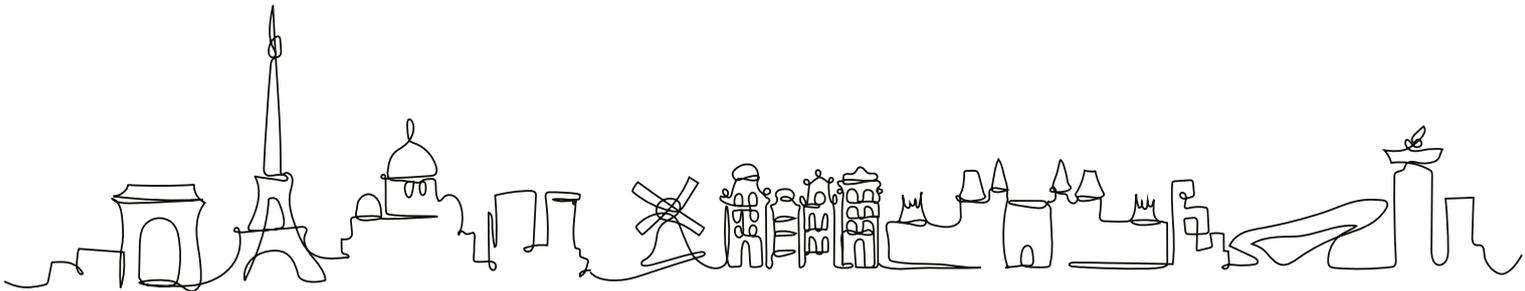




2024 FRANCE AND THE NETHERLANDS

ITINERARY EXECUTIVE RESEARCH SEMINAR



23 September - 4 October 2024

Strasbourg / Paris / Amsterdam
Zwolle / The Hague



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ABOUT OUR SEMINAR

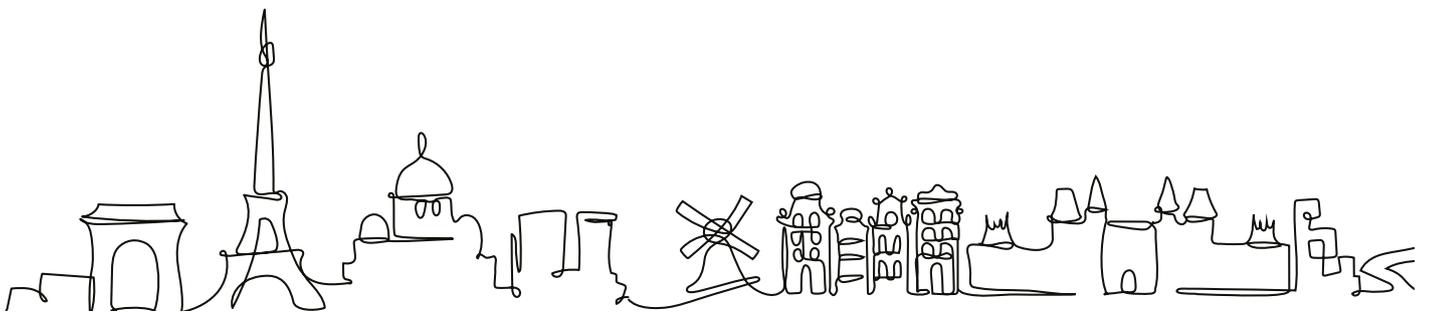
Through guided visits, presentations and moments of joint reflection in remarkable places of justice, the executive research court seminar invites professionals interested in the design, construction and use of justice environments to share their knowledge and experiences with colleagues from other jurisdictions.

Participants will include: architects, engineers, managers of real estate or court modernization programs, justice administration executives, judges, prosecutors, court staff, lawyers, as well as researchers from many disciplines studying the various dimensions of places of justice. The diversity of participants in the seminar make this interprofessional, interdisciplinary and international event a unique moment of discovery and exchange. The seminar forges networks of professionals and scholars across national boundaries, and help to shape research about justice environments and processes.



