

# Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism

*Legal Challenges and Dilemmas*

29 August - 2 September 2016

Fee: € 1695

Registration: [www.asser.nl/CounteringTerrorism2016](http://www.asser.nl/CounteringTerrorism2016)

Application deadline: 18 July 2016

## Introduction

A frequently used phrase last year was that “terrorism is back on the agenda as never before”. Sadly, 2015 has again reinforced this; the world witnessed horrible attacks in Baga, Sana’a, Paris, Garissa, Beirut and Jalalabad, to just name a few from a long list. Whereas the Paris attacks in both January and November 2015 had a big impact on Western Europe, in terms of casualties, the Baga massacre in Nigeria, which reportedly took the lives of more than 2,000 persons, was 2015’s nadir.

Especially the foreign (terrorist) fighter phenomenon, on which the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) has worked from 2012 onwards, has been placed on the agendas around the world. That thousands of people leaving their country of nationality or habitual residence to fight in far-away conflicts, especially in Syria and Iraq, has caused great concerns, not only because many of these persons prolong the conflict itself and commit crimes, but also because they might – and in fact, several have – return(ed) on a fighting mission. In addition to all of this, people who do not have the chance to go to the Levant or other conflict areas, but have the same agenda, may engage in copy-cat behaviour and stage terrorist attacks at home.

In the 2014 Summer Programme brochure it was predicted that, because of all the terrorist incidents, there is a “danger of showing muscles and resorting to repressive security measures, as was done post 9/11”. Unfortunately, this is exactly the direction we seem to be heading to; the UN Working Group on Mercenaries, for instance, warned in November 2015 that “States have adopted measures that disproportionately restrict freedom of movement and the right to nationality, due process and the presumption of innocence”.

In short, the (counter-)terrorism landscape is perhaps even more complex than in the years before. This requires a solid understanding of the different issues, both underlying causes and rule-of-law responses, at stake.

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## Programme

For the sixth time, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and ICCT offer an advanced summer programme on counter-terrorism to provide participants the necessary insights into the legal frameworks when countering terrorism in today's complex world. Participants and lecturers will search together for and discuss long-term, effective, international rule-of-law-based strategies and measures.

### Topics include:

- Defining Terrorism under International and Domestic Laws
- The War Paradigm vs. the Law Enforcement Paradigm
- The Role of International Human Rights Law in Countering Terrorism
- The Role of Intelligence and the Police in Countering Terrorism
- The Protection and Use of Witnesses in Terrorism Cases
- Trying Terrorists at the Domestic and International Level
- Legal Aspects in Countering the Foreign (Terrorist) Fighter Phenomenon

### Study visits

Each year, study trips are organised to prominent institutions in The Hague, such as:

- **The Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)**

The STL was established in 2009 by the UN Security Council to prosecute the people accused of carrying out the attack of February 2005, which killed 22 people and injured many others. It is the first international tribunal of its kind to deal with terrorism as a distinct crime.

- **Eurojust**

Eurojust's mission is to support and strengthen coordination and cooperation between national authorities in the fight against serious cross-border crime affecting the European Union, including terrorism.

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## Target audience and application

Front-line practitioners, policy makers (at the international, national, regional and local level), diplomats, (military) lawyers, professionals working at think-and-do tanks, international organisations, universities (including advanced (PhD) students) and the criminal justice sector, who want to expand their knowledge of the underlying legal tenets and dilemmas in countering today's and tomorrow's terrorism, are invited to apply.

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*\*Please read the Registration Information & Conditions - available at [www.asser.nl/summerprogrammes](http://www.asser.nl/summerprogrammes) - carefully before registration.*

## Fee

€ 1695

This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee, and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.

The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports, (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague.

## Testimonial

*"The substance is vital and cutting edge while being delivered with polished excellence."* (Participant of the Advanced Summer Programme in 2015)

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