1. Research Output

1.1 Publications

1.1.1 Articles

Belavusau, U.

Belavusau, U. & Wójcik, A.

Boutin, B.

Duval, A.

Duval A.

Elazar-De Mota, Y.

Gordon, G.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
Lazic, V.


Rooij, M. de


Stolk, S.


1.1.2 Book Chapters

Belavusau, U.


Duval, A.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

'Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Adams, M., Hirsch Ballin, E. & Meuwese, A.

Idriz, N.

'Idriz, N.

Lazic, V.

Gray, J. & Schrama, W. & Lazic, V.

Lazic, V.

Lazic, V.

Lazic, V. & Schrama, W.
Lazic, V. & Schrama, W.

Lazic, V. & Schrama, W.

Nijman, J.E.

Carty, A. & Nijman, J.E.

Nijman J.E.

Nijman, J.E.

Partiti, E.

Duval A. & Partiti E.

Paulussen, C.

Gill, T.D. & Paulussen, C.

1.1.3 Monographs

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
'De stille revolutie van 1917: Dwarsverbanden in democratische burgerschap en onderwijs', Longread, Querido Fosfor, Longread (2017).

Nijman, J.E.

Nijman, J.E.
Seeking Change by Doing History, (Oratiereeks), Amsterdam University Press (2018), 26 p.
1.1.4 Edited volumes

Belavusau, U.
Belavusau, U. & Henrard, K. (eds.)

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
Adams, M., Meuwese, A. & Hirsch Ballin, E. (eds.)

Lazic, V.
V. Lazic (ed.)

Lazic, V. & S. Stuij, S. (eds.)

Nijman, J.E.
Nijman, J.E. & Carty A. (eds.)

Paulussen, C.

1.1.5 Reports

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H. et al.


Lucassen L., Scheffer, P. & Hirsch Ballin, E.
### 1.1.6 Working papers

**Boutin, B.**


**Duval, A.**


**Grozdanova, R.**


**Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.**


**Partiti, E.**


**Paulussen, C.**


### 1.1.7 Policy briefs

**Belavusau, U.**


**Boutin, B.**

Duval, A.
Duval, A. & Dunmore, C.

1.1.8 Blogs

Bán, M.
Bán, M.

Belavusau, U.
Belavusau, U.

Belavusau, U.

Belavusau, U.
‘Height Discrimination in EU Law: The Case of Kalliri (C-409/16) at the Court of Justice’, European Law Blog, 11 June 2018.

Bo, M.
Bo, M.
‘Who is Criminally Responsible for the Commission of War Crimes when Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems are Deployed in Armed Conflicts?’, Website Graduate Institute Geneva, 21 September 2018.

Boutin, B.
Boutin, B.

Boutin, B.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.
Elazar-DeMota, Y.
‘Left Behind: The Portuguese Jews that Didn't Escape the Inquisition’, The Global City Website, 3 April 2018.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.
‘Slavery debates in the seventeenth-century Dutch Republic: Misinterpretations of the Torah?’, The Global City Website, 3 December 2018.

Grozdanova, R.
Grozdanova, R.
Grozdanova, R.
‘Incitement to Terrorism – Treating the Symptoms or Addressing the Causal Malady?’, ICCT Perspective, 14 November 2018.

**Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.**

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

**Idriz, N.**

Idriz, N.
‘Why EU member states should not hesitate to vote for the Global Compact for Migration’, Blog on Website Asser Institute, 29 November 2018.

**Krieke, J. van der**

Krieke, J. van der
‘Who looks after the Jewish heritage of Lviv?’, The Global City Website, 3 September 2018.

**Marcenko, M.**

Marcenko, M.

Marcenko, M.

Marcenko, M.

**Meerssche, D. van den**

Meerssche, D. van den

Meerssche, D. van den

**Krieke, J. van der**

Krieke, J. van der
‘Nieuwe Herengracht 143’, The Global City Website, 1 May 2018.
Nijman, J.E.

Nijman, J.E.

Paulussen, C.

Paulussen, C.

Paulussen, C.

Roodenburg, L.

Roodenburg, L.
'National Interests in Urban Politics: Amsterdam's Shelter for Undocumented Migrants', The Global City Website, 1 June 2018.

