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LECTURE PIM FISCHER: PROTECTION RIGHTS UNDOCUMENTED NOW

We are dealing with a completely new political situation. Undocumented migrants need not guess what this will mean for their position. However, they are not without rights.

On Monday 22 January, Pim Fischer will explain the existing legal framework. Are there limits to the exclusion of undocumented migrants? What are the human rights principles? Can treaty rights provide protection?

Time: 22 January 15:30–17:30 hrs

Location: Keizersgrachtkerk Amsterdam, the 'Tuinzaal', Keizersgracht 566, Amsterdam

To attend, send your email to: Gerhard Scholte: gscholte@dds.nl

1. BASIC RIGHTS

District Court: right to shelter for Sudanese mother with Dutch child, never lived in the Netherlands

This ruling concerns a Sudanese mother with two children, one of whom has the Dutch nationality because of its father. Upon arrival in the Netherlands, she first stayed in a hotel and then at an emergency shelter, but because she is 'self-reliant' she is not entitled to social support (WMO). The judge decided that the best interests of the children are paramount, and that they are likely to be harmed under these circumstances. This is for the municipality to first investigate. See [here](#).

2. ADMISSION POLICY

Council of State: entry for mother to Dutch son, consideration of care duties up to son's departure

This Egyptian mother wishes to go to her son who has the Dutch nationality and is now with his father in the Netherlands. She took care of him by herself until he departed for the Netherlands. The IND and the judge ruled that she was currently providing too little care for her son. But according to the Council of State, the care duties she performed up to the time her son left the country should also be considered. See [here](#).

3. ACTIVITIES

Vacancy Counsellor at Huize Agnes Utrecht (16–20 hours/week)

Huize Agnes (Stichting Agnes van Leeuwenberch) offers tailor-made temporary shelter and counselling to undocumented women and their children, who find themselves in special and distressing circumstances. At Huize Agnes, they find a safe home and receive professional guidance in various areas of life. The counselling is aimed at helping the women regain control of their lives and work on a new perspective for the future. In the Netherlands or abroad.

[Huize Agnes has a vacancy for a counsellor.](#)

Send your application no later than by 7 January to info@huizeagnes.nl.