


Curriculum Vitae

Prof. dr. Conny Rijken



Profile

Rijken studied international and European law at Utrecht University and Tilburg University and wrote her PhD thesis on human trafficking under supervision of Prof. Hirsch Ballin and Prof. Fijnaut. She has extended her field of research to other areas including global migration, European criminal law and inclusion and exclusion through migration. Central in her research is the focus on human rights, engagement with the position of the individual and conducting 'research that matters'. She conducts her research in interdisciplinary and international teams, often led by her, enabling the combination of and building on insights from different perspectives. Her research is characterized by creatively rethinking entrenched principles that are often taken for granted and generating new insights and ideas. She has conducted innovative research for instance on labour migration, labour exploitation, urban refugees, Sinai Trafficking, the needs of victims of human trafficking and the nexus between human trafficking and statelessness in Thailand. Encouraging and inspiring students and other researchers are aspects she finds important in her work and which she effectuates as professor of human trafficking and globalization. She is invited as speaker and lecturer on human trafficking, global migration and related topics all around the world by various universities and international organisations. She was a member of the Trafficking Victim's Identification Board at the Violent Offences Compensation Fund, of the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs and served as a deputy judge. Her managerial skills are reflected, for instance, in her position as former Director of INTERVICT, chair of the Ethics Review Board and Director of studies of different BA and MA programs throughout her career.



Relevant Professional Work Experience

January 2016 –

Professor of Human Trafficking and Globalisation

INTERVICT and currently Criminal law department, Tilburg Law School, Tilburg University

Tasks: Lecturing and programme director of the Master Victimology. Teaches; Migration law, Victimization through Migration, Current Issues in Victimology: Human Trafficking (coordinator). Organiser and coordinator Law Clinics. Research on human trafficking, global migration and adjacent topics. She developed a research line on victimisation through migration which she coined victimigration. Supervision master students in writing thesis on various topics and supervision of PhD-candidates (see below).

Since 2003

Various functions at Tilburg University; assistant professor, associate professor, Director of INTERVICT.

Tasks: lecturing, member of the management team, responsible for managerial decisions, research acquisition, innovation in education, chair of the Ethics Review board.

November 1998–June 2003

PhD-candidate

T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague and Tilburg University, PhD candidate on the subject 'Trafficking in Human Beings. Prosecution from a European perspective'.

May – July 2000: Europol, Organised Crime Department, Trafficking in Human Beings and Illegal Immigration Group, intern.

May- October 1998: Dutch Ministry of Justice, Department for Immigration and Naturalisation (IND), intake-officer.

June- August 1997: Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Section DSI/Women and Development, The Hague. Research on protection and realisation of women's rights, as recognised in the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). Intern.

Other Relevant Professional Positions

- ✓ Founder of TiMiCo, Tilburg Migration Community, bringing together Tilburg University migration scholars with different disciplinary backgrounds to combine expertise and to excel in migration research.
- ✓ Program director Master Victimology and Criminal Justice.
- ✓ Founder and chair of the Tilburg Law School, Ethics Review Board. Tasks: Initiating and designing procedures for ethics review, data management and GDPR compliance at Tilburg Law School. Assess research applications for ethical review, data management and GDPR compliance.
- ✓ Member of the Advisory Board of the Coordination Center on Human Trafficking in the Netherlands, Comensha (<https://www.comensha.nl/>)
- ✓ Member of the Board of Editors *Journal of Trafficking and Human Exploitation* <http://www.uitgeverijparis.nl/en/journals/journal/15>
- ✓ Editorial Member of *the Journal of Trafficking, Organised Crime and Security*, Brown Walker Press, USA.
- ✓ Member of the Eritrea Expertise Group.
- ✓ Member of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR).
- ✓ Member of the Trafficking Victim's Identification Board, implementing the implementing the temporary regulation on the plausibility of victimhood of human trafficking victims (<https://schadefonds.nl/en/temporary-regulation-on-the-plausibility-of-victimhood-of-human-trafficking-victims/>) Until July 2019.
- ✓ Lecturer/instructor at SSR, Education Institute for the Judiciary, course on Human Trafficking, until October 2019.
- ✓ Member of the Advisory Committee on Migration Affairs, <http://www.acvz.org/nl/index.php?reloaded=true> Until March 2018

- ✓ Deputy Judge, District Court, West-Brabant en Zeeland, The Netherlands, From September 2009 until February 2018.

Research projects

Brief Selection of research projects of which Rijken was applicant or co-applicant

- ✓ 'DESIRE: Demand for Sexual Exploitation in Europe' funded by the European Commission HOME/2015/ISFP/AG/THBX, 1 January 2017-1 January 2019
- ✓ 'PHIT: Psychological Health Impact of Trafficking on victims of THB' funded by the European Commission HOME/2015/ISFP/AG/THBX/4000008432, 1 January 2017-1 April 2019
- ✓ In- and exclusion mechanism for migrants at the Dutch Labour Market, 1 January 2019 – 31 December 2019
- ✓ Protection of Labour Migrants, then, now and in the future, January 2014-January 2018,
- ✓ Severe labour exploitation – workers' perspectives (SELEX II), Funded by the Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna, January 2017- September 2017
- ✓ 'TRACE; Trafficking as a Criminal Enterprise', funded by the European Commission under FP 7 program. Trilateral Research and Consultancy, London, is applicant, Spring 2014- Spring 2016
- ✓ 'Facilitating Corporate Social Responsibility in the field of human trafficking' funded by the European Commission (HOME/2011/ISEC/AG/THB/4000001962), December 2012- April 2014,
- ✓ Research on the needs of victims of human trafficking in the Netherlands. Research conducted with prof. J. van Dijk and drs. F. Klerx, commissioned by Victim Support Fund, (closed June 2013).
- ✓ 'Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation', funded by the European Commission (JLS/2009/ISEC/AG/176). April 2010-April 2011,

Supervision PhDs and committees

- ✓ Currently Rijken supervises five PhD Candidates on human trafficking or migration issues
- ✓ In the past seven PhD candidates have successfully finished their PhD under supervision of prof. Rijken
- ✓ Rijken has been member of a number of PhD review boards in the Netherlands and abroad.

