



Programme day 1 - Wednesday 8 July 2026

08:30 - 09:45 Registration & welcome

- Registration at the central desk at the entrance
- Welcome with coffee and tea in the Foyer

09:45 - 11:00 Opening session

Aula

- Chair: **Rieneke Stelma-Roorda**, Co-Convenor WCAC 2026, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Jeroen Geurts**, Rector Magnificus Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Dineke de Groot**, President of the Supreme Court of the Netherlands
- **Rick Lawson**, Chair of the Netherlands Institute for Human Rights, the Netherlands
- **Kees Blankman**, Co-Convenor WCAC 2026, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Masha Antokolskaia**, Professor of Family Law at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands

11:00-11:15 Break

- With coffee and tea in the Foyer

11:15-12.45 Parallel sessions

Session A: New and Developing Legal Instruments

Room 2A-33

- Chair: **Katrine Kjærheim Fredwall**
- **Cheolung Je** (Hanyang University, Republic of Korea) - *'The Korean Public Trust Service for Elderly as an Alternative and Supplement to Guardianship'*
- **Katrine Kjærheim Fredwall** (University of Oslo, Norway) - *'How to protect against ill-conceived decisions while maintaining autonomy?'*
- **Arianne Foret** (Support-Girona Foundation, Spain) - *'Accessible justice: easy-to-read judgments and the role of Article 7 bis facilitators'*
- **Jo Savege** (Mental Welfare Commission for Scotland) & **Vicki Price** (NHS Education for Scotland) - *'Beyond the Acronym: Improving the application of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000'*
- **Renáta Šínová** (Palacký University, Czech Republic) - *"The role of judicial persistent formalism in the protection of the rights of individuals who require a guardian in the Czech Republic"*

Session B: Advanced Decision-Making Instruments

Auditorium

- Chair: **Jordi Ribot Igualada**
- **Malka Doron** (University of Haifa, Israel) - *'From Document to Doctrine: Reimagining Legal Planning Via Process Focus in CPoA Execution in Old Age'*
- **Joan Braun** (Lakehead University, Canada) - *'Article 12 of the Convention and Supported Decision-Making: Questions When the Adult Has Dementia'*
- **Jordi Ribot Igualada** (University of Girona, Spain) - *'Voluntary Support Measures in Spain: Divergent Paths in State and Regional Legal Reforms'*
- **Per Westman** (Advokat Per Westman AB, Sweden) - *'Protection of the right of self-determination after loss of capacity, the Swedish example'*
- **Kwan Youl Bae** (Lawyer ONYUL, South Korea) - *'Welfare Systems for Advocating the Rights and Interests of Persons with Mental Disabilities in Korea'*

Session C: Abuse

Room 5A-33

- Chair: **Anita Smith**
- **Denisa Vane** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *'Contract Support: Preventing Financial Abuse in Loans for Disabled Persons'*
- **Anita Smith** (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Australia) - *'Applying 'will and preferences' when a person is in grave risk - some case studies and conundrums'*
- **Anthony Palmieri** (Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller, Office of Inspector General, USA) & **Amy Bryant** (Office of Conservatorship Management, USA) - *'Doe Maar Normaal' & Silver Collar Fraud: Engineering Exploitation-Proof Guardianship'*
- **Tomoko Fukuda** (Ibaraki University, Japan) - *'Trusts in Adult Guardianship in Japan: Balancing Protection and Autonomy'*
- **Waseem Moorad** (George Washington University Law School, USA) - *'Looting Under the Radar: Identifying legally disguised financial exploitation efforts that have become commonplace against elderly and incapacitated adults'*

Session D: Research

Room 2A-24

- Chair: **Tim Wuyts**
- **Angela Arenas Massa** (Finis Terrae University) - *'Data-Driven Justice for Vulnerable Older Adults'*
- **Heidi Ernst** (Maricopa County Office of the Public Fiduciary, USA) - *'Data-driven guardianship: building a case acuity scale in the context of global capacity reform'*
- **Claire Rommelaere** (Université de Namur, Belgium) - *'Is capacity really an issue? Living with cognitive disorders in nursing homes: research results'*
- **Sofia Salsi** (University of Manitoba, Canada) - *'Navigating Canadian financial capacity and guardianship laws: An overview and critical analysis'*
- **Silvia Gonella** (University of Torino, Italy) - *'Legal rights of people with dementia: Comparative analysis of frameworks in eight European countries'*