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INVITATION LETTER FROM THE ORGANIZERS

Co-organized by the Institute for Studies and Research on Law and Justice (IERDJ, France) and the Court of the Future Network (CFN, Australia and New Zealand), this eighth seminar allows us to discover and explore justice environments of particular interest located in two Western European countries, France and The Netherlands. The program is in two parts spread over two weeks. It celebrates the almost twenty years of this initiative. The seminar surveys:

- **The construction of a new generation of large courts to meet the needs of first-level high-volume justice in the cities of Paris (judicial court) and Amsterdam (first instance court).** Two examples of architecture that, while implementing the same principles of building organization, propose their own visions of placing the court in its environment. Both present modern faces of justice that privilege access and comfort for all participants over tradition and authority.
- **The renovation, rehabilitation or adaptive re-use of existing, sometimes old, places designed - but not exclusively - to be places of justice, requiring the challenges of preserving and enhancing heritage to be reconciled with security and technology requirements.** This is the case for the cities of Paris (the major trial hall on the historic site of the Île de la Cité), Strasbourg (renovation of a listed building), Zwolle (extension of the Court of First Instance), and The Hague (installation of the special international chambers for Kosovo in a civilian building).
- **The incorporation into the construction of a unique and singular place of all the attributes of sovereign justice, that of a country or of the international community, to which all eyes are turned.** Also in the city of The Hague (Supreme Court of the Netherlands, International Criminal Court, International Court of Justice) or Strasbourg (European Court of Human Rights), ad hoc constructions embody a real political project as much as they respond to the particular functioning of a court which, although not high volume courts, judges solemnly pronounce the law in the last resort (European human rights, Dutch national law, international criminal law, public international law) to a wider audience than just the parties to a dispute.

'the conference reinforced very heavily the relationship between court design and trial process. That is of course a two-way relationship, in that the trial process necessarily influences the design and layout of the court space; but at the same time, the court space itself will have a shaping effect on the conduct of the trial.'

- Justice McDougall
- Testimony from the first seminar 2005

Thus, the themes that will run through the activities of these two weeks of the research tour and seminar will be particularly varied, illustrating a range of issues such as:

- How symbols are used to express visions of justice
- How court buildings are incorporated into the urban fabric and reflect their histories
- Court security policies and practices
- The quality of heating spaces, circulation and reception areas, deliberation rooms and workspaces
- The configuration and fitout of courtroom spaces including position of witnesses, litigants and lawyers
- The use of digital tools and the practice of remote hearings
- How the increasing use of video technologies is reshaping the role of judges and the design of justice spaces
- Public and media relations
- The management of court estates
- Engineering and economics of projects for the construction or renovation of places of justice
- Taking into account energy and environmental issues.

While these themes tend to reflect priority issues for many courts, it is expected that participants bring their own current concerns and will have plenty of time to canvass these with other colleagues during the seminar.

A detailed and updated program of the seminar including additional information on the sites to be visited and the proposed events will be made available to registrants a few weeks before the event. They will also be provided with complete documentation upon arrival.

We look forward to seeing you again this year, or to meeting you soon, as part of this executive research seminar of European courts.

For the IERDJ,
Valérie Sagant
Harold Épineuse

For the CFN,
David Tait
Diane Jones

PROGRAM OF THE 2024 SEMINAR

Spread over two weeks between September and the beginning of October, the activities of this eighth seminar will take place in two countries and five cities: Zwolle and The Hague (the Netherlands) and Strasbourg and Paris (France).

Participation in only one of the seminars is possible (see the next section), but registration for both is encouraged in order to experience this seminar and the common theme, making use of contrasting cultures and one culture to another.

The proposed program takes place at the same times between the cities of each site. It also offers a space for conviviality, as well as freedom to allow everyone to experience it at their own pace.



FIRST PART OF THE SEMINAR 23 -27 SEPTEMBER 2024 FRANCE

During this first week, the participants of the seminar will discover two remarkable cities. We start in **Strasbourg**, one of the capitals of Europe. It is a doubly important city, since it hosts both the Parliament of the European Union, but also, and for a longer time, a number of the Council of Europe's institutions for its forty-six member states. One of these institutions is the European Court of Human Rights, which has been based there since the mid-1990s.

