

Law Centre for Health and Life

at the intersection of law, health and human environment



Update

Since our launch in 2021 the Law Centre for Health and Life has continued to grow and expand the study of law, health, and our living environment. This Newsletter shares a selection of our latest publications, research and opportunities at our Centre.

We're delighted to welcome [Ms. Saar Hoek](#) to the Law Centre's team in March 2022 as a PhD researcher in the interdisciplinary project on [AI in Health Decision-Making](#), a research priority area at the University of Amsterdam.

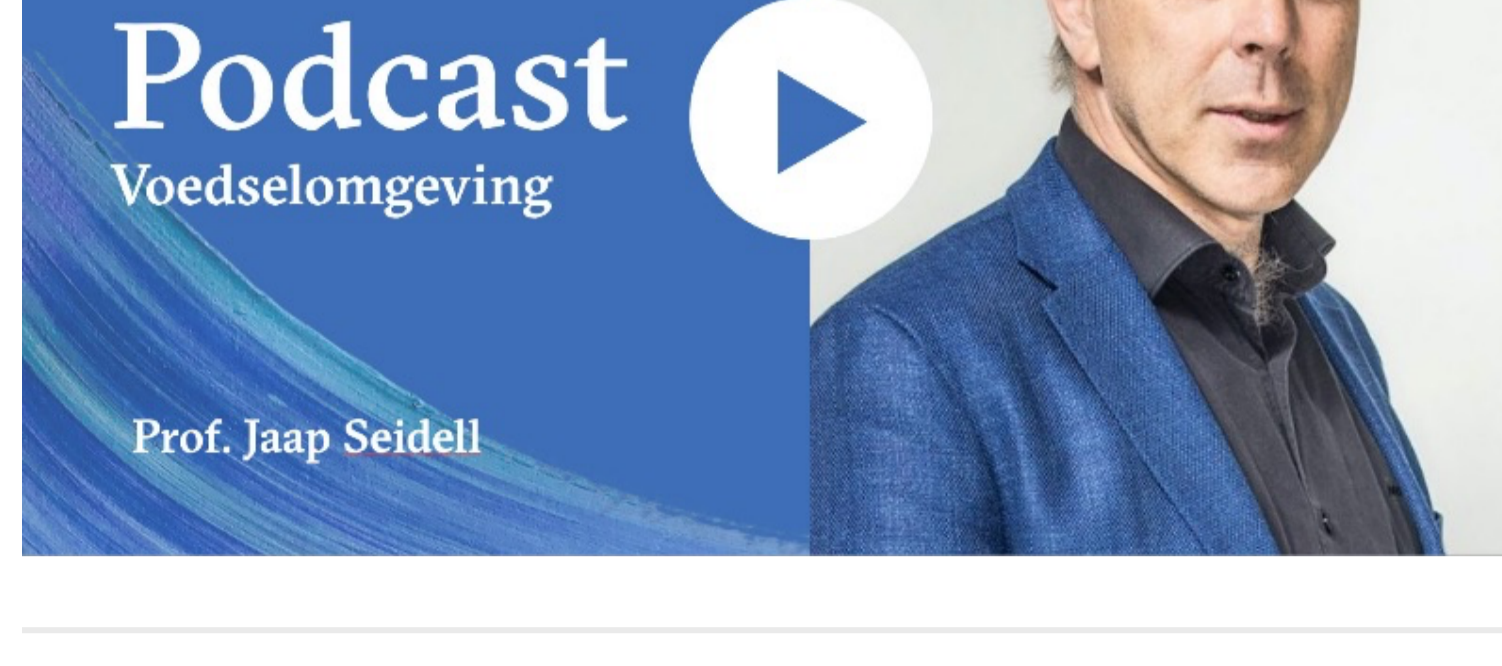
In April 2022, look for us at the [8th European Conference on Health Law](#) in Ghent, Belgium. Join the discussion with our conference panel, *Mind the gap: The EU-domestic interface and its implications for health lawyers*. Conference [registration](#) is still open.

Join our Centre through our [new fellowship and scholarship opportunities](#):

- [Call for applicants: Mosaic PhD Candidates](#) with a migration background
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Scholarship in focus

Still room for a human rights approach to adolescent contraception in Kenyan and Ugandan laws & policies

In their comparative analysis, in the [Reproductive Health](#) journal, [Katrina Perehudoff](#), Denis Kibira, and colleagues find that Ugandan and Kenyan adolescent contraception policies are consistent with many of WHO's recommendations, however, there is still room for improvement.



