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**CAPSULE BIOGRAPHY**

Maartje DE VISSER is a Professor of Law at the Yong Pung How School of Law (YPHSL) and College of Integrative Studies (CIS), Singapore Management University. She is also the Associate Dean for Research at YPHSL and the joint programme coordinator for the Individualised (Second) Major degree at CIS. Maartje holds an LLB from Maastricht University (cum laude), completed the MJur at Oxford (with distinction) and took her PhD at Tilburg University (cum laude). Her research is centered around two broad themes: constitutional engagement by courts and non-judicial actors; and transnational judicial dialogues and networking. She also has an abiding interest in comparative pedagogy and methodology. Maartje has published widely on these topics, with her work appearing in leading peer-reviewed journals including the International Journal of Constitutional Law, Global Constitutionalism, the American Journal of Comparative Law, and the Asian Journal of Law and Society. She has co-edited several books and contributed chapters to more than 30 edited volumes. Maartje is the recipient of six Lee Kong Chian Fellowships for research excellence, and a member of the editorial board of the Hart Studies in Constitutional Theory Series, the Hart Constitutional Systems of the World Series, Comparative Constitutional Studies, Constitutional Studies as well as the European Yearbook of Constitutional Law. She is the founding co-chair of the Singapore Chapter of ICON-S.

**CURRENT PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- Full Professor, joint appointment to the Yong Pung How School of Law and College of Integrative Studies, Singapore Management University (Jan 2024 – present)
- Associate Dean for Research, Yong Pung How School of Law (July 2025 – present)
- Member, Core Curriculum Committee, Singapore Management University (July 2018 – present)
- Co-Chair, Individual Major Committee, Singapore Management University (July 2022 – present)

**PREVIOUS PROFESSIONAL APPOINTMENTS**

- University Coordinator for Ethics and Social Responsibility, Singapore Management University (July 2019 – June 2025)
- Associate Professor, joint appointment to the Yong Pung How School of Law and College of Integrative Studies, Singapore Management University (Jan 2016 – Dec 2023)
- Associate Dean (Postgraduate Teaching and Curriculum), YPHSL (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020)
- Juris Doctor Programme Director, YPHSL (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020)
- Director, SMU Law Academy, YPHSL (1 July 2017 – 30 June 2020)

- Member, Blue Ribbon Committee for Postgraduate Research and Teaching, SMU (15 April 2019 – 31 January 2020)
- Member, Legal Education Cluster, Singapore Academy of Law (5 June 2018 – 31 May 2020)
- Member, Faculty Senate and EXCO, SMU (1 April 2016 – 30 June 2017)

## HONOURS AND AWARDS

- University Excellent Teacher Award (SMU, 2021)
- Most Outstanding Teaching Award (YPHSL, SMU, 2021, 2025)
- Lee Kong Chian Fellow (2025-2026, 2022-23; 2020-21; 2019-20; 2017-18; 2016-17), SMU, Singapore
- Dean's Teaching Excellence Award (2024, 2023, 2022, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015), SMU, Singapore
- Most Promising Teacher Award (2014), SMU, Singapore
- University Dissertation Prize, runner up (2009), Tilburg University, the Netherlands
- Best LL.B Teacher (2004), Tilburg University, the Netherlands
- Clifford Chance Proxime Accessit Prize for Outstanding MJur Achievement (2004), Oxford University, United Kingdom
- Winter Williams Prize for the Best Paper in European Business Regulation (2004), Oxford University, United Kingdom
- Nuffic Talent Scholarship (*Talentenbeurs*) for Graduate Study Abroad (2003), Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

## PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS

### Authored

1. *Constitutional Review in Europe – A Comparative Analysis* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2014) 484 pages
  - Funded as part of the European and National Constitutional Law Project by the European Research Council under grant 207279
  - Reviewed in
    - (2014) 51 *Common Market Law Review* 1852-1854
    - (2014) 20 *European Public Law* 799-802
    - (2014) 73 *Cambridge Law Journal* 197-199
    - *European Law Blog*, 7 January 2014 (<http://europeanlawblog.eu/?p=2154>)
    - *EUtopia Law Blog*, 7 February 2014 (<http://eutopialaw.com/2014/02/07/book-review-constitutional-review-in-europe-a-comparative-analysis-maartje-de-visser/>)
    - *International Journal of Constitutional Law Blog*, 24 May 2014 (<http://www.iconnectblog.com/2014/05/book-reviewresponse-maartje-de-visser-and-laurent-pech-on-comparative-constitutional-review-in-europe/>)
    - (2015) April-June issue *Revue trimestrielle de droit européen* 13-14
    - (2015) 11 *European Constitutional Law Review* 617-9
2. *Network-based Governance in EC Law – The example of EC competition and EC communications law* (Oxford: Hart Publishing 2009), 440 pages

