THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE V
By the Belgian Group under the Auspices of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

PROGRAMME¹
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Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
20-23 September 2022

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.
**Tuesday 20 September 2022**

Arrival of the participants

15:00 – 17:45 Joint meeting of the Managing Board and the Board of Directors of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (separate invitations will be sent to the board members)

15:00 – 18:00 Registration

18:30 – 20:00 Welcome drink at the hotel lounge

**Wednesday 21 September 2022**

08:30 – 09:15 Registration

09:30 – 09:40 *Opening of the Conference*

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

09:40 – 10:00 *Keynote Speech: The Future of Science and Technology from a European Security and Defence Perspective (TBC)*

Keynote speaker TBC

10:00 – 10:45 Group photo & Coffee/Tea

Conference moderator: Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

10:45 – 12:15 *Panel 1 – War Algorithms: Between Review and Implementation*

Chair: Dr. Magda Pacholska, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, T.M.C. Asser Institute

Speakers:

Dr. Ido Rosenzweig, Director of Cyber, Belligerencies and Terrorism Research, University of Haifa

Dr. Camilla Guldahl Cooper, Associate Professor of Operational Law, Norwegian Defence University College

Lieutenant Colonel Blake Williams, Head of the US Army's International Law Branch

Mrs. Klaudia Klonowska, PhD Candidate, T.M.C. Asser Institute

12:15 – 13:15 Lunch buffet
City walk in Bruges, followed by a bus ride to Flanders Fields, including dinner at the Kazematten in the ramparts of Ypres, attendance of the Last Post at the Menin Gate in Ypres, ceremony with wreath laying, and a bus ride back to Bruges

Guides:

Mr. Franky Bostyn, Deputy Director-General, War Heritage Institute, Belgium (TBC) & Mr. Sven Devroe, Head Chemical Demilitarisation Branch, OPCW

Thursday 22 September 2022

08:45 – 10:30 Panel 2 – Reflections on the Human in International Humanitarian Law & Military Applications of AI

Chair: Prof. Dr. Marten Zwanenburg, University of Amsterdam & Netherlands Defence Academy

Speakers:

Prof. Eric Talbot Jensen, Professor of Law, Brigham Young University
Dr. Daniele Amoroso, Associate Professor of International Law, University of Cagliari
Mrs. Maya Brehm, Legal Adviser, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, ICRC
Mrs. Taylor Woodcock, PhD Candidate, TMC Asser Institute

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea

11:00 – 12:30 Panel 3 – Analysis of the War in Ukraine from an IHL Perspective

Chair: Prof. Dr. Vaios Koutroulis, International Law Centre, Université Libre de Bruxelles & General Editor of The Military Law and the Law of War Review

Speakers:

Major Pierre Degezelle, Belgian Armed Forces
Mrs. Aurélie Van Baelen, Teaching Assistant, Human Rights Centre, UGent
Prof. Michael Schmitt, Professor of International Law, University of Reading; G. Norman Lieber Distinguished Scholar, Lieber Institute, U.S. Military Academy, West Point; Charles H. Stockton Distinguished Scholar in Residence, U.S. Naval War College

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet
14:00 – 15:30  Panel 4 – Navigating the Law of the Sea in Contemporary Contexts

Chair TBC

Speakers:

First speaker TBC
*The Chinese Interpretation and Application of the Law of the Sea from a Lawfare Perspective*

Dr. Elisabeth Mavropoulou, Lecturer in International Law, Westminster Law School (TBC)
*The Relevance of Human Rights at Sea for Navies and Coast Guards*

15:30 – 16:00  Coffee/Tea

16:00 – 16:30  Special Presentation – Update on Threats in the Cyber Domain

Mr. Geert Baudewijns, General Director, Secutec

16:30 – 18:00  Panel 5 – Peace Operations in Contemporary Contexts

Chair: Prof. (Em.) Dr. Terry D. Gill, University of Amsterdam

Speakers:

Dr. Anicée van Engeland, Associate Professor of International Security and Law, Cranfield University

Second speaker TBC
*State Responsibility for the Conduct of Peace Forces*

Free evening

**Friday 23 September 2022**

08:30 – 10:00  Panel 6 – Freedoms of Expression, Assembly and Association in the Military

Chair: Dr. Remy Jorritsma, Lawyer, Registry of the European Court of Human Rights

Speakers:

Mrs. Marike Lefevre, PhD Candidate & Researcher in Human Rights Law, KULeuven

Mr. Jens Claereman, Lawyer, DG Human Resources, Ministry of Defence, Belgium

Third speaker TBC

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee/Tea
10:30 – 12:15  
*Panel 7: Old Concepts of International Humanitarian Law in Contemporary Contexts*

Chair: Dr. Jeroen van den Boogaard, Senior Legal Counsel in International Law, Legal Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

Speakers:
- Dr. Rogier Bartels, Legal Officer (Chambers), International Criminal Court
  *The Legality of Siege Warfare in Contemporary Armed Conflict*
- Mrs. Odile Vandenbossche, PhD Candidate, Université de Liège
  *The Role of Nationality in International Humanitarian Law*
- Dr. Hanne Cuyckens, Assistant Professor, Leiden University
  *The Law of Occupation and the Law of Neutrality*

12:15 – 12:20  
*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

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