- Chair: **Fiore Schuthof**
- **Péter Stánicz** (Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) - *‘Legal capacity of persons with disabilities in the practice of European fundamental rights forums’*
- **Thalia Kruger** (University of Antwerp, University of Cape Town and University of Johannesburg) - *‘Support in cross-border decision-making capacity: Contract law vs capacity law’*
- **Jan von Hein** (University of Freiburg, Germany) - *‘Powers of representation conferred by an adult in contemplation of a loss of autonomy’*
- **Jona Buhrke** (University of Göttingen in Germany) - *‘Protection of adults in cross-border cases: A case-study’*
- **Holly Chantler** (Morr & Co LLP, UK) - *‘Mental capacity law in England and Wales’*

12:45-13:45

Lunch

Foyer

13:45-15:15

Parallel sessions

Session F: Panel session 'The Will and Personhood in the Exercise of Legal Agency'

Auditorium

- Chair: **Wayne Martin** (Professor of Philosophy, University of Essex, and Director of the Essex Autonomy Project, England)
- **Visa Kurki** (University of Helsinki, Finland) - *‘Legal Personhood and the Will: A Proposed Framework’*
- **Janos Fiala-Butora** (NUI Galway, Ireland) - *‘The place for universal legal capacity – the role of law’*
- **Rosalía Mejia Rosasco** (Notaria de Lima, Peru) - *‘Supporting the Expression of Will: The Role of Notaries in the Exercise of Legal Capacity in Peru’*

Session G: National Initiatives

Room 2A-33

- Chair: **Yukio Sakurai**
- **Anette Schnellenbach** (Federal Ministry of Justice) - *‘The Reform of the Law on Legal Representation of vulnerable Adults in Germany’*
- **Michael Schindler** (Ashkelon Academic College, Israel) - *‘Supported Decision-Making in Practice: Comparing Agreement-Based and Judicial Mechanisms’*
- **Maciej Domański** (University of Warsaw and Institute of Justice, Poland) & **Bogusław Lackoroński** (University of Warsaw and Institute of Justice, Poland) *‘What maximises autonomy of vulnerable persons in civil law relations?’*
- **Yukio Sakurai** (Yokohama National University, Japan) - *‘Adult Support and Protection in Japan: Toward a Culturally Responsive Legal Framework’*
- **Victòria Monell Renart** (Fundació Silvestra Moreno, Spain) - *‘MOVEER: digital and community-based support to reduce unwanted loneliness and strengthen autonomy among people with psychosocial disabilities’*

Session H: Rights of Persons with an Intellectual Disability

Room 5A-33

- Chair: **Brenda Frederiks**
- **Brenda Frederiks** (Amsterdam UMC, Netherlands) - *‘Involuntary care: meaning of supported decision-making’*
- **Elizabeth Moran** (The Arc of Colorado, USA) - *‘Profit With Purpose: Inclusive Employment in Colorado (USA) Fuels Advocacy and Expands Opportunity’*
- **Insook Park** (Inha University, Republic of Korea) - *‘Vulnerable Youth’s Independence: A Paradigm Shift from ‘Proxy’ to ‘Support’*
- **Dianne Millen** (Datrys Legal Ltd, Scotland) - *‘Safeguarding and deprivation of liberty - a cross-disciplinary view from Scotland’*
- **Paul van Trigt** (Leiden University, Netherlands) - *‘Rights or friends. Lessons from the international history of people with intellectual disabilities’*

Session J: Research and Care

Room 2A-24

- Chair: **Eefje Sizoo**
- **Sofia Salsi** (University of Manitoba, Canada) - *‘Exploring the Experiences of Canadian Healthcare Professionals in Financial Capacity Assessment’*
- **Inhwan Park** (Inha University, Republic of Korea) - *‘A Study on the Current Practices of Seclusion and Restraint in Korean Psychiatric Hospitals’*
- **Eefje Sizoo** (Amsterdam UMC) - *‘Euthanasia in dementia based on an advance euthanasia directive: practical guidance for physicians’*
- **Hsuan-Lei Shao** (Taipei Medical University, Taiwan) & **Toru Morichi** (University of Tsukuba, Japan) - *‘Supporting Transition to Adulthood in Persons with Intellectual Disabilities’*
- **Steef Zonneveld** (Arkin, GGZ Amsterdam, The Netherlands) - *TBA*