- Funded by the Netherlands Organisation for Scientific Research, operating under the auspices of the Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science
- Supervisor: Professor Pierre Larouche. Reading Committee: Professors Monica Claes, Stephen Weatherill, Eric van Damme, Linda Senden, Sacha Prechal
- Reviewed in
  - (2011) 36 *European Law Review* 157-160
  - (2010) 47 *Common Market Law Review* 1872-1875

## Edited

1. *Small State Constitutionalism* (Hart, 2026) (co-editor)
2. *The Language of Comparative Constitutional Law – Questioning Hegemonies* (Hart, 2025) (co-editor)
3. *Constitutional Law in the Digital Era* (European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2023, Springer 2024) (co-editor)
4. *A Constitutional Identity for the EU?* (European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2022, Springer 2023) (co-editor)
5. *Constitutional Advice* (European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2021 (Springer, 2022) (co-editor)
6. *The City in Constitutional Law* (European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2020 (Springer, 2021) (co-editor)
7. *Legal Education in Asia* (Brill Publishing, 2017) (co-editor)
8. *The Treaty on European Union 1993-2013 – Reflections from Maastricht* (Intersentia, 2013) (co-editor)
9. *Constitutional Conversations in Europe* (Intersentia, 2012) (co-editor)
10. *The Jurisprudence from Aharon Barak: Views from Europe* (Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011) (co-editor)

## PUBLICATIONS: GUEST EDITOR (SPECIAL ISSUES)

1. Judicial Constitutional Engagement with International Law in Asia, in the *Asian Journal of International Law* (2025) (co-editor)
2. Constitutional Literacy and Constitutional Idolatry, in *Constitutional Studies* (2024) (co-editor)
3. Pluralizing Constitutional Interpretation, in the *International Journal of Constitutional Law* (2022) (co-editor)
4. Monarchy and Society in Asia, in the *Asian Journal of Law and Society* (2022) (co-editor)
5. Contemporary Constitution-Making in Asia-Pacific, in the *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law* (2019) (co-editor)
6. Constitutionalism and Development, in the *Law and Development Review* (2019) (sole editor)

## PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES

1. “International advice, mature democracies and the Venice Commission” (2025) *Comparative Constitutional Studies* 1-26
2. “Law, politics and the academy in Asia: Navigating constraints as public law scholars” (2025) 12 *Asian Journal of Law and Society* (with Qian Liu and Victor V Ramraj) 1-23
3. “The Constitution as Symbol or Operating Manual: A Rejoinder on Constitutional Literacy” (2024) 10 *Constitutional Studies* 143-158 (with Brian Christopher Jones)

