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Program

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- 15:00 hrs Introduction ILWP - Fadjar Schouten-Korwa, LL.M (chairperson)
- 15:05 hrs Introduction Guest Speakers - Carla van Weelie
- 15:10 hrs Prof. dr. P. J. Drooglever (historian & author)
- 15:25 hrs Mr. Norman Voß, MSc (representative of ICP)
- 15:55 hrs Musical intermezzo
- 16:00 hrs Ms. Santy Kouwagam (lawyer)
- 16:30 hrs Dr. Stephan Sjouke (H.I.A. Ombudsman)
- 17:00 hrs Q & A, Conclusion
- 17:30 hrs Drinks and mingling at the bar

Biographies of our guest speakers

Carla van Weelie

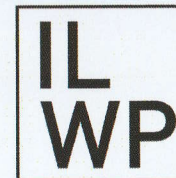
Born as a missionary kid in West Papua, I grew up as a cosmopolitan and moved around the world for years. That's how I learned to appreciate people more than matter. After my Bachelor Social Work, I had several jobs working with people in vulnerable positions. I have been social worker, communication trainer, job coach and manager. Empowering people is my goal. I believe that

everybody has the strength to grow and learn and recover in some way, no matter what the situation is. I believe we need each other; we have to look after friends and foreigners, and take care of animals and the beautiful earth. That's why my company is called Grow2Care; after you have been able to grow, you can start to look after someone else and take care for the Earth.

Prof. dr. P.J. Drooglever

Historian Prof. Dr. P.J. Drooglever (1941) worked at the Institute of Dutch History in The Hague up until 2006. For this institute, among other things, he did research on the relationship between the Netherlands and Indonesia in the years 1950-1963. He also investigated how the right to self-determination of the Papuans was dealt with. This resulted in the book "An act of free choice; The Papuans of Western New Guinea and the limits of the right

to self-determination." The central themes in this book are the preparations leading up to, and the events taking place around the plebiscite in New Guinea in 1969. Translations of this book appeared in English (An Act of Free Choice. Decolonization and the Right to Self-Determination in West Papua, Oxford 2009) and in Indonesian (Tindakan Pilihan Bebas Orang Papua dan Penentuan Nasib Sendiri, Yogyakarta 2010).



Norman Voß

Coordinator of the secretariat of the International Coalition for Papua (ICP). Human Rights and Peace for Papua is an international coalition of faith-based and civil society organisations (the Coalition) addressing the serious human rights conditions in West Papua and supporting a peaceful solution to the conflict.

Norman Voß studied physics at the Humboldt University in Berlin and obtained a Master in International and Public Affairs at the University of Hong Kong. From 2005 - 2012 he worked with the

Asian Human Rights Commission and the Asian Legal Resource Centre in Hong Kong where he headed the Communications and the Indonesia desk. Mr Voß has been working with the UN Human Rights Council and other UN and EU mechanisms for more than ten years. Since 2012 he is coordinating the secretariat of the International Coalition for Papua and the Secretariat of the Westpapua-Netzwerk in Wuppertal, Germany. With this work he helping to bring human rights violations in West Papua to the international attention.

Santy Kouwagam

Santy is a lawyer in a private Jakarta commercial litigation firm, providing research and consultancy about business and legal matters, foreign jurisdictions, foreign investments and assists foreign clients in cross-border disputes and commercial transactions. She gained comparative legal knowledge by reading laws in Indonesia and the United States, and through work at the law firm, familiarized herself with English Law, Singapore legal procedure and International Law.

Currently, she is a Ph.D. Researcher at the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance and Development, at Leiden University. She studied law at Universitas Hasanuddin in Indonesia

and obtained her Master of Laws [LL.M] degree in International and Comparative Law in 2008, when she graduated cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh. Prior to practicing law in a private firm, she had training and clerkship in several United States' Government bodies operating Family Law and Criminal Law. She also volunteered in a non-profit organization practicing American Immigration Law, and had internships within several Indonesian judiciary institutions.

Her research interest involves Indonesian Law, legal strategy, corporate governance, Company Law, Land Law, foreign investment, public policy, civic duty, and socio-legal study.

Stephan Sjouke

Head of International Affairs at the National Ombudsman. He is coordinating the program to establish the Ombudsman in Indonesia, including West Papua. He is also a sculptor/artist.

Stephan studied law at Leiden university where he obtained his degree in international law in 1992. In 1999 he got his Ph.D. at the

Erasmus University Rotterdam on his thesis: the return of cultural property, two worlds, two visions. After working at the Council of State he became senior advisor to the National Ombudsman and has set up the international section of this institution. This has led to projects of cooperation with Romania, Bulgaria, Rwanda, Jordan and most recently Indonesia.