Roodenburg, L.
'Hong Kong’s ambiguous human rights discourse', The Global City Website, 8 October 2018.

1.2 Activities

1.2.1 Presentations at external events¹

Bán, M.
• Presentation in panel on ‘Eastern Europe as a Current Hub of Memory Laws and Memory War’, at the Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Comparative Perspective Workshop, Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley (US), 3 April 2018.
• Presentation of a paper entitled ‘Building the Illiberal State via the Instrumentalized Memory of Communism: The Case of Hungary’, at the ‘Words that Kill Conference’ on ‘Re-Examining Questions of Hate Speech and Freedom, the Creation and Production of Lies and Violence-inducing Identity Discourses’ (28-30 May 2018), at the American University of Paris (France), 28 May 2018.

¹ Keynote and invited presentations at conferences, seminars, workshops, round tables.


• Presentation on ‘The Role of Christianity in Shaping the Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Hungary’, Book launch and Workshop ‘How to Remember the Past?’, Asser Institute, The Hague, 19 October 2018.

Belavusau, U.


• Presentation of his current research on memory laws at the Centre for the Study of Law & Society at the University of California in Berkeley (USA), 2 March 2018.

• Presentation of paper ‘Counteracting Homophobic Speech in European and US Law’, at the video conference organized by the Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group, Berkeley Law School, Berkeley (USA), 10 April 2018.

• Presentation of a paper entitled ‘Ukrainian Memory Laws from the European Legal Perspective’, at the ‘Words that Kill Conference’ on ‘Re-Examining Questions of Hate Speech and Freedom, the Creation and Production of Lies and Violence-inducing Identity Discourses’ (28-30 May 2018), at the American University of Paris (France), 28 May 2018.

• Presentation of his book chapter about ‘Memory laws in the context of freedom of expression’ during the 10th World Congress of Constitutional Law (IACL-AIDC), Seoul (South Korea), 18-22 June 2018.

• Chaired a panel on ‘Migration law’ and presented his account of ‘Citizenship laws and mnemonic constitutionalism’ at a panel on ‘Memory politics’ during the ICON’s conference ‘Identity, Security, Democracy: Challenges for Public Law’ in Hong Kong (China), 25-27 June 2018.

• Presentation entitled ‘Dilemmas in Legal Governance of History in European Law’, at the Conference ‘Circulating across Europe? Transgressive Narratives about the Past’ (28-29 August 2018), Harvard University, Cambridge (USA), 28 August 2018.


• Presentation of his co-edited volume Law and Memory: Towards Legal Governance of History (Cambridge University Press, 2017), at a book launch and academic workshop on
‘Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Comparative Perspectives’, at the European University Institute, Florence (Italy), 15 October 2018.


Bo, M.


- Presentation entitled ‘Practical Aspects of Complementarity’ at the ASP the Hague Working Group on Complementarity (discussion of the challenges to achieve complementarity and presentation of capacity building work in ICL by Asser Institute and Cassese Initiative), The Hague, 30 October 2018.

Boutin, B.


- Presentation on ‘Causation in Shared Responsibility’, at symposium on ‘Principles of Shared Responsibility in International Law’, at the Lauterpacht Centre for International Law (University of Cambridge) with the SHARES Project on Shared Responsibility in International Law, 6 June 2018.


- Presentation on ‘AI for International Law and International Law for AI’ at the seminar on ‘AI and Blockchain for Good: Harnessing Technological Developments to Foster Trust’, organised by the Asser Institute and the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), 5 July 2018.

- Presentation on ‘Evaluating the long-term global effectiveness of counter-terrorism policies’, at roundtable on the evaluation of counter-terrorism laws in France, organised by the Commission Nationale Consultative des droits de l’Homme (CNCDH), Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSFIE), and the Centre d’études et de recherches de science administrative (CERSA) of University Paris II Panthéon-Assas, Paris, 29 October 2018.
Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Presentation of paper on ‘Nationality, Alienage and Early International Rights’, at the American Society of International Law (ASIL) Midyear Meeting Research Forum, 8-10 November 2018, UCLA School of Law, Los Angeles, California (US), 10 November 2018.
- Presentation of paper on 'Nationality, Alienage and Early International Rights', at the Seminar 'On the Origins of International Legal Thought', Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (UK), 7 December 2018.

