



THE 'SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?' CONFERENCE

By the *Belgian Group* of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

In collaboration with the
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& the
University of Melbourne

DRAFT PROGRAMME (Ref. 40)

**Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
20-22 September 2017**

Wednesday 20 September 2017

11:00 – 13:45 Check-in at the Grand Hotel Casselbergh

12:00 – 13:45 Registration & sandwich lunch

14:00 – 14:30 *Opening of the conference*

Opening speech by Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, President Emeritus of the
European Council, Minister of State & President of the European Policy Centre

Introduced by Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian
Group & Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law
and the Law of War

Initiative for a new multilateral treaty for mutual legal assistance and extradition for domestic prosecution of crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes

- 14:30– 16:00 Chair: Mr. Gérard Dive, Head of the International Humanitarian Law Section of the Belgian Federal Public Service Justice
- Mr. Philippe Meire, Deputy Federal Public Prosecutor, Belgium
- Mr. Arie Ijzerman, Deputy Director-General for the Administration of Justice and Law Enforcement, Ministry of Security and Justice, the Netherlands
- 16:00 – 16:30 Group photo & Coffee/Tea
- The legal challenges in hybrid warfare*
- 16:30 – 18:20 Chair: Mr. Andrés Muñoz Mosquera, Director Legal Advisor, NATO Allied Command Operations
- Dr. Bill Boothby, Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- Dr. Aurel Sari, University of Exeter, UK
- 18:45 – 20:15 Reception at the ‘Beerwall’ & speech by Brigadier General (ret.) Jan Peter Spijk, President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- Free evening Participants are advised to make their table reservations if they wish to take dinner at a restaurant in Bruges. The General Secretariat is at the disposal to inform participants of recommended local restaurants.

Thursday 21 September 2017

Parliamentary oversight and democratic control over armed forces, in particular with regard to military deployments abroad and in domestic situations, including in situations of state of emergency

- 09:00 – 10:30 Chair: Mrs. Dominique Vanhaelemeesch, Advisor and Head of the National Law Section, DG Legal Support & Mediation, Belgian MOD
- Mrs. Nele Verlinden, Researcher & PhD Candidate – FWO Fellow, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies
- Dr. Hans Born, Assistant Director and head of Policy and Research Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

Legal considerations pertaining to the use of armed forces
in domestic situations in support of counter-terrorism efforts

11:00 – 12:30 Chair: Brigadier General (ret.) Jan Peter Spijk, President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Magistrate-Colonel Aurore Chauvelot, Head of the Division of Military Law, Legal Department, French MOD

Mr. Christian Gossiaux, Director-General, DG Legal Support & Mediation, Belgian MOD

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch buffet

Targeting in complex situations

14:00 - 15:45 Chair: Prof. Michael N. Schmitt, Charles H. Stockton Professor, and Chairman of the Stockton Center at the US Naval War College & University of Exeter, UK

Dr. Agnieszka Jachec-Neale, University of Exeter, UK

Mr. Kubo Macák, University of Exeter, UK

Lieutenant Marie Van Hoofstat, Legal Advisor to the Belgian Air Component

15:45 – 16:15 Coffee/Tea

The UN Charter and the legal bases to resort to the use of force
in light of contemporary security challenges

16:15 – 18:00 Chair: Magistrate-Colonel Aurore Chauvelot, Head of the Division of Military Law, Legal Department, French MOD

Prof. Tom Ruys, University of Ghent, Belgium

Prof. Michael N. Schmitt, Charles H. Stockton Professor, and Chairman of the Stockton Center at the US Naval War College & University of Exeter, UK

Prof. Terry Gill, Netherlands Defence Academy & University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands

The ICRC's updated commentaries on the First and Second Geneva Conventions of 1949

18:00 – 18:30 Chair: Dr. Baldwin De Vidts, Formerly Legal Advisor and Director of the Office of Legal Affairs at NATO, Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo, Italy

Mr. Stéphane Kolanowski, Senior Legal Adviser, Delegation to the EU and NATO, ICRC & Visiting professor at the College of Europe

Brief presentation of the Belgian Group of the Society

18:30 – 18:45 Major Dominique Crèvecoeur, Centre d'Etude de Droit Militaire et de Droit de la Guerre

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Friday 22 September 2017

The human rights of military personnel

9:00 – 10:30 Chair: Mr. Emmanuel Jacob, President of EUROMIL
Mr. William McDermott, Project Officer, Policy and Research Division, Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)
Dr. Rain Liivoja, Senior Lecturer & Branco Weiss Fellow, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, Australia

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

The Leuven Manual on International Law Applicable to Peace Operation

11:00 – 12:40 Chair: Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
Prof. Terry D. Gill, Netherlands Defence Academy & University of Amsterdam, the Netherlands
Mr. Jens Andersen, Formerly UN Observer to the Group of Experts set up to draft the Leuven Manual'
Mrs. Antoaneta Boeva, NATO Office of Legal Affairs
Dr. Frederik Naert, Legal Service, Council of the EU

12:40 – 12:50 *Closing remarks*

Mr. Ludwig Van Der Veken, President of the Belgian Group & Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War