

Professor in 'Special Labour Relations: the seafarer' at the Erasmus University Rotterdam (the Netherlands)

Gerdien van der Voet has been working at the labour law department of the Erasmus School of Law (ESL) since 2000. In 2007 she combined this job with working as a lawyer specialized in employment law at AKD N.V. in Rotterdam. She started lecturing about all kinds of special working relationships such as the working relationship with a temporary worker, an employee of an insolvent employer, a public servant, a director and a seafarer. She also published a book about these 'special workers'. As from 2010 she specialized especially in maritime labour law. She published articles and book chapters about this topic and also organized several seminars and a national congress about topics in the field of maritime labour law.

As from July 2017 Gerdien became an endowed professor holding the endowed chair 'Special Labour Relations: the seafarer' at the Erasmus School of Law. In this capacity she is working on an international research with regard to the scope of the Maritime Labour Convention 2006. More specifically she is performing research into the implementation of the definitions 'seafarer', 'ship' and 'ship-owner.'

She is also the co-supervisor of Emilie Boot, a PhD-student that is writing her thesis about the justification of the applicability of special rules to the working relationship of a seafarer in comparison with the working relationship of an ordinary employee.