Duval, A.

- Presentation on ‘The Turn to Arbitration in Business and Human Rights: A Corporate Fox Guarding the Human Rights Henhouse?’ at the Toogdag 2018 of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR), Tilburg University, 22 June 2018.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.


Gordon, G.

- Presentation on ‘The Struggle to Visualize the World’ at a colloquium with David Kennedy, in advance of the latter’s Montesquieu Lecture entitled ‘Law, Expertise and Global Political Economy’ at Tilburg University, 8 March 2018.
- Presentation on ‘Working with Theory in International Law’ (with O. Korhonen) at Conference on ‘Knowledge Production in International Law’ (7-8 September 2018) at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland), 7 September 2018.
- Presentation on ‘Global Temporal Infrastructure’ at the InfraReg (Infrastructures as Regulation) conference (28-29 September 2018), New York University, Institute for International Law & Justice, New York City, 28 September 2018.
- Presentation on ‘Contradiction & the Court: Heterodox Methods for Analysis applied to the Iran-US Case at the ICJ’,
in panel on ‘Underlying Interactions between Tribunals & International Law’, at the Workshop ‘Sociological Perspectives on International Tribunals’ (8-9 November 2018), Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Institutional Law, 8 November 2018.

Grozdanova, R.
• Lecture on ‘State Responsibility on Countering Terrorism' as part of the Asser Institute’s Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law and International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism, The Hague, 11 June 2018.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
• Presentation about the policy outlines on social cohesion from 2007 until present, Dutch Ministry of Justice and Security, The Hague, 6 February 2018.
• Lecture at Third South-Holland Conference, ‘Samen in transitie; shaking of the Foundations’: Province of South-Holland, 8 March 2018.
• Comenius Lecture on the occasion of the presentation the Comenius Award to Minister of State, mr H. D. Tjeenk Willink, ‘Doorleefde democratie; over democratie, rechtstaat en mensenrechten', Naarden, 17 March 2018.
• Panel presentation on ‘People out of place: what to expect from human rights law?’, at the Toogdag 2018 of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR), Tilburg University, 22 June 2018.
• Guest Lecture on ‘Populism', at the Thomas More Foundation, Den Bosch, 17 October 2018.
• Speech at the reopening of the Anne Frank Museum, Amsterdam, 22 November 2018.
• Speech (Zoek naar de bijzonderheid van mensen) at the Divosa Autumn 2018 Conference, The Hague, 29 November 2018.
• Lecture on Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, Free Press Unlimited, Utrecht, 10 December 2018.

Idriz, N.
• Presentation on the 'Impact of Brexit on Free Movement of Goods and People between EU and UK', at an international conference on the 'Impact of Brexit on the External Economic Relations of the EU and Implications for Turkey-EU Customs Union', Ankara University (Turkey), 8 February 2018.
• Presentation on 'An examination of the EU-Turkey Deal from EU law perspective' at the International Migration Conference, Utrecht University, 8 May 2018.
• Presentation on ‘The ‘thorny’ EU-Turkey deal: Implications of the ruling of the Court of Justice', at The Migration

• Presentation on ‘The Rule of Law and its Application in the EU’, to a delegation of Tunisian judges in the framework of a lecture series organized by Hanns Seidel Stiftung at Europol, 13 September 2018.


Krieke, van der J.

• Presentation on ‘Jewish Immigrants as Citizens of Early Modern Amsterdam’, at the 11th EAJS Conference, European Conference on Jewish Studies (16-20 July 2018), Cracow (Poland), 17 July 2018.

Lazic, V.

• Presentation on ‘Enforcing Annulled Arbitral Awards: a comparison of approaches in the United States and in the Netherlands’ during the conference ‘XXIV Symposium Petar Simonetti: Property Law, Law of Obligations and Civil Procedure’ (11-13 April 2018), Poreč (Croatia) and organized by the University of Rijeka (Croatia), 13 April 2018.


Marcenko M.


Meerssche, D. van den


Nijman, J.E.

