

## **Workshop ‘Strategic litigation in the European Union’**

16-17 January 2023 | Johan Huizingazaal | KNAW, Amsterdam

Strategic litigation is a judicial procedure initiated in an individual case with the purpose of triggering broader socio-political change. It is a form of legal mobilization and a way to exert influence over policies. The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) has for a long time remained off the radar of strategic litigators in Europe. In the last decade, however, the CJEU has been adjudicating more regularly on politically salient and socially divisive issues, such as environmental policies, human rights or migration. This workshop brings together activist lawyers, scholars, and journalists with the objective to map the potentials and pitfalls of strategic litigation using EU law. Speakers will focus on environmental, human rights, and access to documents litigation and discuss the factors affecting the decision to pursue strategic litigation, as opposed to other forms of activism, and to pursue strategic litigation before the CJEU specifically, as opposed to other courts and bodies.

Organizers: Pola Cebulak | Marta Morvillo | Stefan Salomon

### **Draft programme**

#### **Monday, 16 January**

**14:00-14:30 Welcome and registration**

**14:30-15:00 Introductory remarks**

**15:00-16:30 The genesis of a case**

*Chair:* Maria Weimer (University of Amsterdam)

*Discussant:* Laurens Ankersmit (University of Amsterdam)

*Speakers:* Davide Gnes (University of Amsterdam) and Milka Sormunen (University of Helsinki) | Marion Guerrero (University of Vienna & Deloitte Legal) | Michelle Jonker Argueta (Greenpeace)

**16:30-17:00 Coffee break**

**17:00-18:30 Keynote speech** by Daniel Kelemen (Rutgers University)

*Chair:* Pola Cebulak (University of Amsterdam)

**19:30 Workshop dinner for speakers**

## **Tuesday, 17 January**

### **09:30-11:00 Constructing a case and navigating the procedure**

*Chair:* Christina Eckes (University of Amsterdam)

*Discussant:* Mario Pagano (EUI/University of Amsterdam)

*Speakers:* Paivi Leino-Sandberg (University of Helsinki) | Clemens Kaupa (VU Amsterdam) | Virginia Passalacqua (University of Torino) | Lisa-Marie Komp (Prakken d'Oliveira law firm)

### **11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

### **11:30-13:00 The case beyond the courtroom**

*Chair:* Theresa Kuhn (University of Amsterdam)

*Discussant:* Philip Paiement (Tilburg University)

*Speakers:* Stefanie Egidy (Max Planck Institute for Research on Collective Goods) | Stefan Salomon (University of Amsterdam) | Oliver Grimm (Die Presse newspaper) | Reilly Anne Dempsey Willis (University of Suffolk)

### **13:00 Lunch & farewell**