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# Summer Law Program on *International Criminal Law and International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism*

18 May - 12 June 2015  
The Hague

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# Summer Law Program in The Hague

Welcome to the 9th Annual Summer Law Program on *International Criminal Law* and *International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism*!

This programme is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law and the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague. The programme will be organised in The Hague, International City of Peace and Justice and official seat of the Crown and the Dutch Government.

As the United Nations' second city, The Hague is home to some 160 international organisations and many multinationals.

But this vibrant international city has more to offer: walk through the city-centre and discover its rich history and royal atmosphere; pass by the famous painting 'The girl with the Pearl Earring' by Johannes Vermeer in Het Mauritshuis; visit one of the many summer festivals; enjoy a drink in one of The Hague's bustling cafés; or discover the swell of the North Sea in Scheveningen.

Attending this Summer Programme will provide you plenty of opportunities to discover the city and meet new people.

**Join us in The Hague this summer!**



***"The Summer Programme has been a wonderful experience, which I would not take back for anything. Being in the Netherlands and diving into this culture has made the month even more memorable.."***

Participant Summer Programme 2014

# Programme

This year's Summer Programme is split up in two parts. Interested candidates may apply for the 4-week programme or sign up for only one of the 2-week programmes:

## 1. International Criminal Law: 18 May - 29 May 2015

The first two weeks will provide an overview of the fundamental features of international criminal law. What are international crimes and how have the definitions of these crimes evolved in the last decades? We will explore how domestic courts, ad hoc tribunals and hybrid tribunals have contributed to ending impunity. The Summer Programme will address how these courts and tribunals have been established and critically assess their legacy. We will look how the International Criminal Court functions, the current situations it is investigating, but also the recent decision by the Prosecutor to open an examination in Palestine. The Summer Programme will address the current challenges the international justice system faces and the apparent lack of accountability for crimes committed in countries such as Sri Lanka, South Sudan or Syria. We will examine the role of states, not only in preventing serious violations but also in bringing those responsible to justice. The concept of amnesties and immunities will be explained and how these could possibly affect prosecution of international crimes.



Topics that will be covered i.e.:

- International crimes: crimes against humanity, genocide, war crimes;
- Amnesties and immunities;
- Role of states in preventing & prosecuting international crimes;
- Victim participation;
- Ad hoc tribunals and hybrid tribunals.

## 2. International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism: 1 - 12 June 2015



The last two weeks of the Summer Programme will focus on International and Comparative Legal Approaches to Counter-Terrorism. What is terrorism and counter-terrorism, how have these concepts evolved since 9/11? We will look how human rights are raised in the context of terrorism. This, especially in light of the recent attacks at Charlie Hebdo and the counter-measures that are being adopted across Europe providing far-reaching powers to intelligence agencies. The Summer Programme will critically look at how the armed conflict approach deals with terrorism, with case studies on targeted killing and Syria. We will elaborate how criminal justice sector tackles terrorism from international, regional and domestic perspective. The need for cooperation with respect to prevention and suppression of terrorism will be examined. The Summer Programme will conclude with phenomena of foreign terrorist fighters, a growing concern in many countries.

Topics that will be covered i.e.:

- Identification, listing and delisting, asset freezing;
- Human rights raised in context of terrorism and counter-terrorism;
- Use of force in counter-terrorism: Jus Ad Bellum;
- Jus in Bello issues in countering terrorism: targeting and detention;
- Alternatives means of dealing with foreign terrorist fighters.

# Study Visits

During the Summer Programme you will get an opportunity to visit six different tribunals and courts based in The Hague. These visits will complement the class room lectures and provide you with unique insights on how these international courts and tribunals function and provide you with an excellent opportunity to network with the legal professionals working there.

The following visits are scheduled\*:

- **The International Court of Justice ( ICJ):** *Already established in 1946 and based in the beautiful Peace Palace, the principal judicial organ of the UN, the ICJ settles disputes between states in accordance with international law and gives advisory opinions on legal issues.*
- **The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY):** *The ICTY was the first war crimes court since the Nuremberg and Tokyo tribunals which is slowly working towards completion of its activities. The ICTY was established by the Security Council under Chapter VII of the UN Charter to deal with war crimes that took place during the conflicts in the Balkans in the 1990's.*



- **The Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL):** *Located at the outskirts of the The Hague, The STL is the first and only international tribunal that can prosecute the crime of terrorism. The STL is a hybrid court consisting of international judges and Lebanese judges tasked with the responsibility to try those responsible for the attack that killed Hariri and 21 others.*
- **The International Criminal Court (ICC):** *In 2002 the first permanent international criminal court was established and has jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for international crimes. The first arrest warrants were issued in 2005 and the first decision handed down in 2012 against Thomas Lubanga. Currently 21 cases and 9 situations have been brought before the ICC and in January the Office of the Prosecutor opened a preliminary examination of the situation in Palestine.*
- **The Dutch Court of Appeal:** *A special visit to the Dutch Court of Appeal will illustrate how a criminal case is dealt with in a Dutch court. A prosecutor and investigative judge will explain how the international crimes chamber within the Court of Appeal functions and what challenges they face in prosecuting international crimes in a national court.*
- **Eurojust:** *established in 2002 to stimulate and improve the co-ordination of investigations and prosecutions among the competent judicial authorities of the European Union Member States when they deal with serious cross-border and organised crime. Eurojust plays an active role in countering terrorism and encourages exchange of information.*

\* please note that due to last minute changes in the court schedules the visits to the courts and tribunals can be rescheduled and in some cases cancelled. In this case we will arrange an alternative study visit.

