

Special Issue

Rights of Vulnerable People

Message from the Guest Editor

The UN convention on the rights of persons with disabilities was signed in 2007. The aim of this convention is to protect the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities. Almost 15 years later, it is interesting to see what has happened in the different countries that ratified the convention. Are the rights of vulnerable persons better protected? What happened during the COVID-19 crisis to vulnerable persons? Are new Acts convention-proof? Vulnerable people are becoming older, living at home longer, and their children are busy. How does this affect the legal position of vulnerable people? In many countries it is normal that family members help in a nursing home or care for their elderly parents. In the UK, as well as Germany and China, for example, special arrangements exist and sometimes a family member has to help in a care home. In The Netherlands, the question of whether a duty of care for family members can be introduced is being discussed. The aim of this Special Issue is to compare the different worldwide legal systems for vulnerable persons, and to investigate, 15 years after the signing of the convention, are good practices widespread?

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