Session K: Special Topics

Room 5A-24

- Chair: **Michael Ganner**
- **Jongjin Shim** (Seoul Family Court, South Korea) - *‘Judicial Operation of Public Guardianship at the Seoul Family Court’*
- **Kia B. Kondori** (Kondori & Moorad LLP, USA) - *‘Securing financial protection strategies through the legal petition for guardianship’*
- **Georgia Edson** (The Arc Arapahoe, Douglas & Elbert Counties, USA) - *‘A Question of Bias in Advocacy: A Model from The Colorado Arc Network ’*
- **Marcelo Brasburg** (University of Buenos Aires, Argentina) - *‘Cross-Border Protection for Older Adults Traveling to Maintain Family Ties’*
- **Lucas Daniel Luppo** (Directorate for Older Adults, Argentina) - *‘From Protection to Autonomy: Implementing Supported Decision Making for Older Adults in Practice - Bridging Lived Experience and Public Policy in Mendoza Argentina’*

15:15-15:30

Break

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15:30-17:00

Plenary session

Aula

"Adult Capacity and Lived Experiences"
Personal stories that put a human face on law and policy.

- Chair: **Dagmar Brosey**, University of Applied Sciences in Cologne, Germany
- **Gerda van Tongerlo**, Person living with dementia
- **Anne de Boer**, Team Lead for Advocacy at Alzheimer Nederland
- **Fiona Catterson**, Family carer of a person with dementia
- **Sarah Prentice**, Solicitor and independent Safeguarder
- **Andreas Martin & Viola Jansen**, Projekt "Arbeitskreis Betreuungsrecht - Selbstvertreter*innen werden aktiv", University of Applied Sciences in Cologne, Germany
- **Jens-Christian Mohr**, expert by experience

17:00-19:00

Opening reception

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19:00

End of day 1



Programme day 2 - Thursday 9 July 2026

08:30 - 09:30 Registration & welcome

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09:30-11:00 Plenary session

Aula

"Adult capacity and a UN Convention for Older Persons"

- Chair: **Frederik Swennen**, Professor of the law of persons and family law at the University of Antwerp, Belgium
- **Claudia Mahler**, Senior researcher at the German Institute for Human Rights and former UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons
- **Rosie Harding**, Professor of Law and Society at the University of Birmingham, UK
- **Maria Isolina Dabove**, Buenos Aires University (Conicet/UBA), and Director of the Elder Law Research Centre, Argentina
- **Yvonne Donders**, Professor International Human Rights at the University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands and member of the UN Human Rights Committee
- **Inmaculada Placencia Porrero**, senior expert on Disability at the European Commission and member of the UN Committee on the rights of persons with disabilities

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11:15-12:45 Parallel sessions

Session A: New and Developing Legal Instruments

Room 2A-33

- Chair: **Maria Isolina d'Above**
- **Israel Doron** (University of Haifa, Israel) & **Silvia Perel-Levin** (International Longevity Centre - Israel) - *'From New York to Geneva: reframing the international debate on the human rights of older persons'*
- **Caoimhe Gleeson** (Health Service Executive and University College Cork, Ireland) - *'Lessons from Ireland - a critical analysis of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015'*
- **Dagmar Brosey** (Cologne University of Applied Sciences and Betreuungsgerichtstag, Germany) - *'Measures in Germany to prevent abuse and violations of the right to self-determination'*
- **Else Kolkman** (The Netherlands Institute for Human Rights) - *'Monitoring body CRPD and disability-related rights violations'*
- **Catriona Watt** (solicitor United Kingdom) - *'Consent to deprivation of liberty in care arrangements, a holistic, multifactorial assessment'*

