



T.M.C. ASSER INSTITUUT

## Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a Changing World

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There is an increasing demand for professionals in the field of disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction. The challenges posed to international security by nuclear, chemical and biological weapons are as urgent today as during the Cold War, with the first decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century having witnessed growing WMD terrorist threats and serious concerns with WMD programmes in the Middle East, South Asia and North Korea.

From 30 August - 3 September, 2010, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut together with the OPCW, the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, will organize a new summer programme on *Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction in a changing world*.

### **Target Audience**

The objective of this Hague Summer Programme is to raise interest among the younger generation in pursuing careers in disarmament and non-proliferation as part of the larger process of enhancing stability and security in the world.

The Summer Programme is targeted toward young professionals who want to pursue careers in disarmament and non-proliferation of WMDs and advanced graduate students in international law or international relations. Familiarity with international law and arms control issues is highly desirable.

**PROGRAMME:**

**Lecturers**

The programme content will be delivered by a team of international lecturers with academic or professional backgrounds in international law and related disciplines. The academic lecturers include staff from relevant multilateral organizations, Dutch universities and other academic institutions in the Netherlands and elsewhere.

The contributions to the programme by the OPCW will provide participants with a clear insight into the functioning of this organization and its effective multilateral approach serving as an example for other areas of disarmament and non-proliferation.

Additionally, the training will include contributions by the CTBTO Preparatory Commission, the BWC-ISU (Biological Weapons Convention Implementation Support Unit of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs) and the IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency).

**Contents:**

- Theoretical knowledge
- Practical skills
- Study visits
- After-course personal action plan

During the programme a variety of learning techniques will be employed, including lectures, small group discussions and interactive workshops to provide opportunities for participants to gain a deeper understanding of the issues being studied.

The theoretical part of the course will provide the participants with an introduction/historical overview of arms control concepts and approaches, and will consider the role of disarmament and non-proliferation of WMD in the context of international law and security policy.

As part of the programme, a study visit will be organized to the OPCW Laboratory and Equipment store.

In addition to the theoretical component and related study visits, the course will provide participants with opportunity and guidance to improve their practical skills. Strengthening competencies such as effective performance in multi-cultural teams, presentation skills, and negotiation skills *inter alia* will therefore be incorporated into the course.

**ORGANISERS:**



**T.M.C. Asser Instituut ([www.asser.nl](http://www.asser.nl))**

Located in the heart of the international justice community, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut has successfully organized different Summer Schools in the past, in close collaboration with a variety of partners, such as the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law, and the Netherlands Institute of Human Rights of Utrecht University.

**Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons ([www.opcw.org](http://www.opcw.org))**

The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) is the implementing body of the Chemical Weapons Convention. The OPCW is given the mandate to achieve the object and purpose of the Convention, to ensure the implementation of its provisions, including those for international verification of compliance with it, and to provide a forum for consultation and cooperation among States Parties.

The OPCW is an independent, autonomous international organisation with a working relationship with the United Nations. Established in 1997, the OPCW now counts 188 States as its members.



**Partners:**

The Summer Programme includes contributions by:



**The Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization (CTBTO)**



**The Implementation Support Unit for the Biological Weapons Convention**



**International Atomic Energy Agency**

**ADMISSION:**

**How to apply?**

Please fill in the registration form, to be found at [www.asser.nl/wmd](http://www.asser.nl/wmd) and send it to [education@asser.nl](mailto:education@asser.nl)

Acceptance of participation in this programme is at the discretion of the Directorate of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut. The Instituut retains the right to cancel the summer programme if there are not enough registrants, without obligation in any way to make compensation. The Asser Instituut will inform the prospective participant in such a case as soon as possible.

Fees	
Non-student fee	€ 1200.-
Full time student fee	€ 1000.-

This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee and lunch during workdays, receptions and an opening dinner.

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure that the fees are paid in full by the correct date. Details of payment method will be communicated to you after acceptance of your application.

**Travel, accommodation, insurance and visa:**

The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports etc., (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses.

Participants must make their own travel arrangements to The Hague. These arrangements are the sole responsibility of each participant. We do advise you to book flights as soon as you receive confirmation of your application.

Participants must have a medical insurance valid for the duration of their stay in The Netherlands.

All participants must have a valid passport to travel to The Netherlands. Participants coming from EU countries are not required to obtain a visa for The Netherlands. The participant is responsible for applying for a visa at the Dutch Embassy or Consulate in their country of residence.