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THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE V

By the *Belgian Group* under the Auspices of the
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PROGRAMME¹

Ref.: ISMLLW 1100 N E 15

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 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 War in Ukraine & the Defence of Values, a Rules-Based Order and Interests*
- Speaker:
- Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop, Director of the Europe in the World Programme, Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations; Professor of Political Sciences, Ghent University; & Associate Member, Royal Academy for Overseas Sciences
- 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 *Session 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

08:30 – 10:15

Session 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

10:15 – 10:45

Coffee/Tea

10:45 – 12:45

Session 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, Legal Advisor and Head of the Operational Law Section, DG Legal Support, Belgian Defence Staff

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

Mrs. Pauline Warnotte, Senior Legal Advisor, ICRC Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium

12:45 – 13:45

Lunch buffet

14:00 – 15:00

Session 4 – The Chinese Interpretation and Application of the Law of the Sea from a Lawfare Perspective

Chair: Mr. Alfons Vanheusden, Assistant Secretary-General of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War; Senior Legal Advisor and Deputy to the Director-General for Legal Support, Belgian Defence Staff; & Reserve Naval Officer (Corvette Captain)

Speaker:

Mrs. Marta Hermez, PhD Candidate, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies & Lecturer in International and European Law, Tilburg University

15:15 – 15:45

Coffee/Tea

16:00 – 16:30

Special Presentation – Update on Threats in the Cyber Domain

Mr. Geert Baudewijns, General Director, Secutec

16:30 – 17:45

Session 5 – Human Rights and Islamic Law: What Should Peace Forces Sent to Countries Where Islam Is Widespread Know?

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

Speaker:

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

Respondent:

Mr. Nicolas Lange, Senior Legal Advisor and Head of the Legal Advisory Division, DG Legal Support, Belgian Defence Staff & Reserve Naval Officer (Corvette Captain)

Free evening

Friday 23 September 2022

08:30 – 10:00

Session 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

10:00 – 10:30

Coffee/Tea

10:30 – 12:15

Session 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

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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