

THE CHILDREN OF THE CALIPHATE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

SPRING MEETING

OF THE ROYAL NETHERLANDS SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

TO BE HELD ON

WEDNESDAY 13 JUNE 2018 AT 19:00 HRS.

AT

**ROOM 3.60, WIJNHAVENGEBOUW, CAMPUS THE HAGUE, LEIDEN UNIVERSITY
TURFMARKT 99, 2511 DP THE HAGUE**

SPEAKERS:

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With the crumbling of IS' Caliphate new challenges have come to the surface. One such challenge that has been discussed vigorously over the past weeks and months, is what to do with the 'Children of the Caliphate', that is to say: the children of parents who joined IS in Iraq and Syria. What does international law say about the obligations of states in this matter and how should we assess certain governmental practices, such as those of the Netherlands, which currently does not actively repatriate Dutch children back to the Netherlands, taking into account international law, as well as other perspectives?

The focus of the evening will be on:

- factual circumstances (numbers of children involved, locations where they reside, access to embassies or consulates and safety conditions - also for personnel of embassies or consulates, who might wish to go and find the children);
- the legal position, both under national and international law; and
- potential risks of the current government policy, such as the effects of exclusion, brain washing and possible traumas;

There will be ample time for discussion. The presentations and the discussion will be held in English.

Date and Venue

Date and Time: **Wednesday 13 June 2018**, 19:00 – 21:00 hrs.

Coffee/tea available from 18:30 hrs. onwards



Venue: **Wijnhavengebouw, Campus The Hague, Leiden University,**
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Admission: Free for members and non-members

Registration: Not required

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