- ‘The Critical Potential of International Legal History’, Faculty Seminar at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland), 26 April 2018.
- Presentation on ‘The Global City from an International Law Perspective’, at a joint seminar of ‘Cities of Refuge Research’ and Asser’s Global City team, Middelburg, 23 May 2018.
- Speaker at “The Reception and Integration of Refugees: A Task for Local Authorities?”, panel with Martha Davis and James Hathaway, discussion moderated by Barbara Oomen, co-organised with the Cities of Refuge project in Middelburg, 23 May 2018.
- Presentation on ‘Cities and Human Rights’, at the Rotary Club of East Jerusalem, American Colony Hotel, East Jerusalem, 23 October 2018.
- Presentation of paper 'Ius Gentium', at Workshop ‘Christianity and International Law’, University of Helsinki (Finland), 1-2 November 2018.
Paulussen, C.
- Presentation on ‘Emergency Responses to ISIS Inspired Terrorism’, as part of the panel ‘Conflict Spillover: ISIS (inspired) Terrorism in Europe; Responses and Applicable Law’, at the Conference ‘Rise and Fall of ISIS’ (26-27 September 2018), organised and hosted by the Research Group ‘Law of Armed Conflict and Military Operations (LACMO), which is part of the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL), Faculty of Law, UvA, and by the Faculty of Military Sciences of the Netherlands Defence Academy, Amsterdam, 26 September 2018.

Roodenburg, L.
- Presentation entitled ‘Diversity and Migration in Global cities: Human Rights as a Source of Trust and/or Control’, at joint seminar of ‘Cities of Refuge Research’ and Asser’s Global City team, Middelburg, 23 May 2018.

Stolk, S.

1.2.2 Participation in external events

Belavusau, U.

2 Participation in events including acting as chair, discussant, moderator.

• Organiser of joint Asser-Berkeley one-day workshop ‘Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Comparative Perspective’, co-organized by the Centre for the Study of Law and Society, University of California Berkeley, and the Asser Institute, Berkeley (USA), 3 April 2018

• Chair of panel on ‘Freedom of Expression’ with the Four-Freedoms Award laureate, Erol Önderoglu at the Roosevelt Foundation (The Hague's Nieuwspoort), 17 May 2018.

• Chair and discussant at a panel on ‘Politics of the Past: Memory and Heritage in International Relations’, at the 12th Pan-European Conference on International Relations ‘A New Hope: Back to the Future of International Relations’, of the European Association of International Relations, University of Economics (12-15 September 2018), Prague (Czech Republic), 13 September 2018.

• Organiser and chair of panel on ‘Memory Laws in Hungary’, at the Memory Laws Workshop ‘Perspectives from Hungary and Eastern Europe’, Institute for Legal Studies, Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest (Hungary), 18 September 2018.

• Chair of panel on ‘Shaping Historical and Post-Transitional Narratives through Law’, at a MELA conference ‘Memory Laws in Post-Transitional Democracies: Case Studies from Post-Communist States’, at the Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw (Poland), 5 October 2018.

• Organiser of book launch and workshop on ‘How to remember the past?’, Asser Institute, The Hague, 19 October 2018.

Bo, M.


Boutin, B.


Duval, A.

• Participation in a High-Level Policy Dialogue on the Transnational Governance of Sports at the European University Institute, Florence (Italy), 22 February 2018.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.

• Participation in a workshop on ‘Recht in Amsterdam tijdens de Republiek, 17de eeuw’, Maastricht University, 16 May 2018.

• Participation in the Masterclass Martti Koskenniemi, including presentation of research, Asser Institute, 30 November 2018.

Gordon, G.
• Participation in the seminar on Customary International Law, at the University of Twente, 19 January 2018.
• Participation in a seminar on Subjectivity, Psychoanalysis and International Law(ers) given by Dr Matt Nicholson (Durham University) at VU Amsterdam, 16 February 2018.
• Participation in the workshop 'Creating Law from Absence', VU Amsterdam, 17 May 2018.
• Participation in the workshop ‘Beyond Technocracy: Environmental Indicators as Boundary Objects’, held at VU Amsterdam, 22 May 2018.
• Participation in the ‘Contingency in the Course of International Law’ conference organised by ACIL (Amsterdam Center for International Law) at the University of Amsterdam, 14-16 June 2018.
• Participation in the 'Boundaries of Law' workshop at the Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 19 June 2018.
• Participation in the workshop with Prof Rainer Forst on ‘A Critical Theory of Transnational (In-)Justice: Realistic in the Right Way’, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam, 22 October 2018.
• Participation in the side event panel ‘Digitalization and Disarmament: The Future is Now, are we Prepared for it?’ at the Annual Review Conference of the States Parties to the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons, organized by the OPCW and UN Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, The Hague, 22 November 2018.

