



International Conference
*Dealing with tensions, crisis and war in
accordance with international law and
humanitarian principles*

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the TMC Asser Institute (the Netherlands)

Programme¹

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Tuesday, 26 October 2021

Arrival of the participants

14:00 – 16:00 Registration of participants (Portalis building)

18:00 – 20:00 Icebreaker (Main hall)

Wednesday, 27 October 2021

08:00 – 08:45 Registration of participants (Portalis building)

09:00 – 09:20 **Opening Ceremony**

Opening speeches by:

- Professor Dr. Jean-Philippe AGRESTI, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Political Science, University of Aix-Marseille
- Professor Dr. Ludovic HENNEBEL, Director, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
- Professor Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL von HEINEGG, Chair of Public International Law, European Law and Foreign Constitutional Law, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) & President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

09:20 – 09:50

Keynote speech

How does international law protect the right to life during tensions, crisis and war? (Working title) by

Dr. Gloria GAGGIOLI, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (TBC)

09:50 – 10:45 Group photo (Rose garden) & Coffee/tea

10:45 – 12:45

General Discussion

Fighting Non-State Actors

- *Military interventions in non-international armed conflicts on invitation of the government*
- *The extra-territorial use of combat drones against non-State actors*
- *Measures in counter-terrorism: What are the limits under international law?*

Chair:

Professor Dr. Ludovic HENNEBEL, Director, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School

Presenters:

Prof. Dr. Chiara REDAELLI, Research Fellow, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law & Visiting Professor, Université catholique de Lille

Lieutenant-Colonel (US Marine Corps) John R. CHERRY, Associate Director and Military Professor, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College

Dr. Rebecca MIGNOT-MAHDAVI, Lecturer in International Law and LLM Programme Director, University of Manchester

Dr. Rumyana van ARK (née GROZDANOVA), Researcher in Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and International Law, TMC Asser Institute (TBC)

¹ Sessions or parts of sessions will be conducted online to the extent caused by the COVID-19 situation and social events and visits may be cancelled if required by the COVID-19 situation.

- 12:45 – 13:45 Standing lunch (Main hall)
- 13:45 – 15:30 **General Discussion**
Follow-up Discussion on International Law Limits to Military Presence or Activities in Outer Space
- Chair:
Mrs. Chehineze BOUAFIA, IDEST Paris (TBC)
- Panelists:
Representative of the European Centre for Space Law (TBC)
Professor Dr. Hitoshi NASU, Exeter Law School (TBC)
Squadron Leader Kieran TINKLER, Royal Air Force, Associate Director for the Law of Coalition Air and Space Warfare, Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College (TBC)
- 16:15 – 22:30 **Excursion, Networking & Conference Dinner (informal)**

Thursday, 28 October 2021

- 08:45 – 10:30 **General Discussion**
Dealing with Non-State Actors – a Colombian case study
- *Legitimation by non-State actors*
- *Challenges in transitional justice*
- Chair:
Professor Dr. Javier RINCON, Pontificia Universidad Javeriana
- Presenters:
Dr. Alex PHELAN, Lecturer and Deputy Director, Peace and Security Centre, Monash University
Dr. Natalia SILVA, Lecturer and Researcher, Universidad Externado de Colombia
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea
- 11.00 – 12.30 **General Discussion**
Hybrid Threats to Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea
- Chair:
Mr. Wayne RAABE, Director, Interagency Partnering, US European Command (EUCOM)
- Presenters:
Dr. Sanjeet RUHAL, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, International Maritime Law Institute
Professor Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL von HEINEGG, Chair of Public International Law, European Law and Foreign Constitutional Law, Europa-Universität Viadrina, Frankfurt (Oder) & President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- 12:30 – 13:30 Standing lunch (Main hall)

- 13:30 – 14:05 **Special Presentation in French (followed by a summary in English)**
The French version of the 'Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations'
- Chair:
Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Assistant Secretary-General, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- Presenter:
Mrs. Laurence DE GRAEVE, Legal Advisor, International Law Section, Legal Advisory Division, Belgian Ministry of Defence
- 14:05 – 15:30 **General Discussion**
New Technologies & International Humanitarian Law
- Chair:
Dr. Rossitza BARAKOVA, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
- Presenters:
Mr. Michael MEIER, Special Assistant for Law of War Matters, National Security Law Division, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Department of the Army, United States Speaker
Mr. Robert GHOSN, External Lecturer, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
Mr. Tobias VESTNER, Head of the Security and Law Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea
- 16:00 – 17:00 **Special Presentation**
The updated ICRC Commentary to the Geneva Convention relative to the Treatment of Prisoners of War
- Presenter:
Ms. Yvette ISSAR, Legal Advisor, Commentaries Update Unit, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross
- Free evening*

Friday, 29 October 2021

- 08:45 – 10:30 **General Discussion**
The Status of the Military Uniform under International and National Law, and the Associated Obligation/Right to Wear the Uniform, Including in Special Circumstances
- Chair:
Brigadier-General Darren STEWART, OBE, Vice-President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (TBC)
- Presenters:
Ms. Yvette ISSAR, Legal Advisor, Commentaries Update Unit, Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross
Professor Dr. Aurel SARI, Director, Exeter Centre for International Law, Exeter Law School
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea

- 11.00 – 12.15 **General Discussion**
Fact-finding and International Crimes
- Chair:
Dr. Lena CASIEZ, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
- Presenter:
Dr. Agnieszka JACHEC NEALE, Lecturer, Exeter Law School
- 12:15 – 13:30 Standing lunch (Main hall)
- 13:30 – 15:30 **General Discussion**
Civilians Trapped in Hostilities – What Does the Law Say?
- Chair:
TBD
- Presenters:
Professor Dr. Betsy JOSE, University of Colorado Denver
Mrs. Aurore ANDRAULT, PhD Candidate, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
Dr. Rossitza BARAKOVA, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
- 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/tea
- 16:00 – 17:00 **General Discussion**
Reparations for Victims of International Crimes
- Chair: Mrs. Antoaneta BOEVA, Director of the Documentation Centre, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (TBC)
- Presenter:
Dr. Niki SIAMPAKOU, Institute for International Humanitarian Studies, Aix-en-Provence Law School
- 17:00 – 17:20 **Special Presentation**
Legal Advisors Worktop Functional Area System (LAWFAS)
- Presenter: Mr (CTR) José Maria DA SILVA MIGUEL, Office of the Legal Advisor of Allied Command Operations (ACO) / Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe (SHAPE)
- 17:20 – 17:30 **Closing Ceremony**
- Chair:
Mr. Ludwig VAN DER VEKEN, Secretary-General, Belgian Ministry of Defence & Secretary-General, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Saturday, 30 October 2021

Optional group trip (Specific registration required)