4. "Unpacking constitutional literacy" (2024) 13 *Global Constitutionalism* 29-52 (with Brian Christopher Jones)
5. "What would a pluralist institutional approach to constitutional interpretation look like? Some methodological implications" (2022) 20 *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 1884-1913 (with Jaclyn Neo)
  - o Awarded the best paper prize by the International Journal of Constitutional Law (2023)
6. "Monarchical constitutional guardianship and legal métissage in Asia" (2022) 9 *Asian Journal of Law and Society* 1-18 (with Andrew Harding)
7. "Promoting constitutional literacy: what role for courts?" (2022) 23 *German Law Journal* 1121-1138
8. "Variables shaping participatory constitution-making: insights from the small state experience" (2022) 20(3) *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 1216-1256 (with Elisabeth Perham)
9. "The future is urban: the progressive renaissance of the city in EU law" (2020) 7(2) *Journal of International and Comparative Law* 389-408
10. "Glocalized constitution-making in the twenty-first century: evidence from Asia" (2019) 9 *Global Constitutionalism* 297-331 (with Bui Ngoc Son)
11. "Constitutional judges as agents for development" (2019) 12 *Law and Development Review* 691-722
12. "Mainstreaming Foreign Law in the Asian Law School Curriculum" (2019) 14 *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* S149-S172 (with Andrew Harding)
13. "Cultivating Judicial Conversations on Human Rights Protection under the Auspices of a Regional Rights Regime" (2017) 1 *Asian Yearbook of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law* 192-221
14. "We All Stand Together – The Role of the Association of Asian Constitutional Courts and Equivalent Institutions in Promoting Constitutionalism" (2016) 3 *Asian Journal of Law and Society* 105-134
15. "A Critical Assessment of the Role of the Venice Commission in Processes of Domestic Constitutional Reform" (2015) 63 *American Journal of Comparative Law* 701-46
16. "Juggling Centralized Constitutional Review and EU Primacy in the Domestic Enforcement of the Charter" (2015) 52 *Common Market Law Review* 1309-38
17. "National Constitutional Courts, the Court of Justice and the Protection of Fundamental Rights in a Post-Charter Landscape" (2014) 15(1) *Human Rights Review* 39-51
18. "Dealing with Divergencies in Fundamental Rights Standards" (2013) 20 *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* 576-588
19. "Case C-399/11 *Stefano Melloni v Ministerio Fiscal*" (2013) 14 *European Human Rights Cases* 1239-1252
  - o Reprinted as "Grenzen aan de toepassing van nationale grondrechten in geval van samenloop met het EU Handvest" (2016) *Jurisprudentie Handvest Grondrechten*
20. "Are You Networked Yet? On Dialogues within European Judicial Networks" (2012) 3 *Utrecht Law Review* pp. 100-114 (with Monica Claes)
  - o Funded by a grant of the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law as part of its project "Highest Courts in an International World"
  - o Translated into Romanian and reprinted as "Conectare la retea. Cu privire la dialogurile din retelele judiciare europene" [2012] *Revista Romana de Drept European* pp. 32-52
21. "Judicial Accountability and New Governance" (2010) 37(1) *Legal Issues of Economic Integration* 41-60

22. "The Triangular Relationship between the Commission, NRAs and National Courts Revisited" (2006) 64 *Communications & Strategies* 125-145 (with Pierre Larouche)
23. "Independent Administrative Authorities and the Standard of Judicial Review" (2006) 2 *Utrecht Law Review* 111-135 (with Saskia Lavrijssen)
24. "The Concept of Concurrent Liability and Its Relationship with the Principle of Effectiveness" (2004) 11 *Maastricht Journal of European and Comparative Law* 47-70

**PUBLICATIONS: SHORTER ARTICLES**

1. "Introduction: Judicial Constitutional Engagement with International Law in Asia" (2025) *Asian Journal of International Law* 1-7 (with Bui Ngoc Son)
2. "Judicial engagement with international law in Cambodia, Japan and South Korea" (2025) *World Comparative Law* 3-10 (with Bui Ngoc Son)
3. "Promoting constitutional democracy through judicial transnational engagement" (2024) *World Comparative Law* 149-153
4. "Pluralizing constitutional interpretation: An introduction" (2022) 20 *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 1874-1883 (with Jaclyn Neo)
5. "Prevention is better than cure: Rethinking court behaviour and design" (2020) 29 *William & Mary Journal on Bill of Rights* 1-9
6. "Contemporary constitution-making in the Asia Pacific" (2019) 7 *Chinese Journal of Comparative Law* 241-250 (with Bui Ngoc Son)
7. "The constitutionalization of development" (2019) 12 *Law and Development Review* 637-646

**PUBLICATIONS: JOURNAL ARTICLES (NOT IN ENGLISH)**

1. "De 'Raciale harmonie-wet' in Singapore" [2025] *RegelMaat* ("The racial harmony law in Singapore")
2. "De invulling van het Europese rechtsstaatsbegrip: reconstructie van een voortdurende queeste" [2019] *Tijdschrift voor Constitutioneel Recht* 276-305 ("The meaning of the European Rule of Law: reconstruction of an ongoing quest")
3. "Veranderingen in de dialoog tussen Nederlandse rechters en het Hof van Justitie?" (2012) 3 *Tijdschrift voor Constitutioneel Recht* pp. 249-280 ("Changes in the dialogue between Dutch judges and the Court of Justice?")