Grozdanova, R.
• Participation in the Roosevelt Foundation ‘Four Freedoms’ event. She also chaired and reported on the ‘Freedom of Fear Laureate’ Roundtable, The Hague, 17 May 2018.
• Participation in and contribution to the 7th Annual PhD Day of the IHCL Platform, 25 May 2018.
• Participation in lunch (by invitation) at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs hosted by the MFA Special Envoy on Counterterrorism Mr. Lars Tummers and attended by Mr. Vladimir Voronkov, Under Secretary General (UN Office of Counter-Terrorism), Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, 10 July 2018.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.
• Participation in the Brookings roundtable discussion on ‘Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems and International Law: The Next Frontier’. The roundtable discussion featured experts from international law, technology, defense, ethics and human rights to consider in more depth the key pending questions surrounding the rules that should govern development and use of autonomous weapons, Washington DC, USA, 5 April 2018.
• Chairman at the conference ‘Kwaliteit van rechtspraak en rechtshulp in het (civiele) geding. Hoe advocatuur en rechterlijke macht elkaar negatief beïnvloeden’, of the Royal Netherlands
Idriz, N.
- Contribution to a roundtable debate on the 'Impact of Brexit on the External Economic Relations of the EU and Implications for Turkey-EU Customs Union', organised by the Economic Development Foundation and the EU Research Centre of Ankara University in Istanbul (Turkey), 9 February 2018.
- Coordination of the Asser team in the organisation of the event 'Roosevelt in the Hague 2018' and acted as the rapporteur on the Round Table meeting on Freedom of Speech and Expression, 17 May 2018.
- Chair of a panel on 'The Legality of Economic Activities in Occupied Territories under European Union Law', at the conference on 'The International Legality of Economic Activities in Occupied Territories?', Asser Institute, 17 October 2018.

Krieke, van der J.
- Participation in a workshop on 'Recht in Amsterdam tijdens de Republiek, 17de eeuw', Maastricht University, 16 May 2018.
- Participation and discussant at the workshop 'International Law, Local Government - Urban dimensions of International Human Rights Law', organised jointly by 'Cities of Refuge Research' and Asser’s Global City team, Asser Institute, 18 October 2018.
- Participation in the Masterclass Martti Koskenniemi, including presentation of research, Asser Institute, 30 November 2018.

Lazic, V.

Marcenko M.
- Participation in the Masterclass Martti Koskenniemi, including presentation of research, Asser Institute, 30 November 2018.
Nijman, J.E.
- Participation in a workshop on 'Recht in Amsterdam tijdens de Republiek, 17de eeuw', Maastricht University, 16 May 2018.
- Participation in a panel entitled 'The Reception and Integration of Refugees: A Task for Local Authorities?', with Martha Davis and James Hathaway, discussion moderated by Barbara Oomen, at the joint seminar of 'Cities of Refugee Research' and Asser's Global City team, Middelburg, 23 May 2018.
- Chair of a panel on 'Necessity, Possibility & Imagination', at the Workshop 'Contingencies in the Course of International Law: How International Law Could Have Been' (14-16 June 2018), organised by ACIL (Amsterdam Center for International Law), University of Amsterdam, 14 June 2018.
- Co-Chair (together with Prof Helmut Aust (FU, Berlin)) at the Inaugural Closed Working Session of the ILA Study Group on 'The Role of Cities in International Law', ILA 2018 Conference 'Developing International Law in Challenging Times', Sydney (Australia), 19-24 August 2018.
- Participation and discussant of two papers at the workshop 'International Law, Local Government - Urban Dimensions of International Human Rights Law', organised jointly by 'Cities of Refuge Research' and Asser's Global City team, Asser Institute, 18 October 2018.

Partiti, E.
- Participation in a 'Briefing with Members of the EU Parliament on competition law and sustainability', Brussels, 22 February 2018.
- Chair of a panel session on ‘EU External Relations Law and Protection of Human Rights’ during the 10th Anniversary CLEER Conference (6-7 December 2018), Asser Institute, The Hague, 6 December 2018.

