



## Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism: Legal Challenges and Dilemmas

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### Programme Update: *Targeted Killings and the Use of Drones as a Counter-Terrorism Measure*

In January 2015, an American drone strike killed two al Qaeda hostages, American citizen Mr. Warren Weinstein and Italian Mr. Giovanni Lo Porto. This caused the Obama administration to disclose more information about the killings, showing that the responsible senior official authorised the attack without knowing who exactly was in the targeted compound and surrounding areas. This made clear once more that there is a risk in the use of drones caused by the gap between the intelligence and technology used and the reality on the ground. The killings raised further questions about the effectiveness and legality of the use of drones and targeted killings in countering terrorism.

These questions and issues will be addressed during the Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in different sessions. The effectiveness of this counter-terrorism tool will be discussed, along with how it fits into different (international) legal frameworks and what the position of EU Member States is on the use of drones. These sessions will be provided by Dr. Eric Pouw (Netherlands Defense Academy) and Ms. Jessica Dorsey (Asser Institute) who both have done extensive research on the topic.

From 24-28 August 2015, ICCT and the Asser Institute are organising the Fifth Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism. The objective of this unique Summer Programme is to explore the theoretical and more practical questions of the legality of many counter-terrorism strategies and measures.

Would you like to learn more about this and other counter-terrorism topics by experts working in the field?

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