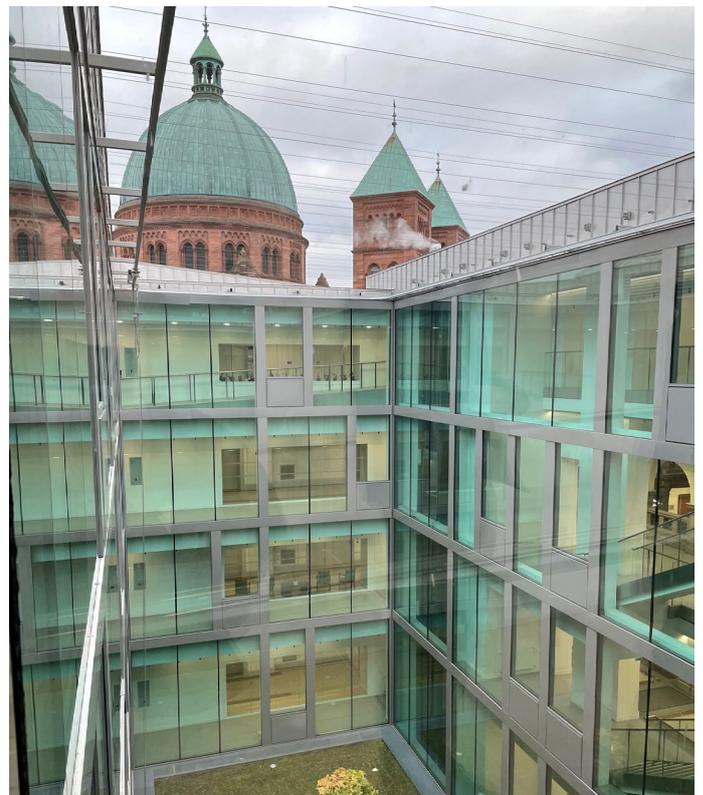
But Strasbourg is also a link between France and Germany according to the more or less happy events of history, expressed in the distinctive architectural style of the judicial court which has been finely renovated recently.

The seminar will then continue on its way to the French capital: **Paris**. Justice continues to have a presence as it has been for centuries on the Île de la Cité, whose historic building that houses the Court of Appeal and the Court of Cassation is undergoing a major redevelopment. We will visit the recently built hall for major trials.

But with its 38 floors and 160 metres height, the new judicial court of Paris is now attracting attention. It brings together all the local services of first instance, and some services with national competence, on a single site, with light and verticality.



Palais de justice of Paris
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First instance Court of Strasbourg
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ

ITINERARY STRASBOURG

**MONDAY,
23 SEPTEMBER, 2024**
OVERNIGHT IN
STRASBOURG

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Welcome cocktail, welcome by the organizers and handing out of seminar information packs.

**TUESDAY
24 SEPTEMBER 2024**
EVENING AT
LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN
STRASBOURG

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Visit to the European Court of Human Rights and the Council of Europe, including a presentation session of the participants and the first part of the seminar.

A thematic workshop in the morning on the transformations of judicial practices brought about by the development of digital tools, in Europe and elsewhere.

Lunch on site after the morning workshop.

**WEDNESDAY
25 SEPTEMBER 2024**
TRAVEL TO PARIS ON
YOUR OWN /
EVENING AT LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN PARIS

9:00AM - 2:30PM

Visit to the First Instance Court of Strasbourg.

Lunch in the surrounding area.



**FREE AFTERNOON ALLOWING DELEGATES
TRAVEL TO PARIS**



European Courts of Human Rights
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First Instance Court of Strasbourg
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ

ITINERARY PARIS

THURSDAY
26 SEPTEMBER 2024
END OF AFTERNOON
AND EVENING AT
LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN PARIS

8:30AM - 4:00PM

Visit of the Grand Trial Room, set up on the historic site of the Paris Court of Appeal on the Ile de la Cité.

a discussion session on conception and design of courtrooms

Lunch on site.

Visit of the french Supreme Court (Cour de cassation)

FRIDAY
27 SEPTEMBER 2024
EVENING AT
LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN PARIS

9:00AM - 5:00PM

Visit to the Paris Court of First Instance, including

a discussion session on the atmosphere of justice environments and their reception by the various users.