# Target Audience

Around 40 students from top US law schools will travel to The Hague, the City of Peace and Justice, to follow this quality programme and visit courts and tribunals that are making legal history as we speak.



An additional **10 places** are available on this programme for interested students/young professionals from across the globe interested in pursuing careers in counter-terrorism and related fields of work.

## Organiser

### T.M.C. Asser Instituut

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague is a distinctive, inter-university research institute specialised in International and European law and a leading and authoritative provider of executive education to students and professionals operating in the judicial sector.



The Institute initiates, develops and provides education (tailor-made programmes and summer programmes) to students and professionals working in the judicial sector.

Each programme has a high degree of flexibility and competence, taking advantage of our academic integration and our extensive network of excellent and renowned speakers and teaching staff.

Working with partners from complementary fields we are successful in creating truly unique and highly relevant programmes on a variety of subjects and levels for a diverse range of participants including among others students, judges, prosecutors, legislators, civil servants, diplomats and lawyers.

Located in the heart of the international justice community, within walking distance of such international organisations as the ICTY, the OPCW, and the Peace Palace (which houses the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is the perfect host for organising Summer Programmes in international law.

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# Practical Information

## Date

18 May – 12 June 2015

## Fee

€ 1400 (4-week programme)

€ 800 (2-week programme: *International Criminal Law* or *International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism*)

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 etc., (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.

## Registration

You can register by completing the online application form at:

- **Summer Law Program**, 18 May - 12 June 2015: [www.asser.nl/SummerLawProgram2015](http://www.asser.nl/SummerLawProgram2015)
- **International Criminal Law**, 18 - 29 May 2015: [www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeICL](http://www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeICL)
- **International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism**, 1 - 12 June 2015: [www.asser.nl/LegalApproachestoCT](http://www.asser.nl/LegalApproachestoCT)

The deadline for application is 6 April 2015.

*Please read the Registration Information & Conditions carefully before registration.*



*Photo: Justice in Conflict*

***“The programme by far exceeded my expectations; the selection of topics was interesting and the lectures are of a high quality. It was a month to come, learn, gain new knowledge and enrich myself with new insights.”***

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# Registration Information & Conditions

## Enrollment

1. You may register via the website by submitting the completed online registration form at [www.asser.nl/SummerLawProgram2015](http://www.asser.nl/SummerLawProgram2015), [www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeICL](http://www.asser.nl/SummerProgrammeICL), [www.asser.nl/LegalApproachestoCT](http://www.asser.nl/LegalApproachestoCT)
2. Each participant should use a separate form.
3. The deadline for registration has been extended. You can register up to two weeks before the start of the Summer Programme.
4. Upon receipt of the completed online registration form, a confirmation letter and payment details will be sent to you by email.
5. Your registration is complete once the online registration form has been submitted and the payment has been received.
6. The registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement. By submitting the completed registration form the registrant declares to be in accordance with the requirements and provisions described therein.
7. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information. If you have not received confirmation of your registration within 7 working days of submitting, please contact [educationtraining@asser.nl](mailto:educationtraining@asser.nl).
8. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut reserves the right to withhold registration.

## Fees and Payment Conditions

1. Fees for the four-week summer programme are € 1400. Fees for the two-week *International Criminal Law* programme or the *International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism* programme are € 800.
2. The fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, refreshments and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.
3. The full payment must be made within 10 days after receipt of the confirmation e-mail. You will only be secured of a place at the Summer Programme once the T.M.C. Asser Instituut has received your payment in full.
4. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel, accommodation evening meals (approximately €30 per day), and if applicable, any visa charges and medical insurance. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague (€70-120 per day).

## Cancellation Policy

1. Cancellations will only be accepted when your request for cancellation is submitted by e-mail to [educationtraining@asser.nl](mailto:educationtraining@asser.nl).
2. If you cancel less than four weeks prior to the starting date of the Summer Programme, no refund of the course fee will be given.
3. If you cancel within the allotted time (at least 4 weeks before the starting date of the course), a processing fee of €200,- will be charged. The remaining sum will be refunded.
4. The T.M.C Asser Instituut reserves the right to cancel the Summer Programme. In the event that such action is necessary, registrants will be informed at least four weeks in advance of the starting date of the programme.
5. In the event that the T.M.C. Asser Instituut cancels the Summer Programme, the full sum paid will be reimbursed.

## Visa

1. If you require a visa to visit the Netherlands, you are strongly advised to apply for your visa at least eight weeks prior to your departure to The Netherlands. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut does not arrange visas but will assist visa applicants where appropriate.

## Liability

1. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held liable for personal injuries or for loss and/or damage to the personal belongings of participants either during or as a result of their participation in the programme.