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## DEMONSTRATION AGAINST THE EXTREME RIGHT, THE HAGUE, 17 MARCH

Currently the country is dominated by extreme right politics. Several extreme right parties are fighting each other for power. So far, the left has had hardly any response to this. Whereas in the neighbouring country Germany hundreds of thousands of people have taken the streets against the extreme right, in the Netherlands it has stayed remarkably silent. We want to change this.

**We want to take the streets in the Hague on the 17<sup>th</sup> of March with as many people as possible to send a strong signal against the extreme right. Will you join?**

We make an appeal to organisations to sign a *New Social Contract* [Nieuw Maatschappelijk Contract] against the extreme right. Will your organisation sign as well? [You can sign here](#).

<https://www.platformstopracisme.nl/17-3-landelijk-actie-in-den-haag-geef-haat-geen-macht/>

## ADMISSION POLICY

### Court of Appeal: actual residence counts in case of impending revocation of the status because of registered move to Germany

The residence permits of people who stay outside of the Netherlands for over six months can be revoked. This case concerned a man with a permit for an undetermined period of time who had registered in Germany. In actual fact, however, he lived in the Netherlands where he worked as well. He lived in rented rooms where he could not register.

Against the revocation of his status, he submitted many witness statements and supporting documents in order to prove that he worked in the Netherlands. The Court are of the opinion that the IND should have investigated this more thoroughly. You will find more information [here](#).

### WBV 2024/5: new policy Afghanistan

The asylum policy with respect to Afghanistan will be changed. Single women and westernised women will no longer automatically be granted a permit. As of now the criteria for an asylum permit for Afghan women is that they cannot comply with Taliban norms and therefore fear persecution. You will find more information [here](#).

### Court of Appeal: Armenia possibly does not protect women from domestic violence

The Court has concluded that Armenia has not ratified the Istanbul Treaty. This had not been specified in the official notice about Armenia, but it should have been stated. Therefore, the conclusion that Armenia is a safe country of origin has not been sufficiently substantiated. This should be taken into consideration when asylum requests of women who fear domestic violence are being processed, according to the Court. You will find more information [here](#).

### Court of Appeal: consideration right of residence Somali father with four Dutch children

This case concerned a Somali man who has lived in the Netherlands since 1992 and who had four children by his ex-wife. His status was revoked in 2019 with retroactive effect. The man is applying for right of residence with his children. He has moved close to his ex-wife so that every day he can bring his children to school. Moreover, during the weekend he takes them to sport activities, the hospital and excursions. The Court are of the opinion that the IND has not taken the father role sufficiently into account. You will find more information [here](#).

### Council of State: right of residence dependants Brazilian half-sister of Spanish sister

This case concerned a Brazilian girl who was born and raised in the Netherlands. Her mother went to Spain with a new partner where her half-sister was born; she was granted the Spanish nationality. The mother went back to the Netherlands with her family - each of the family members was issued a permit as a caring parent of an EU child. The half-sister applied for right of residence as well but this was rejected. The Council of State, however, has now concluded that she does have right of residence because she lives together with her Spanish sister and her parents. You will find more information [here](#).

## CHECK AND DETENTION

### Dutch Supreme Court [Hoge Raad]: human trafficking Indonesian au pairs

A certain family had frequently brought Indonesian au pairs to the Netherlands. Their passports were taken off them, they had to be available at all times and often they did not receive their monthly salary of 350.-. The au pairs did not speak Dutch and did not dare to ask for help.

Previously the Court had ruled that this was not a case of human trafficking but the High Court were of the opinion that the Court of Appeal had not taken the pertinent elements sufficiently into consideration. You will find more information [here](#).

## ACTIVITIES

### Vacancy: coordinator Ubuntuhuis Utrecht, 22-24 hours per week

We are looking for an enthusiastic, motivated all-rounder for the Ubuntu house. As a coordinator at the Ubuntu house you have a key position and, together with your colleague, volunteers and trainees, you create a warm, open atmosphere for the visitors. We are of the opinion that everyone is entitled to a dignified existence and to equal treatment. As a professional at the Ubuntu house you can make a difference for people who have been confronted with homelessness, social exclusion and/or a life without a residence permit.

Please respond before 27 February 2024. You will find more information [here](#).

### VU Conference: Making Rights a Reality for UMW, 17-19 June 2024

The objective of the conference "Making Rights a Reality for undocumented migrant workers" is to bring international legal instruments that protect the rights of people without documents together with human rights activism and the practice concerning human rights. The conference aims at implementing reforms with respect to possible international norms and their effective protection.

We invite the contributions of migrant activists and social organisations, where especially the voices of undocumented migrants should be included as well as subjects such as claiming the rights of migrating employees, trade unions and the human rights of migrating employees among many other things.

**Please submit your proposal at 1 March at the latest through: [makingrightsreality.rch@vu.nl](mailto:makingrightsreality.rch@vu.nl).**

**<https://acmrl.org/call-for-papers-acmrl-making-rights-conference/>**