Lunch on site.



WEEKEND TRANSITION FROM PARIS TO AMSTERDAM DEPENDING ON THE PARTICIPANTS' CHOICE OF TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS



Grand Trial Room
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Paris Court of First Instance
Ministère de la justice - dossier de presse
- TJParis

SECOND PART OF THE SEMINAR 29 SEPTEMBER - 4 OCTOBER 2024 THE NETHERLANDS

The second week of our seminar will take place in the Netherlands: from Amsterdam to The Hague via Zwolle. It will be an opportunity to observe a variety of courts operating in this country where local, national and international dimensions intersect.

The visits to two courts of first instance will provide a better understanding of the engineering and economic parameters for the construction or renovation of places of justice. The two courts are of different sizes: one major new construction sized to the needs of a city like **Amsterdam** and the other is a successful renovation in **Zwolle**. They offer insights into the 'atmosphere' and functioning of the justice system in the Netherlands.

The visit to **The Hague** will first focus on the project to build a modern building to house the Supreme Court, with the aim of embodying the law and justice of the country in the eyes of its users and viewers. After that, three major places of international justice, criminal or between States, will open their doors to us: exceptional in every way, fully justifying the title of world capital of justice given to the city.



Amsterdam District Court
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ



Court of First Instance in Zwolle
Photo Courtesy of 2024 Court of First Instance of Zwolle



Peace Palace, headquarter of ICJ

ITINERARY AMSTERDAM & ZWOLLE

**SUNDAY,
29 SEPTEMBER, 2024**
OVERNIGHT IN
AMSTERDAM

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Welcome cocktail, welcome by the organizers and handing out of seminar information packs to new participants.

**MONDAY
30 SEPTEMBER 2024**
EVENING AT LEISURE
/ OVERNIGHT IN
AMSTERDAM

8:30AM - 4:30PM

Visit to the Amsterdam Court of First Instance, including a presentation session of the participants to the second part of the seminar, and

a visit to a courtroom for holding high-security trials in another part of the city.

Lunch on site.

**TUESDAY
1 OCTOBER 2024**
RETURN BY TRAIN TO
AMSTERDAM /
EVENING AT LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN
AMSTERDAM



**TRAIN RIDE FROM AMSTERDAM TO ZWOLLE
IN THE EARLY MORNING**

10:00AM - 4:30PM

Visit to the Court of First Instance in Zwolle, including a

thematic workshop.

Lunch on site.

**WEDNESDAY
2 OCTOBER 2024**
FREE DAY AND TRAVEL TO
THE HAGUE

This day will allow participants to take advantage of their free time in the morning to visit Amsterdam before travelling to The Hague.



**LUNCH AND TRAVEL TO THE HAGUE ON YOUR
OWN**



Amsterdam Court of First Instance
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ



Amsterdam Court of First Instance
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ



Court of First Instance in Zwolle
Photo Courtesy of 2024 Court of First Instance of Zwolle

ITINERARY THE HAGUE

WEDNESDAY
2 OCTOBER 2024
**FREE DAY AND TRAVEL TO
THE HAGUE**

6:00PM - 8:00PM

Welcome cocktail offered by the Embassy of France in the Netherlands (at the Ambassador's residence).

THURSDAY
3 OCTOBER 2024
**EVENING AT
LEISURE /
OVERNIGHT IN THE
HAGUE**

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Visit to the International Criminal Court (for security reasons, access by a group to the workspaces of professionals is not possible).

1:00PM - 5:30PM

Visit of the Special Chambers for Kosovo.
Lunch on site before the visit.

7:30PM - 9:30PM

8th Executive research seminar dinner.

FRIDAY
4 OCTOBER 2024

9:00AM - 12:00PM

Visit to the Supreme Court of the Netherlands.

12:30PM - 4:30PM

Visit to the International Court of Justice and the Peace Palace. Lunch on site before the visit.

4:30PM - 5:30PM

Concluding session at the Peace Palace.