EU Regulation of artificial intelligence: challenges for patient's rights

In her recent article for [Common Market Law Review](#), [Hannah van Kolschooten](#) raises concerns about the European Commission's proposed Artificial Intelligence Act: "The risks that AI applications can pose to patients' rights should not be ignored." [In het Nederlands](#).



Citizens support EU budgetary assistance policy, particularly for health, for major shocks



[Anniek de Ruijter](#) and colleagues published survey research in [Economic Policy](#) showing substantial support among EU citizens for EU fiscal policies to combat adverse temporary or permanent economic shocks. Citizen support is broader when financial support is conditional on debt reduction in good times, and on spending in specific policy areas (healthcare and education). [In het Nederlands](#).

KNVIR pre-advies (commissioned report) on Innovation and Access to Medicines



[Katrina Perehudoff](#) and Jennifer Sellin published a pre-advies (commissioned report) on [Innovation and Access to Medicines](#) in the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law's series on 'Global Health Law Disrupted'. [In het Nederlands](#).

Drie kernthema's uit de evaluatie van de Wkkgz onderzocht

In 2020 is de Wet kwaliteit, klachten en geschillen zorg (Wkkgz) voor het eerst geëvalueerd. In het [Tijdschrift voor Gezondheidsrecht](#) doen [Prof. Johan Legemaate](#) en [dr. Rolinka Wijne](#) samen met collega's Prof. Roland Friele (Tilburg University) en Linda Knap (Nivel) verslag van de belangrijkste uitkomsten van deze evaluatie. [In English](#).



Eerste deel evaluatie Wvvgz en Wzd gepubliceerd



In december 2021 werd het eerste deel van de evaluatie van de Wet verplichte geestelijke gezondheidszorg (Wvvgz) en de Wet zorg en dwang psychogeriatrische en verstandelijk gehandicapte cliënten (Wzd) gepubliceerd. [Prof. Johan Legemaate](#) is projectleider van de evaluatie. In die hoedanigheid schreef hij mee aan het eerste deel, dat [hier](#) te downloaden is. [In English](#).

Five 'misdiagnoses' in the EU report on AI

The European Parliament's Special Committee on AI in a Digital Age (the AIDA Committee) published its draft report in 2021 on artificial intelligence (AI) in a digital age. [Hannah van Kolschooten](#) co-authored an [opinion piece in Euractiv](#) describing five shortcomings of this report.



Vrije aanbiederskeuze onder druk in de nieuwe Wet langdurige zorg



[Bastiaan Wallage](#) onderzoekt in zijn artikel voor het [Tijdschrift voor Gezondheidsrecht](#) of personen die onder de nieuwe Wet langdurige zorg (Wlz) recht hebben op verzekerde zorg, nog wel de mogelijkheid hebben om zelf hun zorgaanbieder te kiezen. [In English](#).

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In the news

13 December 2021

[Katrina Perehudoff](#) in *Trouw* over booster en ongelijkheid: 'Hoe moreel is de derde coronaprik?'.

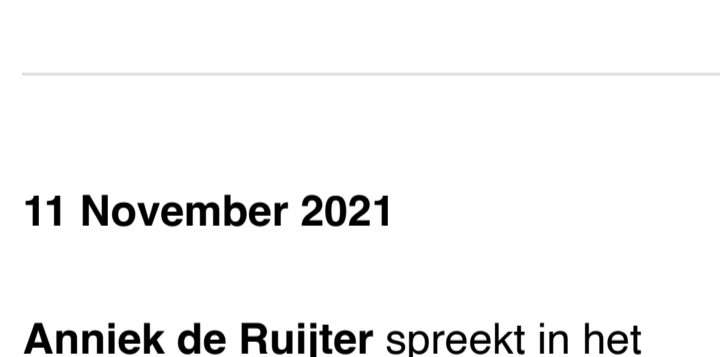
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23 November 2021

[Johan Legemaate](#) spreekt bij *BNF* over Code Zwart: 'De ziekenhuizen oefenen voor het zwarte scenario wat we hopen te vermijden, maar dat niet uit te sluiten is.'

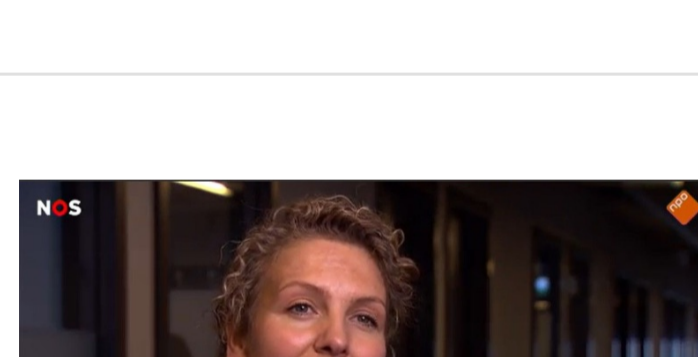
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11 November 2021

[Anniek de Ruijter](#) spreekt in het programma *Nieuwsuur* over 2G-beleid: 'Welke mate van inperking op onze vrijheden vinden we gerechtvaardigd?'.

