

INVITATION EuCourts Master Class: Fundamental rights of the accused in Europe 10 February - Groote Sociëteit, Vrijthof 36



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14:00 -16:00 master class - 16:00 drinks

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In this fourth EuCourts master class we address the fundamental rights of persons accused of a criminal offense in Europe, on the basis of the well known Salduz v. Turkey-case of the European Court of Human Rights. The European Court of Human Rights in this case agrees with the applicant that access to a lawyer is part of the right to a fair trial.

Apart from the Salduz-case we will discuss the recent Grand Chamber judgment in the case of Ibrahim and Others v. the United Kingdom. This case constitutes an exception to the principles laid down in Salduz in a times of emergency. The case concerned the temporary delay in providing access to a lawyer during the police questioning of four suspects, whom police feared were responsible for the 21 July 2005 London bombings. They were questioned by the police in “safety interviews”. The Court held that, at the time of their initial police questioning, there had been an urgent need to avert serious adverse consequences for the life and physical integrity of the public, namely further suicide attacks. There had therefore been compelling reasons for the temporary restrictions on their right to legal advice.

We will also discuss Directive 2013/48/EU of 22 October 2013 on the right of access to a lawyer. This Directive runs in parallel with the ECtHR’s case law. Member States have to comply with this Directive since 27 November 2016.

In addition to an in-depth discussion of the above questions, second year law students of the Maastricht University Law College will contribute a comparative legal study and a societal impact research to the discussion. The master class is open to all (master) students and employees of UM, and we also warmly welcome interested members of the judiciary and legal practice to register [here](#).

*Please be advised that appropriate preparation for the master class is recommended, see ECtHR Grand Chamber judgment of 13 September 2016 Ibrahim v. UK: [link](#), and ECtHR Grand Chamber judgment of 27 November 2008 Salduz v. Turkey (Application no. 36391/02): [link](#).