Session B: Assessment and Will

Room 2A-24

- Chair: **Tim Wuyts**
- **Tim Wuyts** (University of Hasselt, Belgium) - *'The assessment of mental capacity for the execution of rights and article 12 CRPD'*
- **Ernest Burés** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *'Catalonia's Non-judicial legal capacity supports& entity role in human rights'*
- **Kaisa Näkki** (University of Eastern Finland) - *'Legal and Medical Perspectives on Autonomy in Guardianship Proceedings for People with Dementia'*
- **Pasco Coppens** (Pigmans Ras Janssen Notarissen, The Netherlands) - *'Practical and emotional dilemmas in the living will'*
- **Meredith Smith** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government, USA) - *'A study of judicial and attorney perspectives on assessing capacity in guardianship proceedings'*

- Chair: **Sally Balch Hurme**
- **Sally Balch Hurme** (National Guardianship Network, USA) - *'The State of Advance Health Care Planning in the United States'*
- **Marie-Laure Luykx** (University of Hasselt, Belgium) - *'Powers and duties in adult protection: an FL-EUR Comparative analysis under article 12 CRPD'*
- **Benoît Eyraud** (Sociologist, Capdroits) - *'The slow but inevitable recognition of support for legal capacity in disability policies: the case of France'*
- **Toru Morichi** (University of Tsukuba, Japan) & **Sieh-Chuen Huang** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan) - *'A Study on the Verification of Legal Capacity and Supported Decision Making in Japan and Taiwan'*

Session D: Special panel 'Empowerment and Protection of Older Adults in the Netherlands – Research conducted by the STRIDE-Consortium'

Auditorium

- Chair: **Leon Verstappen**
- **Freya Augusteijn** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands) - *'Involving Older Adults under Guardianship in Decision-Making: Perspectives of Legal Representatives'*
- **Eefje Sizoo** (Amsterdam UMC, The Netherlands) - *'Towards Inclusive Decision-Making in Nursing Homes: Participatory Action Research with Residents with Decision-Making Disabilities, Relatives and Health Care Professionals'*
- **Fiore Schuthof** (Universiteit Utrecht, The Netherlands) - *'Adult guardianship in Europe: Between rights and realities'*
- **Rieneke Stelma-Roorda** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands) - *'Reimagining Empowerment and Protection in an Age of Socio-Demographic Change'*
- **Round table with Dutch practitioners**

Session E: Developmental Disabilities and National Initiatives

Room 5A-33

- Chair: **Anita Smith**
- **Xan Koster** (Ieder(in), The Netherlands) - *'Human rights and legal representation: moving from protection to autonomy'*
- **Karel Lach** (The Public Defender of Rights, Czech Republic) - *'Between law and practice: assessing the implementation of article 12 CRPD in the Czech republic'*
- **Taeyoung Yoon** (Ajou University, South Korea) - *'Policy Challenges to Enhancing Accessibility for Persons with Developmental Disabilities'*
- **Yukio Sakurai** (Yokohama National University, Japan) - *'Adult Safeguarding Law in Comparative Perspective'*

12:45 - 13:45

Lunch

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13:45 - 15:15

Parallel sessions

Session F: Wills, Living Wills and Marriage

Room 2A-24

- Chair: **Hans ter Haar**
- **Torbjörn Odlöw** (University of Gothenburg, Sweden) - *'Lasting powers of attorney and the retreat from public oversight in Sweden'*
- **Hélène Goret** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium) - *'The Belgian continuing power of attorney: where autonomy, trust and protection meet'*
- **Sieh-Chuen Huang** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan) & **Yi-kai Chiu** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan) - *'New Financial Supported Decision-Making Practice for People with Dementia in Taiwan'*
- **Hans ter Haar** (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, The Netherlands) - *'How to terminate a last will during a testator's life'*
- **Daphne Franks** (Predatory marriage campaigner, UK) - *'Predatory Marriage: A Hidden Crime'*

Session G: The Role and Potential of Voluntary Instruments in Future Planning

Auditorium

- Chair: **Madeleine Hillen**
- **Marieke Oderkerk** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands) - *'Problems across borders – continuing powers of attorney from a Private International Law Perspective'*
- **Adrian Ward** (European Law Institute and Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland) - *'Advance Choices for Future Disablement'*
- **Paula Távora Vítor** (University of Coimbra, Portugal) - *'Continuing Powers of Attorney: Current Status and Future Directions – An overview of the European Landscape'*
- **Ruben de Jong** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands) - *'The assessment of decision-making capacity in the Netherlands: a case law study'*
- **Round table with practitioners**

