

CURRICULUM VITAE



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Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Central Asia (based in Astana, Kazakhstan)

Expert on the international protection of cultural property
Doctor of Public International Law, University of Amsterdam (NL)

Education

- 2011: Doctorate (PhD) in Public International Law, University of Amsterdam (NL)
- 2000: Postgraduate qualification in International Humanitarian Law, University of Leiden (NL)
- 1992: Postgraduate qualification in PR and Information, Groningen Institute of Higher Professional Education (NL)
- 1991: Master of Law degree, University of Groningen (NL)

Governmental career

- 2020-present: Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy Kingdom of the Netherlands to Central Asia in Astana
- 2018-2020: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Strategic Policy Adviser Kingdom Affairs, Aruba
- 2012-2018: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom Affairs Adviser, Western Hemisphere Department
- 1998-2012: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Legal Counsel, International Law Division
- 1993-1998: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of the Netherlands (Regional Coordinator for Europe, Movement of Persons, Migration and Alien Affairs Department)
- 1992-1993: Ministry of Justice of the Netherlands, Immigration and Naturalisation Service

Other activities

- ongoing: Speaker at (inter)national seminars, especially on protection and return of cultural property
- 2010-2016: NL representative International Law Association, Committee on Cultural Heritage Law
- 2010-2012: Chairperson of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict under the 1999 Protocol to the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
- 2008-2010: Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict under the 1999 Protocol to the UNESCO Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict
- 1999-present (OSCE) election observer: Russian Federation / Armenia / Ukraine / Bosnia and Herzegovina / Kazakhstan / Kyrgyzstan
- 1995-1998: Course instructor: Ministry of Foreign Affairs / Ministry of Justice / Dutch Training and Study Centre for the Judiciary

Relevant publications

Books

- 2010: *Protection of Cultural Property in Armed Conflict: an insight into the 1999 Second Protocol to the Hague Convention of 1954 for the protection of cultural property in the event of armed conflict*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden/Boston 2010 (jointly with Prof Liesbeth Lijnzaad)
- 2012: *State Immunity and Cultural Objects on Loan*, Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, Leiden/Boston 2012

Numerous articles on: the international protection of cultural objects; recovery and restitution of cultural objects displaced during or as a result of WWII; immunity from seizure for cultural objects on loan; compliance mechanisms under multilateral environmental agreements; conventional disarmament; counter narcotic measures in the Caribbean area.