Headlines

- **9 December 2011 Conference celebrating the 100th anniversary of the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize to Mr. T.M.C. Asser.**
  Location: Peace palace, The Hague

  This conference marks the 100th anniversary of the receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize by the Dutch lawyer, Mr. Tobias Asser. Asser was the first, and until now the only, Dutch citizen to be honoured with this prestigious prize. Asser was a pragmatic lawyer who, in his day, participated in and contributed to numerous developments in the then rising 'internationalisation' of the world. <more info>

- **STL President Sir David Baragwanath delivered the first lecture of the series on Procedural Law (via streaming) to Lebanese graduate law students gathered at the American university in Beirut.**

  “Good evening Lebanon, This is The Hague calling...”

  The T.M.C. Asser has joined forces with the Special Tribunal for Lebanon to develop and deliver (via streaming from The Hague to Beirut, Lebanon) a series of 14 lectures on international criminal law and procedure. The first lecture was delivered by the STL President, Sir David Baragwanath from the T.M.C. Asser Institut in The Hague to the American University in Beirut, where some 135 students (from 8 Lebanese Universities) were gathered. <more info>

- **Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series Autumn/Winter 2011, T.M.C. Asser Instituut**

  Since the beginning of 2003, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden University and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC) have been organizing a (free) lecture series on international criminal law, held almost every Wednesday evening at 19:00. The lecture series deals with a variety of issues related to international criminal law and is attended by LLM and PhD students, academics, diplomats, international lawyers, NGOs and others working in The Hague's international legal sphere. <more info>

- **Prof. Robert Siekmann Lecturing in China**

  Jinan Daily, 7-11-2011

  In the period 31 October - 11 November 2011, Prof. Robert Siekmann, Director of the ASSER International Sports Law Centre (AISLC) and School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, delivered an intensive course on “International and European Sports Law: Capita Selecta” at the School of Law of Shandong University of Finance and Economics in Jinan (China). <more info>
Call for partnership in the field of (European) Private International Law

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut regularly submits research proposals in response to calls for applications issued by the European Commission (Directorate-General for Justice). In order to better anticipate such opportunities in the field of (European) Private International Law, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is currently building a network of relevant organizations in the EU member states. If you or your organization are interested in participating in calls for tenders issued by the European Commission in the field of (European) Private International Law, then please complete our online partnership form.

MATRA-project on “Right to Judicial Protection – Administration of Justice in Cross-Border disputes”

Tailor-made trainings, under the MATRA programme were delivered by Asser Researchers in October and November 2011 to staff of the Serbian Judiciary at the Judicial Academy in Belgrade. This is the second edition of this MATRA project which started in 2010 when two trainings were delivered. Project leader is Dr. Vesna Lazic (Asser). External lecturers include Philippe Lortie, Jacomijn van Haersolte-Van Hof, Prof. Pontier and Bart-Jan van het Kaar.

Training on “Legal Implications of Better Regulation: European and Ukrainian Approaches”, Kiev

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut has recently delivered a tailor made training course in Kiev (17 - 19 October, 2011) entitled “Legal Implications of Better Regulation: European and Ukrainian Approaches”, in support of the Legislation Institute of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) of Ukraine. This training is part of a larger project to be implemented in Kiev and The Hague in the period September 2011 to April 2012. The Netherlands Embassy in Kiev has been instrumental in helping realise this MATRA funded project. Dr. Tamara Takács, Dr. Wybe Douma and prof. Steven Blockmans (project leader) provide the Asser input.

Calker Scholarship for PhD candidate Steven Stuij

Congratulations to Asser PhD candidate Steven Stuij who has recently been awarded a Calker Scholarship by the Directorate of The Swiss Institute of Comparative Law. The scholarship will enable Steven to spend a period of two months in 2012 at the institute in Lausanne undertaking research for his PhD.

Framework contract in the area of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Since April, 2011 Asser is partner in the framework contract for the Directorate-General JUSTICE on the Supply of Impact Assessment, Evaluation and Evaluation Related Services in the area of Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship. Matrix Insight London is taking the lead for the next 3 years. Under this contract Dr. Karolien Pieters is currently working on the project “EU measures on gender quotas in board rooms”. In October 2011, Claudio Matera finalized the Study for elements of the Impact Assessment on the Framework Decision 2005/214/JHA on the application of the principle of mutual recognition to financial penalties for Matrix Insight as well. For further details please contact the Projects Office at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.