Session H: Financial Well-Being, Capability and Abuse within the Context of Ageing, or Health Conditions, Around the World

Room 2A-33

- Chair: **Janneke Koerts**
- **Janneke Koerts** (University of Groningen, The Netherlands) - *'Financial well-being of people with psychotic disorders'*
- **Preeti Sunderaraman** (Brown University, USA) - *'Experiences of Financial Loss in Older Adults Living in the United States'*
- **Vaitsa Giannouli** (Democritus University of Thrace, Greece) - *'Assessment of financial capability in older adults: The Greek reality'*
- **Gali Weisberger** (Bar-Ilan University, Israel) - *'Linking Subjective Views of Aging to Financial Exploitation Risk: Moderators, Mediators, and Future Directions'*
- **Lisa Engel** (University of Manitoba, Canada) - *'For adults with brain injury in Canada, do we address financial capability, capacity, or both?'*

Session J: Assessment, Care and Autonomy

Room 5A-33

- Chair: **Lieke Coenraad**
- **Astrid Vellinga** (Arkin, The Netherlands) & **Erik Sikkens** (Arkin, The Netherlands) - *'Maximizing Autonomy in Dutch Psychiatry: Legal Innovations and Practical Challenges'*
- **Lieke Coenraad** (Advocate General Supreme Court of the Netherlands, The Netherlands) - *'The right to be heard in compulsory psychiatric care cases in the Netherlands'*
- **Saskia Teunisse** (In Perspectief, The Netherlands) - *'Strengthening decision-making ability and capacity; a new Dutch guideline'*
- **Renata Anahi Bregaglio Lazarte** (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru) - *'Care and autonomy: from antagonistic to complementary'*

Session K: Spanish Speaking Session

Room 5A-24

- Chair: **Josep Maria Solé Chavero**
- **Ana Paola Lorberg Romero** (Universidad Católica Boliviana "San Pablo", Bolivia) - *'Envejecimiento y derechos humanos: retos en América Latina, Bolivia y Europa'*
- **Lic Maria Cristina Michillini** (Desarrollo Social Municipalidad, Argentina) - *'Cuidados paliativos de adultos mayores con enfermedades terminales, abordaje del duelo'*
- **Montserrat Perena Vincente** (Universidad Rey Juan Carlos, Spain) - *'Autonomía y lucha contra abuso financiero: aportaciones del Derecho Civil al envejecimiento activo'*
- **Gloria Díaz Pardo** (Rey Juan Carlos University, Spain) - *'Discapacidad, envejecimiento y apoyos en Derecho español: incidencia práctica de la guarda de hecho'*
- **Núria Pi & Glòria Cerrato** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *'Apunt Service for independent living in Girona'*

15:15 - 15:30 Break

- With coffee, tea, soft drinks in the Foyer

15:30 - 17:00 Plenary session

"Managing the Risk of (Financial) Abuse and Undue Influence"

- Chair: **Masha Antokolskaia**, Professor of Family Law and the Law of Persons at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Pamela Teaster**, Director of the Centre for Gerontology and Professor at Virginia Tech, USA
- **Katrine Kjærheim Fredwall**, University of Oslo, Norway
- **Petra Knoppers**, Solicitor and Mediator at SmeetsGijbels Amsterdam, The Netherlands
- **Zvezdan Pirtošek**, Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons and professor of Neurology at the University of Ljubljana, Slovenia.

17:00 End of day 2

19:00 Social event: congress dinner

- Optional
- Location: Restaurant De Bosbaan, Bosbaan 4, 1182 AG Amstelveen



Programme day 3 - Friday 10 July 2026

09:00-09:30 Welcome

- Welcome with coffee and tea in the Foyer

09:30-11:00 Parallel sessions

Session A: New and Developing Legal Instruments

Room 2A-33

- Chair: **Kees Blankman**
- **Joon Tae Park** (Lee & Ko, South Korea) - *'Supported Decision-Making Services in Korea: Policy Tasks within the Integrated Care Framework'*
- **Meredith Smith** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government, USA) - *'From Legal Mandate to Practical Reality: Implementing Less Restrictive Alternatives to Guardianship'*
- **Małgorzata Balwicka-Szczyrba & Anna Sylwestrzak** (University of Gdańsk, Poland) - *'Inheritance and testating capacity of older persons in Polish inheritance law'*
- **Carmen Pérez Dios** (Universidade da Coruña, Spain) - *'Analysis of Spanish Regulation on people with disabilities: ineffectiveness of the contracts'*
- **Holger Marx** (Kreisverwaltung Mainz-Bingen, Germany) - *'Enduring power of attorney in Germany as a tool for strengthening adult self-determination'*

