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**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*

**PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup>**

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**Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges**  
**20-23 September 2022**



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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.

## **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

13:30 – 22:30 *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  
*Human Rights and Islamic Law: What Should Peace Forces Sent to Countries Where Islam Is Widespread Know?*
- 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 Claerman, 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 Vandebossche, 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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