



International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
‘Société Internationale de Droit Militaire et de Droit de la Guerre’

THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE VIII

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

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

Ref.: ISMLLW 1214 N E 3 b

Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
16-19 September 2025



Tuesday 16 September 2025

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

Icebreaker

Wednesday 17 September 2025

08:30 – 09:15	Registration
09:30 – 09:40	<i><u>Opening of the Conference</u></i>
09:40 – 10:00	<i><u>Keynote Speech - A New Approach to Defence in the European Union? (Title TBC)</u></i>
10:00 – 10:45	Group photo & Coffee/Tea
10:45 – 12:30	<i><u>Session 1 – Defending Territorial Integrity in case of Aerial Incursions, Unauthorized Border Crossings by Armed Personnel, Non-Innocent Passage etc.</u></i> <i>The aerial dimension</i> <i>The land dimension</i> <i>The naval dimension</i>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch buffet
13:45 – 18:30	<i><u>Social-cultural Programme</u></i>

Thursday 18 September 2025

08:45 – 10:30	<i><u>Session 2 – The Law of Occupation and Current State Practice</u></i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea
11:00 – 13:00	<i><u>Session 3 – Current Debates in the Cyber and Quantum Domain</u></i>
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch buffet
14:00 – 16:00	<i><u>Session 4 – Military Objectives in the Modern World</u></i>
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee/Tea
16:30 – 18:00	<i><u>Session 5 – The Right to Privacy in Military Operations</u></i>
Free evening	

Friday 19 September 2025

08:45 – 10:00	<i><u>Session 6 – Current Topics in International Criminal Law</u></i> <i>Ecocide</i> <i>Immunities of government officials</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee/Tea
10:30 – 11:45	<i><u>Session 7 – Long Distance Warfare in Practice and from an International Law Perspective</u></i>
11:45 – 12:00	<i><u>Special Presentation on Practice-oriented IHL Training</u></i>
12:00 – 12:15	<i><u>Closing ceremony</u></i>

Supporting Partner

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