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The rights of the child in the digital world

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Since its entry into force more than 25 years ago, the UN Convention on the rights of the child has continuously become more important in ensuring the well-being of children worldwide. More recently, there is an increasing awareness that the fundamental rights put forward by the Convention are essential in resolving how caregivers, policymakers and regulators take their responsibilities in a time when children and young people are spending increasingly more time online. This seminar will explore a number of topics related to child safety, identity and development on the internet — i.e. online grooming, cyberbullying and privacy — through the lens of the rights of the child.

Simone van der Hof holds the chair of Law and the Information Society at Leiden University, where she is the head of the Center for Law and Digital Technologies (eLaw). She is also the programme director of the Master of Laws Advanced Studies programme in Law and Digital Technologies at Leiden Law School. Simone's particular academic interest is in the field of online privacy, data protection and privacy statements, digital government and the rule of law, digital child rights, regulation of online child safety, and empowerment of individuals through technology and she also teaches courses on these subjects. Recently, she finished a four-year multidisciplinary project on cyberbullying and an EU project on consumer sentiment regarding privacy on user generated content services in the digital economy (CONSENT). Currently, she participates in an EU project on online privacy and identity for children (Dynamic Identity). Simone is part of the EU Kids Online Dutch research team (<http://www2.lse.ac.uk/media@lse/research/EUKidsOnline>) and a member of the NICAM complaints committee dealing with complaints on age classification for television and movies ('De Kijkwijzer').

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12.30 to 1.30

Small Lecture Theatre

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