



**THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE VII**

By the *Belgian Group* under the Auspices of the  
*International Society for Military Law and the Law of War*

**OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME**

**Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges**  
**17-20 September 2024**



**Tuesday 17 September 2024**

	Arrival of the participants
14:30 – 17:15	Registration
15:00 – 17:15	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)
18:00 – 20:00	Official welcome by the Mayor of Bruges & opening reception hosted by the City of Bruges at the City Hall (Gothic room and parlours)

### **Wednesday 18 September 2024**

- 08:30 – 09:15            Registration
- 09:30 – 09:40            *Opening of the Conference*
- Chair: 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*
- 10:00 – 10:45            Group photo & Coffee/Tea
- Conference moderator: Jan De Gols, First Lieutenant, DG Legal Support, Ministry of Defence, Belgium
- 10:45 – 12:45            *Session 1 – Protecting Civilians against Digital Threats*
- 12:45 – 13:45            Lunch buffet
- 14:15 – 18:30            *Social-cultural Programme*
- Boat trip on the canals of Bruges  
&  
Subsequent visit to the Choco-Story chocolate museum (option 1) or the Halve Maan brewery (option 2)

### **Thursday 19 September 2024**

- 08:45 – 10:30            *Session 2 – Topical Legal Issues related to Maritime Operations*
- 10:30 – 11:00            Coffee/Tea
- 11:00– 13:00            *Session 3 – Current Trends and Legal Debates in the Cyber Domain*
- 13:00 – 14:00            Lunch buffet
- 14:00 – 16:00            *Session 4 – IHL v. Human Rights: Systemic Integration and Lex Specialis*
- 16:00 – 16:30            Coffee/Tea
- 16:30 – 18:00            *Session 5 – The Right to Freedom of Speech of a Soldier*
- Free evening

**Friday 20 September 2024**

08:45 – 10:00      Session 6 – Disinformation

10:00 – 10:30      Coffee/Tea

10:30 – 11:55      The Internationalisation of Non-International Armed Conflicts

11:55 – 12:00      Closing ceremony

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