



International Conference

Standards of Conduct and Accountability in Military Activities, the Role of Military Law and International Humanitarian Law, and the Importance of Preventing Armed Conflicts

ERTH Hotel, Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates

10 to 13 December 2024

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and from Arabic and English to French

Programme

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Monday 9 December 2024

Arrival of Participants

Icebreaker with snacks/light dinner

Tuesday 10 December 2024

8.00 – 9.00 *Registration*

9.15 – 9.45 **Opening Ceremony (Arabic & English)**

Opening speeches by:

H.E. Major-General Obaid Saif AL KETBI, Head of the Military Judiciary, United Arab Emirates

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) & President of the Society

9.45 – 10.45 *Group photo & Coffee/tea*

Conference Moderators:

Brigadier-General (Ret.) Jan Peter SPIJK, Honorary President of the Society & Lieutenant (legal) Shamsa Obaid ALNAGBI, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

10.45 – 12.45 **General Discussion (Arabic)**

Preventing Violations of International Humanitarian Law

Chair:

Military Colonel judge, Rashed Ahmed Salem ALZAEYOUDI, Judge of the Military Supreme Court, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

Presenters:

Military Colonel staff judge, Dr. Mohammad Saeed AL KAABI, Judge of the Military Supreme Court / Director of legal consultations and cases Directorate, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

(National Implementation Measures)

Military Major judge, Ahmed Zaid Mohamed AL SHEHHI, Judge of the Military Appeal Court, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

(Military Education and Training)

Captain Dr. Saed Rashed ALSEREIDI, Military Police Command, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

(Military Discipline)

12.45 – 14.00 *Lunch*

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14.00 – 16.00

General Discussion (English)

Implementing International Humanitarian Law in Challenging Circumstances

Chair and first presenter:

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, Europa-Universität Viadrina
Frankfurt (Oder) & President of the Society

(Introduction & Autonomous weapon systems – The LOAC/IHL framework)

Second and third presenters:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Air Force) Pierre DEGEZELLE, Head of the Operational Law Section,
DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence

(Applying international humanitarian law in complex battlespaces)

Mrs. Rosa LAUTERBACH, PhD Researcher and Fellow, Institute for International Peace and
Security Law, University of Cologne

(How international humanitarian law applies to a besieged armed force's conduct)

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee/tea

17.15

Meeting up at the lobby of the Erth Hotel

17.30 – 17.45

Bus ride

17.45 – 19.15

Visit to the Sheikh Zayed Grand Mosque

19.15 – 19.30

Bus ride back to the Erth Hotel

Free evening

Wednesday 11 December 2024

Conference Moderators:

Mrs. Petra DITRICHOVA, Vice-President of the Society &
Lieutenant (legal) Shamsa Obaid ALNAGBI, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

09.00 – 10.45

General Discussion (Arabic)

National Approaches to Military Justice in the Regional Context

Chair:

Military Brigadier-General staff judge, Khalfan Khadem ALMEHAIRBI, Chief of the Military Supreme Court / Chief of Military Judiciary Supreme Council, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

Presenters:

Military Lieutenant-Colonel staff judge. Rashed Ahmed Rashed ALSEREIDI, Judge of the Military Appeal Court, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates
(Military Justice in the United Arab Emirates)

Colonel Dr. Ibrahim Johar Ibrahim SALEM, Chief of Military Appeal Court, Bahrain
(Military Justice in Bahrain)

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee/tea

11.15 – 13.00

General Discussion (English)

National Prosecution of International Crimes – Trends and the Role of Military Investigations

Chair:

Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret.) Franklin ROSENBLATT, Associate Professor of Law, Mississippi College of Law; President, National Institute of Military Justice; & President of the Society's Committee for Criminal and Disciplinary Law

Presenters:

First Lieutenant (Army) Jan DE GOLDS, Legal Advisor, Project Manager for the future 2nd edition of the Belgian Operational Law Manual, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence
(The New Ljubljana – The Hague Convention)

Colonel (Army) Sebastiano LA PISCOPIA, Lecturer at Università degli Studi Link & Pontificia Università Antonianum
(A perspective from Italy)

Dr. Claire SIMMONS, Senior Lecturer in the Department of International Affairs, Faculty for the Study of Leadership, Security and Warfare, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst & Fellow, Human Rights Centre and Essex Armed Conflict and Crisis Hub, Essex Law School
(Military investigations in armed conflict)

13.00 – 14.00

Lunch

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14.00 – 15.30

General Discussion (Arabic)

External Operations of the UAE Armed Forces in Support of Other Nations and to Contribute to Resolving International Crises

Chair:

Major judge, Dr. Waleed Abdullah Salem AL ALI, Judge of the Military Criminal Court, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

Presenters:

H.E Dr. Mohammed Salem AL JUNAIBI, Director of the UAE Red Crescent Center, United Arab Emirates
(*General overview*)

H.E. Rashid Mohammed ALHUMAIRI, Director of Development and International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, United Arab Emirates
(*Legal Aspects*)

15.30 – 16.00

Coffee/tea

17.00

Meeting up at the lobby of the Erth Hotel

17.15 – 17.45

Bus ride

17.45 – 19.15

Visit to Qasr Al Hosn

19.15 – 19.45

Bus ride back to the Erth Hotel

Free evening

Thursday 12 December 2024

Conference Moderators:

Mrs. Petra DITRICHOVA, Vice-President of the Society &
Lieutenant (legal) Shamsa Obaid ALNAGBI, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

9.00 – 10.45

General Discussion (English)

Navigation of Warships and Overflight by Military Planes in Times of Peace

Chair:

Mr. Marco BENATAR, Legal Officer, International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea
& Researcher, Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB)

Presenters:

Mr. Philippe HERMES, Director, TETHYS NAVAL & Director of the Documentation Centre
of the Society
(Status of warships)

Dr. Alexander LOTT, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Norwegian Centre for the Law of the
Sea, University of Tromsø
(Navigation of warships in operational contexts in times of peace)

First Lieutenant (Air Force) Rafael BOEYNAEMS, Legal Advisor, DG Legal Support, Belgian
Ministry of Defence
(Overflight by military planes)

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee/tea

11.15 – 12.45

General Discussion (Arabic)

Legal Aspects of Medical Care in Situations of Armed Conflict

Chair:

Brigadier-General Dr. Ahmed Mohamed ALSADI, Commander of the Zayed Military Hospital,
Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates

Presenters:

Dr. Daniel ZOUGGARI, Regional Delegate for Liaison with Armed Forces, International
Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
(Military medicine and international humanitarian law)

Brigadier-General Dr. Saif Obaid AL KAABI, Deputy Commander of the Zayed Military
Hospital, Ministry of Defence, United Arab Emirates
(Medical care to civilians in armed conflict zones)

12.45 – 14.00

Lunch

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- 14.00 – 16.00 **General Discussion (English)**
International Law Aspects of Contemporary and Future Military Activities in Space
- Chair:
- Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder) & President of the Society
- Presenter:
- Prof. David A. KOPLOW, Scott K. Ginsburg Professor of Law, Georgetown Law
(The Woomera Manual)
- 16.00 – 16.30 *Coffee/tea*
- 16.30 – 17.30 **Closing Ceremony & Award of Certificates**
- 18.45 *Meeting up at the lobby of the Erth Hotel*
- 19.00 – 19.30 *Bus ride*
- 19.30 – 22.00 **Official Dinner**

Friday 13 December 2024

Check-out at the Erth Hotel

Optional social-cultural visit

(Offered by the Host Country - Separate registration required)

AM **Visit to Louvre Abu Dhabi**

Departure of participants

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