Session B: The Role of NGO's

Room 5A-24

- Chair: **Jochen Exler-König**
- **Jochen Exler-König** (Betreuungsverein Treptow-Köpenick e.V., Germany) - *'The role of NGO's in supported decision-making systems - an international exchange of experiences'*
- **Mike Schaltz** (Non-Profit Guardianship Organisation SAT asbl, Luxembourg) - *'The role of the new created NGO's in Luxembourg guardianship-law'*
- **Bob Pieters** (Mentorschap Nederland, The Netherlands) - *'Personal guardianship by volunteers in the Netherlands, possibilities and challenges'*
- **Ali Türk** (Institut für transkulturelle Betreuung, Hannover) - *'Working with migrants under court-appointed legal adult guardianship in Germany'*
- **Delia Jagersberger** (NÖ Landesverein für Erwachsenenschutz, Austria) - *'Austria's Adult Protection System: Structures, Roles, and Responsibilities'*

Session C: Care and Health

Room 5A-33

- Chair: **Volker Lipp**
- **Anita Smith** (Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal, Australia) - *'Do you need a guardian to access support services in Australia?'*
- **Charlotte Termonia De Mulder & Frederik Swennen** (University of Antwerp, Belgium) - *'Substituted decision-making in highly personal and reproductive matters'*
- **Kees Dijkman** (Kees Dijkman Communicatie en beleidsadvies, The Netherlands) - *'Medical Research in Human Subjects with Incapacities'*
- **Gavin Davidson** (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland) - *'The use of technology for surveillance in mental health services'*
- **Eunju Sim** (Gyeongnam Provincial Dementia Center, South Korea) - *'Institutional Roles in the Service Delivery System of Korea's Dementia Public Guardianship Program'*

Session D: Capacity and Safeguarding

Auditorium

- Chair: **Adrian Ward**
- **Rosie Harding** (University of Birmingham, UK) - *'Maximising financial capacity through support and safeguards'*
- **Henna Nikumaa** (University of Eastern Finland, Finland) - *'Social and Healthcare Professional Assessing Legal Capacity and People with Dementia Experiencing It'*
- **Adrian Ward** (European Law Institute and Edinburgh Napier University, Scotland) - *'Capacity -v- vulnerability, and other World Congress themes'*
- **Danielle McIlroy** (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland) - *'Three-stage model to support decision-making'*

Session E: Balancing Rights

Room 1A-33

- Chair: **Thalia Krüger**
- **Michael Hagenlock** (National Adult Protective Services Association, USA) - *'Strengthening Social Justice: APS Policy Evolution, Federal Standards, and Advocacy Strategies'*
- **Carla Fadlallah** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *'Advancing Older Persons' Rights: International Standards, Community Support & Digital Innovation'*
- **Renato Antonio Constantino Caycho** (Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru) - *'Absent safeguards: The problems of the Legal Capacity Reform in Peru'*
- **Seonmi Jang & Hyojung Kim** (Kookmin University, South Korea) - *'Supported legal personhood and human-centered decision-making in the AI Era'*

11:00-11:15Break

- With coffee and tea in the Foyer

11:15-12.45Parallel sessions

Session F: Panel Digitalization 'Digital Identification & Representation: A Comparative Approach to Legal Gaps in Protecting Older Adults'Room 1A-33

- Chair: **Katja Karjalainen** (University of Lapland, Finland)
- **Elisabeth Alofs** (Department of Private and Economic Law, Free University of Brussels, Belgium)
- **Katrine Kjærheim Fredwall** (Department of Private Law, University of Oslo, Norway)
- **Marte Eidsand Kjørven** (Department of Private Law, University of Oslo, Norway)
- **Rieneke Stelma-Roorda** (Department of Private Law, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, the Netherlands)