Latest publications by Asser Researchers:


- S. Blockmans, The Development of CSDP in the Context of Enlargement: Turkish hard power vs. the EU’s soft power?, in H. Kabaalioglu, A. Ott and A. Tatham (eds.), EU and Turkey: Bridging the Differences in a Complex Relationship (Istanbul, IKV 2011), 143-171
Forthcoming Events

- **30 November** Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series, T.M.C Asser Instituut, The Hague
  Joeri Maas (Chef de Cabinet, Special Tribunal for Lebanon) and Xavier-Jean Keïta (Principal Counsel, Office of Public Counsel for the Defence, ICC) will give a lecture on ‘Ensuring fair international trials: Prospects and challenges’. This lecture will be chaired by Lorraine Smith, International Bar Association.

- **5 – 9 December 2011** Training “Inside International Justice”, course on International Law for journalists, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague
  T.M.C. Asser Instituut and RNTC Hilversum organize this course on effective reporting on international justice. The training will provide participants with relevant background information and with up-to-date knowledge. Contacts and examples of best practices will enable them to report accurately, distinctively and independently on the work of the institutions of international justice.

- **7 December 2011** Supranational Criminal Law Lecture Series, T.M.C Asser Instituut, The Hague
  Dr. Christophe Paulussen, Senior researcher International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Law, at T.M.C. Asser Instituut will deliver a lecture on ‘Male captus bene detentus? Surrendering suspects to the International Criminal Court’


Recent Events

- **7 October 2011** PhD Meeting Private International Law
  On 7 October 2011 the T.M.C. Asser Instituut organized a PhD candidates’ meeting with the theme: ‘Europeanization of Private International Law’. The primary purpose of the event was to provide PhD candidates with similar academic interests the opportunity to meet and learn about each other’s research.

- **19 October 2011** Special SCL Lecture by H.E. Mr. Christian Wenaweser, President of the Assembly of States Parties of the International Criminal Court on “ICC: The Role of the President of the Assembly of States Parties”

  H.E. Christian Wenaweser, Former President of the Assembly of States Parties at the ICC
  This special lecture, which drew more than 100 participants, was introduced and chaired by Héctor Olásolo, Professor of International Criminal Law and International Criminal Procedure at Utrecht University.

- **19-27 November 2011** HFJE Training Rwanda, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague
  The Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise organized a one-week training for 24 judges and prosecutors from Rwanda. The training was launched by the Dutch State Secretary of Security and Justice, Mr. Fred Teeven. Throughout lectures, workshops and study visits, the participants were provided with ample opportunity to increase their knowledge of international law in order to help them improve their national judicial system.
27 October 2011 CLEER Guest Lecture by Prof. Jenő Czuczai: ‘The experiences of the Hungarian Presidency of the EU Council - a legal appraisal’

CLEER and the Embassy of the Hungarian Republic The Hague co-organized this lecture by Prof. Dr. Jenő Czuczai, Legal Service, Council of the European Union. Respondent: Prof. Dr. Marc Maresceau, Director of the Institute for European Legal Studies and Jean Monnet Professor of EU law at Ghent University. <more info>

7 November 2011 Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict: Testing the Adequacy of International Law

On 7 November, 2011, the day after the official United Nations International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict’, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in cooperation with the two other pillars of HILAC (the Hague Initiative for Law and Armed Conflict), the (Amsterdam Center for International Law of the) University of Amsterdam and the Netherlands Red Cross, organized a conference with the title ‘Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict: Testing the Adequacy of International Law’. <more info>

7-18 November 2011 MTEC Administration of Justice, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

State Secretary for Security and Justice, Mr. Fred Teeven, recently addressed participants and stakeholders of the 3rd MATRA Training for European Cooperation (MTEC) programme” where he emphasized the importance of the Administration of Justice. “In the worst case it is bureaucratic paranoia. In the best case it is based on the rule of law, efficient and transparent. That is what I stand for. And that is what you are here for. This fills me with delight” <full speech>

During his speech delivered at the closing ceremony, Mr. Jaap Werner, Director of Europe Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs reflected on the far-reaching importance of the rule of law in the performance of domestic rule and in positioning countries in the global economy. “ More and more it is being appreciated that there is a direct link between the rule of law, transparency, anti-corruption, the investment climate and the conditions for increased productivity in one’s economy” <full speech>

The 50 participants were selected from some 200 applications. The selected participants were government officials, judges, prosecutors and police officers coming from Croatia, Turkey, Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine and Moldova. Through a mix of lectures, study visits and workshops, this training aimed to share best practices in justice administration and inspire the participants to actively work for the modernization of their judicial systems building from the Dutch experience. The two-weeks training course was financed by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
10 November 2011 HAC Annual Conference 
“From Peace to Justice”, Peace Palace, The Hague

Steven Blockmans, Head of the Department of Research and Jan Ann Vos, Researcher in Public International Law at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, gave respectively a lecture on “The EU as a global justice provider: conflict prevention and peace diplomacy” and “Perspectives on the Charter: From Hammarskjöld to Annan” during the Hague Academic Coalition Annual Conference on “From Peace to Justice: Diplomacy of Reconciliation. Rethinking International ethics and leadership in the spirit of Dag Hammarskjöld (1905-1961)”.