Publications (selection, for full overview please consult my webpage)

Six chapters in: Markus González Beilfuss (ed.), *Psychological Health Impact of THB for sexual exploitation on female victims*. Publisher: Thomson Reuters – Aranzadi. ISBN: 978-84-1308-186-1

C. Rijken & T. de Lange (2018), *Towards a Decent labour Market for Low-Waged Migrant Workers*, Amsterdam: Amsterdam University Press.

R. Piotrowicz, C. Rijken, B. Uhl, (2018), *Routledge Handbook of Human Trafficking*, London and New York: Routledge.

C. Rijken (2018). Trafficking in persons: A victim's perspective. In Conny Rijken, Ryszard Piotrowicz, & Baerbel Heide Uhl (Eds.), *Routledge handbook of human trafficking* (pp. 239-251). London - 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.

C. Rijken (2015) 'Legal Approaches to Combating the Exploitation of Third-Country National Seasonal Workers'. *The International Journal of Comparative Labour Law and Industrial Relations* 31, no. 4:431–452.

M. van Reisen & C. Rijken, (2015). Sinai Trafficking: Origin and Definition of a New Form of Human Trafficking. *Social Inclusion*, 3(1), 113-124,

A. Spapens & C. Rijken (2015). The fight against human trafficking in the Amsterdam Red Light District. *International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice*, 39(2), 155-168.

N. Jägers and C. Rijken, (2014). Prevention of Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation: The Role of Corporations, *Northwestern Journal of International Human Rights*, Winter 2014, vol. 12, issue 1.

R. Letschert and C. Rijken, (2013). Rights of victims of crime: Tensions between an integrated approach and a limited legal basis for harmonisation, *New Journal on European Criminal Law*, 2013(4), issue 3, 224-253.

C. Rijken (2013), Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation: Cooperation in an Integrated Approach, *European Journal of Crime, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice*, 2013(21), issue 1, 9-35.

C. Rijken (ed.), (2011). *Combating Trafficking in Human Beings for Labour Exploitation*, Nijmegen, Wolf Legal Publishers.

C. Rijken, (2011). 'The External Dimension of EU Policy on Trafficking in Human Beings', in M. Cremona, J. Monar and S. Poli (eds.), *The External Dimension of the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice*, Peter Lang-P.I.E.

C. Rijken (2010). Re-balancing security and justice: Protection of fundamental rights in police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters, *Common Market Law Review*, 2010(47), 1455-1492.

C. Rijken and R. Römkens, (2010). 'Sex work as a worldwide shadow economy. Globalization as a cause of sex trafficking' in: J. van Dijk and R. Letschert (eds.), *The New Faces of Victimhood*, Springer.

Presentations international conferences and invited guest lectures (brief selection)

June 2020	University of Deusto, Spain, EU Law enforcement network's round table, presentation on EU Migrants Smuggling and Human Trafficking.
September 2019	Redress Conference, The Hague, Presentation on Victims & immigration detention.
July 2019	Odysseus Summerschool on EU Immigration and Asylum Law, Brussels, Lecture on Human Trafficking and Human Smuggling.
June 2019	ERA Summerschool on Criminal Cooperation, Trier, Germany, presentations on Victim's Rights and on Human Trafficking
February 2018	World Society on Victimology, Hong Kong, presentation on Victimization and Secondary Victimization.
December 2016	Hull University, presentation at conference on modern slavery, presentation on 'Corporate liability in the context of THB'.
September 2016	FAWCO conference 'Stand up against Human Trafficking', presentation on 'The perfect trafficking victim'.
July 2016	International Association for the Study of Forced Migration, presentation on 'Forced Return of Trafficking Victims'.
February 2015	ERA Conference, 'Countering Trafficking in Human Beings in the Private Sector', Trier, Germany. Keynote address; 'Corporate Responsibilities to Prevent Human Trafficking'.
October 2014	Expert meeting at EASO (European Asylum Support Office), presentation on 'Understanding migration from Eritrea Experiences of human trafficking'.
February 2014	"Not for Sale – Joining Forces Against Trafficking in Human Beings" A Joint Council of Europe - OSCE Conference, Vienna, Austria.
June 2013	OSCE Alliance Against Trafficking in Persons, Vienna. Presentation: 'Prevention of Human Trafficking for Labour Exploitation: operationalizing the Corporate Responsibility to Respect'.
September 2012	ESIL Biennial Conference, Valencia, workshop, 'Business and Human Rights'. Presentation: 'Prevention of THB through Corporate Social Responsibility'.
May 2012	14 th International Symposium World Society on Victimology, workshop 'Trafficking in Human Beings: Victim Protection and assistance in the Netherlands'.