[Bekijk Video](#)



27 Nov 2021: [Johan Legemaate](#) over de optie van een vaccinatieplicht in *Reformatisch Dagblad*: ['Vrijwillig prikken werkt goed in Nederland'](#).

8 Nov 2021: [Bastiaan Wallage](#) en [Wouter Koelewijn](#) over het niet-vergoeden van levensbeïndigende ingrepen door een christelijke zorgverzekeraar in *NRC*: ['Steeds meer differentiatie in het basispakket vanwege principiële opvattingen zou de bijl in wortels van de solidariteit in ons zorgstelsel zetten.'](#)

5 Nov 2021: [Anniek de Ruijter](#) en [Corette Ploem](#) over 2G-beleid in *NRC*: ['Behoud alternatief voor vaccinatiebewijs'](#).

About us

The Law Center for Health and Life generates knowledge at the intersection of law, health and the living environment. The Centre is led by Director [Anniek de Ruijter](#), together with Co-Directors [Johan Legemaate](#) and [Katrina Perehudoff](#).

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Our Research Lines

Health Innovations



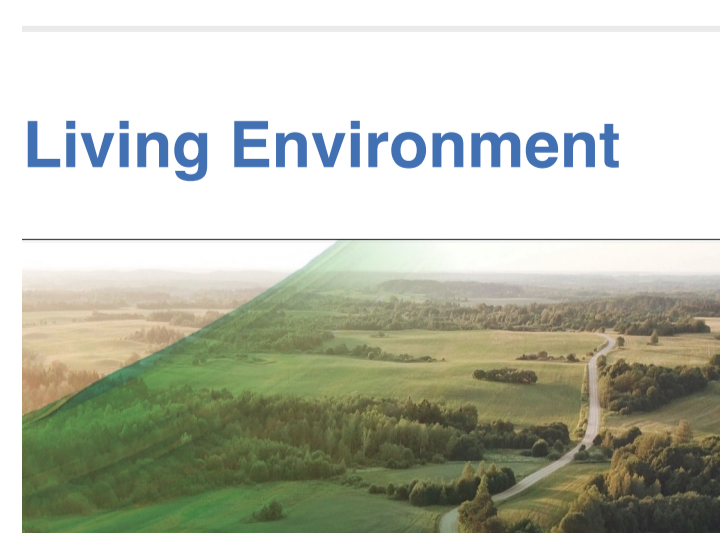
We explore how to balance AI's potential for more efficient, safer, and better quality healthcare with individual rights and providers' professional autonomy. Continue reading in [English](#) or in [Dutch](#).

Public Health

We focus on strategies to rebalance power and protect fundamental rights through global and European responses to disease outbreaks and healthcare access. Continue reading in [English](#) or in [Dutch](#).



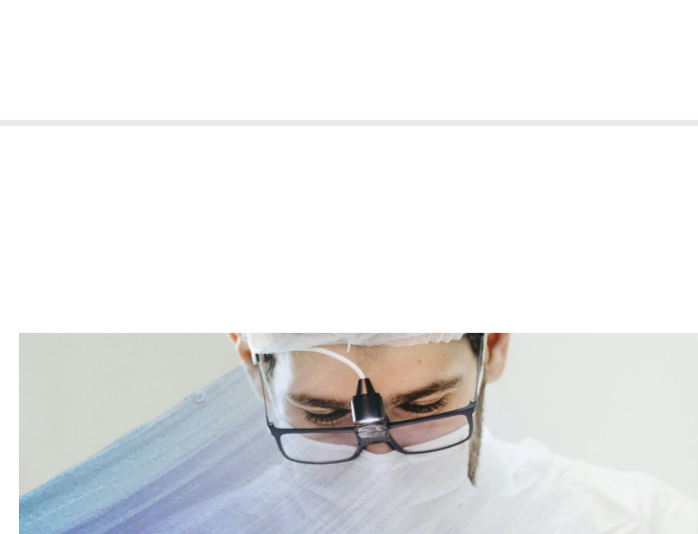
Living Environment



We explore legal options for a more coordinated global and European response for a healthy living environment and food supply. Continue reading in [English](#) or in [Dutch](#).

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We examine how the law supports safe and high-quality healthcare, safeguards fundamental rights and ensures fair compensation for healthcare harms. Continue reading in [English](#) or in [Dutch](#).



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