**PUBLICATIONS: BOOK CHAPTERS**

1. 'Language Matters' in *The Language of Comparative Constitutional Law – Questioning Hegemonies* (Hart, 2025) (with E Arban and Ji Yun) 1-17
2. 'External Engagement Strategies of Europe's Highest Courts' in S Turenne (ed), *Research Handbook on Judging and the Judiciary* (Edward Elgar, 2025) 209-229
3. 'Constitutional Comparisons and Language' in V Jackson and M Khosla (eds), *Redefining Comparative Constitutional Law* (Oxford University Press, 2025) 87-102
4. 'The Use of Foreign Constitutional Precedents in Singapore: The Paramountcy of Local Context' in T Groppi, M-C Ponthoreau and I Spigno (eds), *Judicial Bricolage: The Use of Foreign Precedents by Constitutional Judges in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (Hart, 2025)
5. 'Disseminating Ideas and Influence Through Transnational Peer-Education' in B Dressel, R Sanchez-Urribarri and A Stroh (eds), *Informality and Courts – Comparative Perspectives* (Edinburgh University Press, 2024) 269-284
6. 'Constitutions and the Rule of Law in Asia' in the *Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Politics* (with Victor V Ramraj and Arun Thiruvengadam) available at:

<https://oxfordre.com/politics/display/10.1093/acrefore/9780190228637.001.0001/acrefore-9780190228637-e-2122>.

7. 'Regional Judicial Cooperation and Dialogue' in D Law, A Schwarz and H Lau (eds), *Oxford Handbook of Constitutional Law in Asia* (Oxford University Press, 2024)
8. 'Constitutionalizing Cities: Realizing Government Agendas or Sites for Denizen Engagement?', in R Albert, N Des Rosiers & S Foster (eds), *Constitutional Space for Cities* (McGill-Queen's University Press, 2024) 118-138
9. 'Singapore' in J Smits, J Husa, C Valcke and M Narciso (eds), *Elgar Encyclopedia of Comparative Law* (Edward Elgar, 2023) 393-400
10. 'Non-Judicial Constitutional Interpretation: The Netherlands' in D Law (ed), *Constitutionalism in Context* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2022) 216-235
11. 'The Korean Constitutional Court and the Promotion of Constitutional Literacy', in KCC Constitutional Research Institute (ed), *The Constitutional Court of Korea as a Protector of Constitutionalism: Global Perspectives* (2021) 37-55
12. 'Constitutional Courts and their Legitimacy' in A von Bogdandy, P Hüber and Ch Grabenwarter (eds), *Handbuch Ius Publicum Europaeum Band VII* (CF Müller, 2021)
13. 'Covid-19 in Singapore: Technocracy and Transition' (with Paulin Straughn) in V. Ramraj (ed.), *Covid-19 in Asia: Law and Policy Contexts* (Oxford University Press, 2020)
14. 'Procedural Rules and the Cultivation of Well-Informed and Responsive Constitutional Judiciaries' in V. Barsotti, P. Carozza, M. Cartabia and A. Simoncini (eds.), *Dialogues on Italian Constitutional Justice – A Comparative Perspective* (Routledge, 2020)
15. 'Of Constitutional Commissions and Expert-led Interpretation During Processes of Constitutional Change' in J Neo and S Jhaveri (eds). *Constitutional Change in Singapore: Reforming the Elected Presidency* (Routledge 2020) 209-236
16. 'Towards More Intra-Asia Judicial Cooperation in the Constitutional Sphere' in A Chen and A Harding (eds), *Constitutional Courts in Asia: A Comparative Perspective* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2018) 87-109
17. 'Teaching Comparative Law in Singapore: Global and Local Challenges' in A Harding, JX Hu and M de Visser (eds), *Legal Education in Asia* (Brill Publishing, 2017) 102-124 (with Andrew Harding)
18. 'Networking and Dialogue in the European Judicial Arena' in C Harlow, P Leino and G delle Cananea (eds), *Research Handbook on EU Administrative Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2017) 446-467
19. "Uniform Fundamental Rights – A Threat to European Unity?" in B De Witte, A Ott and E Vos (eds), *Between Flexibility and Disintegration* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2017) 179-205 (with A-P van der Mei)
20. "Dutch Judges as European Judges" in B de Witte et al (eds), *National Courts and EU Law: New Issues, Theories and Methods* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2016) pp. 105-126 (with Monica Claes and Marc de Werd)
21. "Het recht van de Europese Unie" in *Het Nederlandse recht – Een Maastrichtse inleiding* (Maastricht: Uitgeverij, 2014) pp. 247-274
22. "Taking Care of Business? Ensuring Respect for Fundamental Rights in Europe" in M De Visser and AP van der Mei (eds), *The Treaty on European Union 1993-2013 – Reflections from Maastricht* (Cambridge: Intersentia, 2013) pp. 201-222
23. "A Cautionary Tale – Some Insights regarding Judicial Activism from the National Experience" in M Dawson, B De Witte and E Muir (eds), *Judicial Activism at the Court of Justice – Causes, Responses and Solutions* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2013), pp. 188-210
24. "Courts United? On European Judicial Networks" in B De Witte and A Vauchez (eds), *The European Legal Field* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2013), pp. 75-100 (with Monica Claes)

