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
University of Exeter
& 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 Crèvecœur, 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