International Criminal Court
Photo courtesy of Perkins & Will



Kosovo Specialist Chambers
Photo courtesy of <https://www.scp-ks.org/en/streaming>



Peace Palace CIJ Court Room
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ



Supreme Court of The Netherlands
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ



Supreme Court of The Netherlands
Photo Courtesy of IERDJ

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participants are required to make their own travel and accommodation arrangements for the duration of the seminar.

The start and end times of the activities are communicated in order to allow the organization of trips to the cities visited and to anticipate intra-urban travel between the places of visit and the chosen place of accommodation.

A list of suggestions for hotels in different price categories will be sent to registrants for information.

Each participant is required to contribute to the organizational costs of the seminar by paying a fee.

This participation includes:

- Visits to all the sites included in the program
- A moment of welcome in each of the cities visited
- Lunch on site or in the surroundings of the places visited
- An official dinner in two of the cities visited.

The rest of the dinners, and lunches not related to a visit, remain at the expense of each participant.

Each visit includes exchanges with the professionals in charge of the design, construction and operation of the facility, as well as some users who work there on a daily basis.

The program will be supplemented at a later date with more detailed information on the workshops or reflection sessions organised on some of the themes discussed during the visits.



Kosovo Specialist Chambers
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FEES AND REGISTRATION

Applications are made online and the number of places is limited.

Register here:

<https://bit.ly/3UBkjGT>

Find out more about the Executive Research Seminar 2024 on the event page:

<https://bit.ly/42FEkhz>

REGISTRATION FOR THE FULL PROGRAM

Executive research seminar over two weeks (France and The Netherlands)

From 23 September 2024 to 4 October 2024

Regular fare: **2800€**

Early bird registration before 1 April, 2024: **2400€**

REGISTRATION FOR HALF OF THE PROGRAM

First part in France

From 23 September 2024 to 27 September 2024

Regular fare: **1200€**

Early birds registration before 1 April, 2024: **1000€**

Second part in the Netherlands

From 29 September 2024 to 4 October 2024

Regular fare: **1600€**

Early birds registration before 1 April, 2024: **1400€**

Students enrolled in a Master's or Doctoral program, please contact us:

courtseminar2024@gip-ierdj.fr

PREVIOUS SEMINARS

1 The first seminar in 2005 included memorable new French courts, including those by Jean Nouvel, Richard Rogers and Henri Cirani. One highlight was a mock trial in a special terrorism courtroom in Paris, conducted in French, English and Chinese and displaying the different court layouts used by each legal tradition.

2 The second seminar in 2008, included European and international courts in Strasbourg, Luxembourg, Antwerp and The Hague. The seminar included an architectural design exercise in the Peace Palace where groups outlined their ideal courtroom configurations for hearings involving alleged war crimes, human rights violations and disputes between nations.

3 The third seminar in 2011 involved courts in Barcelona and other parts of Catalonia, Luxembourg, Düsseldorf, and the historic Kammergericht in Berlin.

4 In 2013, we visited Montréal and New York, including the University of Montréal's cyberjustice lab, and the famous Red Hook Community Centre in Brooklyn, where we observed the drug court in action.

5 The fifth seminar in 2016 took delegates to courts in Denmark and Sweden. The Scandinavian courts, by way of elegant design, incorporate tradition with modern settings and processes and promote respect. The courts strike a balance between the provision of security and respecting the rights of all participants in the court process.

6 The sixth seminar in 2017 was the second to North America, moving from San Francisco to San Diego. This seminar focused on key technological challenges facing courts, such as cyber security and immersive videoconferencing. As well as federal and state courts, the seminar group visited the headquarters of Cisco and Facebook.

7 The seventh seminar in 2019 to Ireland, took place in Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Cork and Kilkenny. It examined a range of issues determined partly by the Irish context and addressing the high priority issue for almost every jurisdiction – that of the digital transformation of justice. Ireland courts (like those in Sweden, Denmark and the Netherlands) show how to maintain courtroom safety without placing defendants in cages or shackles.

The seminars provide many opportunities for informal exchanges between hosts and seminar participants, and between the participants themselves.



Waterford Courthouse
Catherine St, Waterford, Ireland
Photo courtesy of Wejchert Architects