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legal mobilization platform



The Wits School of Law and the International Institute for Social Studies (ISS), Erasmus University Rotterdam invites you to

# AN INFORMATION SESSION ON THE RESEARCH PROGRAM, POSTGRADUATE OFFERINGS AND EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE. Please join us on:

DATE: Thursday 09 February 2023 | TIME: 11h00

VENUE: Chalsty Auditorium, Chalsty Teaching and Conference Centre, Braamfontein Campus West

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### **DELEGATION FROM ISS**

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### THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIAL STUDIES

The International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) is an international graduate school of policy-oriented critical social science. It brings together students and teachers from the Global South and the North in a European environment. Established in 1952 as the International Institute of Social Studies by Dutch universities and the Netherlands Ministry of Education it does research, teaching and public service in the field of development studies and international cooperation. ISS located in The Hague: 'The World's Legal Capital'. Since 2009 ISS is part of Erasmus University Rotterdam.

## LEGAL MOBILIZATION PLATFORM

They will also introduce the Legal Mobilization Platform, a newly established platform which aims to support academic research and practice-based reflections regarding the legal obligations of states and private actors to tackle societal challenges.

## FOCUS

- Tackling the environmental crises while ensuring a just transition to sustainable societies
- Achieving the universal realization of human rights, which includes access to safe and affordable housing, nutrition, water security and healthcare, and reproductive health
- Addressing systemic racism, including the racial legacies of slavery and colonialism

These societal challenges mainly involve legal obligations of states, but also of private actors. Understanding the potential for mobilizing these obligations is the core aim of the Legal Mobilization Platform (LMP).

Light refreshments will be served.