14 November 2011 Research Seminar: 
"Judicial Creativity at the International Criminal Tribunals"

On 14 November 2011, the TMC Asser Instituut organized a Research Seminar in the framework of the Netherlands School of Human Rights Research. The chosen topic was 'Judicial Creativity at the International Criminal Tribunals'. It built on the research reflected in the book of the same title, edited by Shane Darcy and Joseph Powderly (Oxford University Press, 2011).

16 November 2011 Cursus Vinden van EU Informatie, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

On 16 November the T.M.C. Asser Instituut’s information specialists, Elisabeth Gorkovoi and Victorine Verkruissen hosted a one day course on ‘How to find EU information’ (Vinden van EU informatie).

14-18 November 2011 Open Course on International Law for judges and professionals from the justice sector, T.M.C Asser Instituut

The Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise developed and delivered a training on international law. The course reviewed the sources of public international law and its subjects such as states, international organizations and individuals. The lectures were given by highly qualified lecturers from academic institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere and by practitioners, such as legal advisers, judges and prosecutors working at international tribunals in The Hague or at Dutch courts.

23 November 2011 ICCT Seminar Terrorists on Trial ‘The Lockerbie Case’, The Hague

On Wednesday 23 November 2011, ICCT - The Hague hosted the Seminar ‘Terrorists on Trial: The Lockerbie Case’ at Campus The Hague Location Stichthage. This is the first seminar in a series focusing on the performative and communicative aspects of terrorists trials and the different actors involved. Speakers included Judge Howard Morrison (Judge at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia), Mr. Paul McBride QC (Senior Counsel at Black Chambers) and Mr. Ian Ferguson (Investigative Journalist).
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**Upcoming Events:**

- More information on the Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise at [www.hfje.nl](http://www.hfje.nl)

**The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism**

**Upcoming Activities:**

- **8-9 December 2011 ICCT/UNICRI Conference**
  “Prison Radicalisation, Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Violent Extremist Offenders: Good Practices & Lessons Learned”
  The United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague will host an international conference on Prison Radicalisation, Rehabilitation & Reintegration of Violent Extremist Offenders: Good Practices & Lessons Learned’ in The Hague on 8-9 December 2011. This event is part of an ongoing initiative, which was launched in May 2011 with a workshop convened by UNICRI in Lucca, Italy, which has been attended by more than 20 governments, several multilateral organisations and a number of key experts. [more info]

- **13 December 2011 Seminar Terrorists on Trial, The Hague**
  On Tuesday 13 December 2011, 19:00 - 22:00, ICCT - The Hague hosts the Seminar ‘Terrorists on Trial: The Case of Zarema Muzhakhtoyeva’ at Campus The Hague Location Stichthage, 13th Floor. This is the second meeting in a series of seminars focusing on the performative and communicative aspects of terrorists trials and the different actors involved. [more info]

- More information on the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism and its activities at [www.icct.nl](http://www.icct.nl)

**Asser Press**

- **T.M.C. Asser Press is proud to announce two student readers:**

- **European Constitutional Law Review:**
  Davor Jančić has won the Europa Prize for Young Academics with his article “The European Political Order and Internet Piracy: Accidental or Paradigmatic Constitution-Shaping?”, which appeared in European Constitutional Law Review, 6: 430-461, 2010. This prize has been issued by the Montesquieu Instituut in The Hague. Click [here](http://www.asserpress.nl) to read this article without charge.

- **ASSER International Sports Law Series**

- **A commemorative book for the celebration of 100 years Asser Nobel Peace Prize**

- For recent and forthcoming publications of T.M.C. Asser Press please visit [www.asserpress.nl](http://www.asserpress.nl)

**Vacancies at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut**

- **Traineeships** [more info]
**Other**

**Asser Staff Lectures:**

- **Steven Blockmans** has been appointed as Member of the Governing Board of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (KNVIR).

- **Jan Anne Vos** lecturing at Nijmegen University on International Public Law from 1 November 2011 until 6 December 2011.

- **W. Th. Douma** is seconded to the Department of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment up until the end of 2011. He works on the EU and international law aspects of the new Environmental Act ('Omgevingswet'), notably by analysing the obligations stemming from these instruments and the discretionary powers that remain for national authorities.

- **Michiel de Rooij** will give two Lectures on “International Alimentation”, 29 November and 15 December at LBIO, Rotterdam
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