



Fighting and Prosecuting Pirates

An evening of lectures about the operational and legal aspects of counter-piracy operations

Plus Book Launch of *Internationaal Publiekrecht als Wereldrecht* by Prof. Nico Schrijver

Organized by JASON Institute & the Peace Palace Library

Time: Tuesday 10 January 2012, 17.15-19.45

Location: Peace Palace

Programme

- **17:00-17:45 Welcome Reception offered by Boom Juridische Uitgevers**
- **17:45-18:00 Book Launch: *Internationaal Publiekrecht als Wereldrecht* by Prof. Nico Schrijver, published by Boom**

The first copy of the book on Public International Law as World Law will be offered to Dr. Bernard Bot, former Minister of Foreign Affairs and former ambassador. Nico Schrijver, the author, is professor at Leiden University, Senator in the Dutch House of Parliament and President of the International Law Association.

- **18:00-19:45 Piracy**

The meeting's central theme is the international community's efforts in combating and prosecuting pirates. Commodore Michiel Hijmans will discuss the operational aspects of military operations to combat piracy, focusing on NATO's counter-piracy operations. Marten Zwanenburg will discuss the legal aspects of such operations. Henny Baan will then discuss the prosecution of the arrested pirates. When prosecuting Somali pirates in the Netherlands, the Dutch criminal system is confronted with various novel questions of both domestic and international criminal law. For more information about piracy, see the Piracy Project of JASON (<http://www.stichtingjason.nl/taxonomy/term/59>).



- **18:00-18:25 Lecture by Michiel Hijmans**

Commodore Michiel Hijmans was Commanding Officer of the Standing NATO Maritime Group, leading the operations 'Ocean Shield' (counter piracy), 'Operation Active Endeavour' (counter terrorism) and other operations.

- **18:25-18:50 Lecture by Marten Zwanenburg**

Marten Zwanenburg is Senior Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Defense of the Netherlands, and has a doctorate in international law from the University of Leiden.

- **18:50-19:15 Lecture by Henny Baan**

Henny Baan is a Dutch Public Prosecutor to the Rotterdam District Court, responsible for the first prosecution in Europe in modern times for the ancient crime of attempted "sea robbery."

- **19:15-19:45 Q&A**

Registration

If you wish to attend the lectures, we kindly ask you to register in advance. To enter the premises of the Peace Palace, you are required to bring a valid ID (passport, driving license), and show this to the security at the gate of the Palace. They will show you the way to the Library. To register and for more information, please send an email to Dr. Otto Spijkers of the Peace Palace Library at o.spijkers@ppl.nl.

About the Peace Palace Library Lecture Series

The Peace Palace Library Lecture Series is a lecture series on issues of general international law. Each year, approximately four lectures will be organized. All lectures are held in the Peace Palace Library. The evening starts with a small reception. There will be plenty of time for questions afterwards. The Peace Palace Library Lecture Series are open to everyone. They are especially interesting for researchers and students, as well as diplomats, international civil servants, journalists and other professionals working in the field of public international law.

