



CURRICULUM VITAE

Conny Rijken – Candidate for the Netherlands

Personal information

- Family name(s) : Rijken
- First name(s) : Conny
- Nationality(ies) : Netherlands
- Sex : Female

Relevant qualifications summary

Conny Rijken is the Dutch National Rapporteur on Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children. She researches Trafficking in Human Beings in the Netherlands, and advises the national and local governments and professionals providing assistance and support, on how to prevent and combat human trafficking.

Rijken is also Professor of Human Trafficking and Globalisation at Tilburg University, and an elected member of GRETA since 2021.

Rijken has spent the last 25 years researching the various aspects of human trafficking, including labour exploitation, the role of business in combating human trafficking and the psychological consequences of human trafficking.

Current professional activity

Dutch National Rapporteur Trafficking in Human Beings and Sexual Violence against Children

- Start date : September 2022
- Name and address of employer : independent position
- Sector of activity : research and advise
- Occupation or position held : National Rapporteur
- Main activities and responsibilities :

The Dutch National Rapporteur investigates the nature and extent of trafficking in human beings and sexual violence against children in the Netherlands, evaluates the effectiveness of laws and policies to combat human trafficking. The Dutch National Rapporteur advises the national and local governments, other administrative bodies, international organisations and professionals providing assistance and support, on how to prevent and combat trafficking in human beings and sexual violence against children. She also monitors progress made to combat human trafficking and sexual violence against children.

Relevant additional responsibilities

Professor in Human Trafficking and Globalisation (0,2 FTE)

- Dates : January 2016 -
- Name and address of organisation/body : Tilburg University, The Netherlands
- Sector of activity : Academic research
- Position held : Professor
- Main activities and responsibilities :

Supervision of PhD candidates, researching victimisation during migration (including victimisation of human trafficking)

Elected member of GRETA

- Dates : January 2021
- Name and address of organisation/body : Council of Europe
- Sector of activity : Monitoring
- Position held : Elected member
- Main activities and responsibilities :

Evaluate and monitor the implementation of the Council of Europe Convention on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings by states party to this convention. In collaboration with other elected members and the secretariat prepare guidance notes on specific themes relevant for combating Human Trafficking.

Relevant previous professional activities (selection)

(Deputy) Director INTERVICT

- Dates : September 2016 – August 2020
- Name and address of employer : Tilburg University
- Sector of activity : Academic
- Main activities and responsibilities :

Member of the management team, responsible for managerial decisions, replacement of the Director in his absence, responsible for financial policy of the institute, responsible for HR-policy.

Assistant and Associate Professor

- Dates : June 2003
- Name and address of employer : Tilburg University
- Sector of activity : Academic
- Main activities and responsibilities :

Lecturing of various Master courses such as Migration Law, Human Rights: Current Issues including seminar on Human Trafficking, Victims in National and International Criminal Justice, Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, Advanced European Criminal Law (coordinator). BA Courses: Introduction to European and International Law (in Dutch), International and European Criminal Law, Moot Court.

Supervision students in undergraduate and master in writing thesis on various topics.

Conducting research on human trafficking, the position of vulnerable persons, labour exploitation, labour migration. See for a full list of projects below.

Member of the departmental Management Team, director of studies Bachelor International and European Law and Master International and European Public Law (English). Reform of the MA Program, redesign BA.

Deputy judge

- Dates : September 2009 – February 2018
- Name and address of employer : Court of First Instance, Zeeland-West Brabant
- Sector of activity : criminal justice

- Main activities and responsibilities :

Deputy judge in criminal cases, decision making on pre-trial detention.

Education/training (selection)

- Dates : 1998-2003
- Title of qualification awarded : **PhD in Law**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered : Trafficking in Persons. Prosecution from a European Perspective
- Name and type of organisation : Tilburg University

- Dates : 1993-1997
- Title of qualification awarded : **LLM in Law**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered : Specialisation in European and International Law, with emphasis on Human Rights Law
- Name and type of organisation : Tilburg University

- Dates : 1991-1993
- Title of qualification awarded : **BA in Law**
- Principal subjects/occupational skills covered : Dutch Law
- Name and type of organisation : Utrecht University

Publications

Rijken has published over a 100 books, chapters, articles, reports, etc. Her five key publications are:

- C. Rijken, (2022), Victimmigration: When Smuggling becomes Trafficking, in: Tsourdi, E., De Bruycker, P. (eds). *Research Handbook on EU Migration and Asylum Law*, Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd.
- C. Rijken, L.Khadraoui, M. Tankink, (2021). (Preventing) Secondary Victimization of Trafficking Victims through Law Enforcement Interventions. *Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence*, 2(1), 3-25.
- R. Piotrowicz, C. Rijken, B. Uhl, (2018), *Routledge Handbook of Human Trafficking*, London and New York: Routledge.
- C. Rijken, (2016) *Victimisation through Migration, inaugural address*, November 2016, Tilburg Prisma Print.
- A. Bosma & C. Rijken, (2016) Key challenges in the combat of human trafficking: Evaluating the EU trafficking strategy and EU trafficking directive. *New journal of European criminal law*, 7(3), 315-330.

Full list of publications see: [Conny Rijken — Tilburg University Research Portal](#)

Computer skills

- Software packages : Microsoft Office

Language skills					
Mother tongue	Dutch				
	Understanding		Speaking		Writing
Language	Listening	Reading	Spoken interaction	Spoken production	Writing skills
English	C1	C2	C1	C2	C2
French	B1	B1	A2	B1	A2
German	B2	B2	B1	B2	B1