

INVITATION EuCourts Master Class: Fundamental rights of the accused in Europe 10 February - Statenzaal



EuCourts master class IV Fundamental rights of the accused in Europe

Friday 10 February

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 a person accused of a criminal offense in Europe, on the basis of the *Salduz v Turkey* – case of the European Court of Human Rights. The case centres around the applicant, Mr. Salduz, who had made a statement to the police about participation in an illegal demonstration, but later, in front of the judge denied his involvement, stating that he was put under duress by the police and that his right to fair trial – to have a lawyer present during interrogation – had been violated. 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. In the master class we ask e.g. what has been the impact of this case in the criminal law process in national courts across European Member States? Are the European continental criminal law systems – focusing on discovery and truth finding in criminal law – moving more towards the American adversarial model, as a result of the impact of European law in the national courts?

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: <http://bit.ly/2e3qqho>

***Please be advised that appropriate preparation for the master class is recommended, see ECtHR Grand Chamber judgment of 27 November 2008 *Salduz v. Turkey* (Application no. 36391/02): <http://hudoc.echr.coe.int/eng?i=001-89893>**