Session G: Ethical and Cultural AspectsRoom 5A-24

- Chair: **Simon van der Weele**
- **Carla Fadlallah & Sergi Martínez** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *‘Cross-Border Support and Protection for Persons with Disabilities*
- **Simon van der Weele** (University of Humanistic Studies, The Netherlands) - *‘Guardianship beyond decision-making? Notes towards a broadened ethical theory of guardianship’*
- **Nelis van Steenoven** (Inversie Bewind, The Netherlands) - *‘Autonomy as a Human Right or a Privilege?’*
- **Tomasz Tuczapski** (political refugee and human rights lawyer, Colombia) - *‘When Protection Triggers Arrest: Legal Capacity of HRDs under EAW and Interpol Systems’*
- **Ortrun Kliche** (Research assistant and lecturer in medical education, Germany) - *‘Supported Decision Making in Healthcare begins in Medical Education’*

Session H: Ethics, Personal Affairs and Legal AidRoom 5A-33

- Chair: **Geeske Ruitenberg**
- **Amber Jans** (Hasselt University, Belgium) - *‘It Takes Two: the legal challenges of dementia in registered partnerships in Belgium’*
- **Henna Nikumaa** (University of Eastern Finland, Finland) - *‘Collaborator or Outsider? Perspectives of family members of adults under Public Guardianship’*
- **Barbara Mikołajczyk** (University of Silesia, Poland) - *‘Legal aid for older persons - an international law perspective’*
- **Montserrat Haro & Sergi Martínez** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *‘Ethical Conflict Resolution Space (ERESS) and human right promotion through the Eticalitza’t Project’*
- **Zoë Lüddecke** (University of Cologne, Germany) - *‘The Challenges of Supported Decision-Making based on the Experiences of a Caregiving Relative’*

Session J: AbuseRoom 2A-33

- Chair: **Paula Távorá Vítor**
- **Meredith Smith** (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Government, USA) - *‘The Creation of Multidisciplinary Teams to Improve Outcomes for Adults in Need of Support’*
- **Amy Bryant** (Office of Conservatorship Management, USA) - *‘A Tailored Approach to Monitoring Guardianships Effectively’*
- **Yann-Tsyrr Tuan** (National Taiwan University, Taiwan) - *‘How Civil Court Decisions Reflect Legal Capacity and Professional Intervention in Financial Disputes’*
- **Yeonji Lee** (Inha Law School, Republic of Korea) - *‘Elder Financial Abuse in Korea: Analyzing 65 Protection Agency Cases and 40 Criminal Cases’*
- **Yue-En Chong** (Bethel Chambers LLC, Singapore) - *‘Preventing Wolves In the System - How Singapore Keeps Her Professional Deputies Honest’*

Session K: CareAuditorium

- Chair: **Tim Opgenhaffen**
- **Steph Kerr** (Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland) - *‘Restraint in Health and Social Care Settings’*
- **Tim Opgenhaffen** (KU Leuven and Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Belgium) - *‘Seclusion and restraint in long-term care: lessons learned from developing a guideline’*
- **Juliane Nowka & Volker Lipp** (University of Göttingen, Germany) - *‘Planning Ahead for Mental Health Conditions – Legal Pathways to Self-Determination in Germany*
- **Carol Cintado, Míriam Gràcia & Anna Berenguer** (Fundació Support-Girona, Spain) - *Support-Girona Life Managers: Enabling Legal Capacity in Complex Mental Health Contexts’*
- **Sarah Prentice** (Scottish Social Services Council and Curadora Consulting Limited, Scotland) - *‘Deprivation of liberty in Scotland: An Assessment of Human Rights and UNCRCPD Compliance’*

13:45-15:15

Plenary closing session

Aula

- Chair: **Kees Blankman**, Co-convenor WCAC 2026, Vrije Universiteit Amsterda
- **Wayne Martin**, University of Essex, and Director of the Essex Autonomy Project - *Wrap up: 'Concluding Observations on WCAC Amsterdam: What have we learned and where might we be heading?'*
- **Rieneke Stelma-Roorda**, Co-convenor WCAC 2026, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam - *Closing words: Adult Capacity in a Changing World*
- **Passing the globe, connecting the Congresses**
- **Josep Maria Solé Chavero**, Support Girona Catalonia - *Invitation to the next congress*

17:00 - 19:00

Social event: Canal Cruise

- Location: TBA