

Stefan Kulk

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Profile

Experienced legal professional with a strong background in European data protection, AI regulation and new data laws. Coordinating advisor at the Dutch Data Protection Authority (DPA) and former associate professor, with a proven track record of leading cross-disciplinary initiatives and providing actionable guidance inside and outside the DPA. Pragmatic and tech-savvy thinker, bridge-builder, and frequent speaker at international forums, events at law firms, and sessions with digital business leaders.

Experience

Senior Coordinating Advisor on AI

Dutch Data Protection Authority (Autoriteit Persoonsgegevens)

September 2022 – Present — The Hague, NL

- Leading the development of and articulated the Dutch DPA's position on AI supervision. Coordinating the DPA's strategy and policy influencing in preparation of the EU AI Act. Also advising on the supervision of recommender systems under the Digital Services Act.
- Spearheaded the development of the DPA's AI regulatory sandbox (pilot phase), where we have provided hands-on guidance to private sector stakeholders.
- Providing guidance and expert advice within the DPA on the GDPR, the AI Act, and the interpretation of new EU data laws.
- Mentoring junior colleagues in developing legal analyses, practical guidance, and policy influencing.
- Setting up collaboration with other authorities, building networks and sharing expertise on AI supervision with 20+ EU and national regulators, including Swedish authorities (IMY, PTS).
- Delivering keynotes, moderating panels, and facilitating dialogues in (international) forums, conferences and in-house sessions with companies and law firms.

Associate Professor of Law, Innovation & Technology

Utrecht University

2020 – 2022 — Utrecht, NL

- Co-developed, coordinated and taught the Master's program 'Law and Technology in Europe'.
- Designed and taught courses on GDPR, privacy, and regulation of digital services.
- Led research projects on platform regulation, algorithmic decision-making and fundamental rights and AI.

Assistant Professor

Utrecht University

2015 – 2020 — Utrecht, NL

- Taught courses on privacy, competition law, and European law.
- Conducted research on data sharing for diversity and inclusion purposes.
- Presented research at venues such as European Commission's DG Connect, Amsterdam Privacy Conference, Bucerius Law School, National Communication Association (U.S.), International Association for Media and Communication Research.
- Visiting researcher at Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society (Harvard, U.S.); project on online service provider liability.

Project Researcher

Delft University of Technology

2014 — Delft, NL

- Advised utility company Liander on privacy and liability of its open data policies.

Internships

Pels Rijcken (top-tier Dutch law firm) & Institute for Information Law, Amsterdam

Education

Ph.D. in Platform Liability, Regulation and Copyright Law

Utrecht University · 2012 – 2019

Comparative legal focus on EU, U.S., German, and Dutch law. The research examined how platform liability rules affect the creative industries and proposed future-proof regulation for services that distribute music, video, and user-generated content online.

LL.M. in Information Law

University of Amsterdam · 2008 – 2010

Two-year research master program.

Exchange Program

Cardozo Law School, New York · 2009

Courses on U.S. law, copyright law and trademark law.

LL.B. & LL.M. in Constitutional and Administrative Law

Leiden University · 2003 – 2008

Teaching & Academic Engagement

- Guest lecturer, IViR Privacy Law Summer Course.
- Guest lecturer, Nyenrode Business University — Law & IT: Privacy, digital technologies and compliance.
- Guest lecturer, Leiden University — Executive Program in AI, Law and Ethics.
- Guest lecturer, Erasmus University Rotterdam — Master Law and Technology, in course on AI, democracy and fundamental rights.
- Editorial board member, Dutch Journal for European Law (NtEr).
- Former editorial board member, Dutch Journal for Intellectual Property Law (IER).

Selected Publications

Books

S. Kulk (2019). *Internet Intermediaries and Copyright Law: EU and US Perspectives*. Kluwer Law International.

S. Kulk, S. Van Deursen, I.M. Boekema, V.E. Breemen, S.E. Heeger, S. Philipsen, Th. Snijders, A.H.H. Wouters (2020). *Juridische aspecten van algoritmen die besluiten nemen. Een verkennend onderzoek*. Boom Juridische Uitgevers.

Book Chapters

S. Kulk, F.J. Zuiderveen Borgesius (2018). Privacy, Freedom of Expression, and the Right to Be Forgotten in Europe. In: *The Cambridge Handbook of Consumer Privacy*.

S. Kulk (2020). The Gravitational Force of the Charter of Fundamental Rights in EU Copyright Law. In: *General Principles of EU Law and the EU Digital Order*.

Selected Articles (14+ total)

S. Kulk (2020). Platformaansprakelijkheid – van 'notice and takedown' naar algoritmisch toezicht. *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Europees Recht*.

S. Kulk, P. Teunissen (2019). Naar een nieuw fundament - hoe het Handvest het auteursrecht hervormt (Deel 1 & 2). *AMI - Tijdschrift voor Auteurs-, Media- & Informatierecht*.

S. Kulk (2019). Deze amuse is niet langer beschikbaar - Over auteursrecht en algoritmes. *Ars Aequi*.

Media

Former media contributor with appearances in Dutch national media (NOS, Nieuwsuur, Trouw, NRC, de Volkskrant, Financieel Dagblad, NPO Radio 1) and international outlets (The Guardian, CNN, International Business Times) on topics including platform regulation, privacy, GDPR, and content moderation.

Languages

Dutch (native), English (fluent), German (working proficiency),
Swedish (Duolingo-level)

Hobbies

Exploring nature with our two boys; amateur-coding and cycling.

References

Madeleine de Cock Buning

Vice-President, Global Affairs EMEA, Netflix

Kevin van 't Klooster

Global Head of Privacy & Product Legal, Snap

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