the state of exception, emergency powers and constitutional change.

Louis Sicking is lecturer in medieval and early modern history at the Leiden University Institute for History and Aemilius Papinianus Professor (extraordinary chair) in the History of Public International Law at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is currently investigating the Europeanisation and Globalisation of Maritime Conflict Management between roughly 1000 and 2000, funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) and partners in France, Spain and Portugal. Recently, his research was awarded with the Prix Descartes-Huygens 2016 by the Académie des Sciences de l’Institut de France.