



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

Aix-en-Provence, 26-30 October 2021

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the TMC Asser Institute (the Netherlands)

# Programme<sup>1</sup>

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**Venue: Faculté de droit et de science politique**  
**3 Avenue Robert Schuman, 13628 Aix-en-Provence CEDEX 1**

## **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 (in French)
- 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 – 10:10 **General Discussion**  
*Fighting Non-State Actors*  
- *Military interventions in non-international armed conflicts on invitation of the government*

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

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

10:10 – 11:00 Group photo (Rose garden) & Coffee/tea

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

11:00 – 13:00

**General Discussion**

*Fighting Non-State Actors*

- *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:

Lieutenant-Colonel (US Marine Corps) John R. CHERRY, Institutional Capacity Building (ICB) Attorney, Defense Institute of International Legal Studies (DIILS) (videoconference)

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

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

13:00 – 14:00

Standing lunch (Main hall)

14:00 – 15:00

**Special Lecture**

*International Law Limits to Military Presence or Activities in Outer Space*

Speaker:

Mrs. Chehineze BOUAFIA, IDEST Paris

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 (videoconference)

Dr. Natalia SILVA, Lecturer and Researcher, Universidad Externado de Colombia (videoconference)

10:30 – 11:00

Coffee/tea

11:00 – 12:30

**General Discussion**

*Hybrid Threats to Maritime Security and the Law of the Sea*

Presenters:

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

Dr. Sanjeet RUHAL, The Nippon Foundation Lecturer in International Maritime Security Law, International Maritime Law Institute (videoconference)

12:30 – 13:40

Standing lunch (Main hall)

- 14:00 – 14:20 **Special Presentation in French (with slides in English, and followed by a summary in English)**  
*The French version of the 'Leuven Manual on the International Law Applicable to Peace Operations'*
- Speaker:  
Mr. Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Senior Legal Advisor, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence & Assistant Secretary-General, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- 14:20 – 15:45 **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  
Mr. Tobias VESTNER, Head of the Security and Law Programme, Geneva Centre for Security Policy
- 15:45 – 16:15 Coffee/tea
- 16:15 – 17:15 **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**

- 09:00 – 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
- 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 (videoconference)
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/tea

11.00 – 12.15

**General Discussion**

*Fact-finding and International Crimes*

Chair: Mrs. Antoaneta BOEVA, Director of the Documentation Centre, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Presenter:

Dr. Agnieszka JACHEC-NEALE, Senior Lecturer, University of Exeter Law School (videoconference)

12:15 – 13:30

Standing lunch (Main hall)

13:30 – 15:30

**General Discussion**

*Civilians Trapped in Hostilities – What Does the Law Say?*

Chair:

Prof. Dr. and Brigadier-General Paul DUCHEINE, University of Amsterdam and Netherlands Defence Academy & Vice-President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Presenters:

Professor Dr. Betsy JOSE, University of Colorado Denver (videoconference)

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 – 16:20

**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)

16:20 – 16:30

**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