25. "Juridisch Kader" in S Peters and R Beltzer (eds), *Inleiding Europees Arbeidsrecht* (Deventer: Kluwer Uitgevers, 2013) (with A-P van der Mei)
26. "Changing the Judicial Conversation in the Netherlands? Two Recent Legislative Proposals Evaluated from a European and a Comparative Perspective" in M Claes, M De Visser, P Popelier and C van de Heyning (eds), *Constitutional Conversations in Europe* (Cambridge: Intersentia, 2012), pp. 343-368
27. "Introduction: On Constitutional Conversations" in M Claes, M De Visser, P Popelier and C Van de Heyning (eds), *Constitutional Conversations in Europe* (Cambridge: Intersentia, 2012), pp. 1-10 (with Monica Claes, Patricia Popelier and Catherine van de Heyning)
28. "Reflections on the Comparative Method in European Constitutional Law" in M Adams and J Bomhoff (eds), *The Study of Comparative Law* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012), pp. 143-169 (with Monica Claes)
29. "Van Duyn: De mislukte reis van een secretaresse van de 'Church of Scientology" in G Essers, AP Van der Mei and F Van Overmeiren (eds), *Vrij Verkeer van Personen in 60 Arresten – De Zegeningen van het Europees Burgerschap* (Deventer, Kluwer, 2012), pp. 25-31
30. "The European Court of Justice as a Federal Constitutional Court: A Comparative Perspective" in E Cloots, G De Baere and S Sottiaux (eds), *Federalism in the EU* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2012), pp. 83-109 (with Monica Claes)
31. "Constitutional Dialogues between Courts and Legislatures" in W Witteveen and M De Visser (eds), *The Jurisprudence of Aharon Barak: Views from Europe* (Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011), pp. 51-66
32. "Barak and Montesquieu" in M De Visser and W Witteveen (eds), *The Jurisprudence of Aharon Barak: Views from Europe* (Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011), pp. 9-14 (with Willem Witteveen)
33. "Epilogue – or: from Monologue to Dialogue" in M De Visser and W Witteveen (eds), *The Jurisprudence of Aharon Barak: Views from Europe* (Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers 2011), pp. 209-215 (with Willem Witteveen)
34. "Trends and Challenges in the Public Enforcement of EU Law" in E Buttigieg (ed), *Enforcing One's Rights under EU Law* (Malta: Gutenberg Press 2011), pp. 133-145
35. "Wetgeving, uitvoering en controle: ontstaan van machtscheiding" in W Eijsbouts, J Jans, L Senden and A Prechal (eds), *Europees Recht: Algemeen Deel* (Groningen: Europa Law Publishing 2010), pp. 335-362
36. "Surveying Regulatory Regimes for EC Communications Law" in P Curwen, J Haucap and B Preissl (eds), *Telecommunications Markets: Drivers and Impediments* (Heidelberg: Physica-Verlag 2009), pp. 481-501
37. "Ceci n'est pas une constitution: Report for the Netherlands" in H Koeck and M Karollus (eds), *Preparing the European Union for the Future? Necessary revisions of primary law after the non-ratification of the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe* (FIDE XXIII Congress, Vienna: Nomos 2008), pp. 243-280 (with Monica Claes, Gert-Jan Leenknegt and Linda Senden)
38. "The European Energy Regulators Group: A Panacea for Good Governance" in M Roggenkamp and U Hammer (eds), *European Energy Law Report II* (Antwerp: Intersentia 2005), pp. 99-115 (with Saskia Lavrijssen)

## COURSES TAUGHT

- Comparative Legal Systems (LL.B. core course)
- Exploring Interdisciplinary Horizons (CIS core course)
- Constitutions, Cultures, and Context (elective)

- Fashioning a Nation (elective)