Paulussen, C.
- Participation in a closed strategy meeting at Amnesty International, Amsterdam, 30 January 2018.
- Participation in a discussion meeting organised by the NCTV (Nationale Coördinator Terrorismebestrijding en Veiligheid) on the Transformation of ISIS after the Caliphate, The Hague, 12 March 2018.
- Co-organiser and moderator of two panels (one on 'Intelligence as Evidence' and one on 'The Hearing of Witnesses and Use of Testimony') in the context of a GCTF expert meeting on the 'Development of Recommendations on the Collection, Use and Sharing of Evidence for Purposes of Criminal Prosecution of Terrorist Suspects', The Hague, 13-14 March 2018.
• Co-organiser, speaker and moderator at the High-level expert meeting on ‘Bringing Terrorists to Justice before National Courts: Developing Guidelines to Facilitate the Collection of Information and Evidence by Military and Other Relevant Criminal Justice Actors within a Rule-of-law Framework’, organised as part of a joint UN Counter-Terrorism Executive Directorate (CTED) project within the framework of the Counter-Terrorism Implementation Task Force (CTITF) Working Group on Criminal Justice and Legal Responses to Terrorism, New York, 9-10 April 2018.


Roodenburg, L.


• Participation in the Masterclass Martti Koskenniemi, including presentation of research, Asser Institute, 30 November 2018.

Stolk S.

• Presentation on ‘Waiting for International Law (a Manifesto for Nothing)’, at the seminar ‘International Law and the Absurd’, Asser Institute, 26 January 2018.

• Participation in a seminar on Subjectivity, Psychoanalysis and International Law(yers) given by Dr Matt Nicholson (Durham University) at the VU Amsterdam, 16 February 2018.

• Participation in the workshop ‘Creating Law from Absence’, VU Amsterdam, 17 May 2018.

• Participation in the workshop ‘Beyond Technocracy: Environmental Indicators as Boundary Objects’, held at VU Amsterdam, 22 May 2018.

1.2.3 Lectures at external events

Belavusau, U.

• Contribution to two classes (‘Introduction to Comparative Equality Law’ and ‘Sources of Law and Theories of Equality’) in the Berkeley-Stanford webcourse on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law, January 2018.

• Guest lecture about Discrimination on the Grounds of Race and Sexual Orientation in EU law, the Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier (Germany), 25 September 2018.

• Public lecture on Memory Laws and Memory Wars in Poland for the student association SIB-Groningen at the occasion of the symposium ‘The Politics of Collective Memory, 23 April 2018.

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3 Lectures as part of courses, trainings, teaching activities, etc.
Bo, M.
- Lectures as part of the PIL course at PPLE (an interdisciplinary Bachelor’s programme on Politics, Psychology, Law and Economics), University of Amsterdam, April - June 2018.

Boutin, B.

Duval, A.
- Presentation on ‘Bringing Human Rights to FIFA: Legal Roads to a Responsible Game’, at the Doing Business Right Winter Academy (8-12 January 2018), 9 January 2018.
- Lecture on ‘Legal Academia in Times of Social Media’ at the NNHRR Annual PhD Training Course, Leiden, 8 June 2018.

Douma, W.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Idriz, N.
- Lecture on ‘The Common European Asylum System and the EU-Turkey Deal’ to first year law students, University of Amsterdam, 23 March 2018.

Nijman, J.E.

Partiti, E.
Paulussen, C.

Roodenburg, L.
- Guest lecture on Buenos Aires case study, Summer School ‘Human rights at Local Level’, University College Roosevelt, Middelburg, 21 June 2018.

Stolk S.
- Lecture on ‘Protecting of Protecting Humanity at the International Criminal Court’ in the honours course Politics of Protection, VU Amsterdam, April-May 2018.

1.2.4 Media

Belavusau, U.
- Polish Memory Law: When history becomes a source of mistrust, New Eastern Europe, 19 February 2018 (with Wójcik, A.)
- Polen verkondigt met herinneringswet de teloorgang van zijn liberale democratie, De Volkskrant, 20 February 2018.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.
- Diario de Yucatán (leading regional daily in Mexico’s south-east), ‘Leyes Sin Fronteras: Se dará premio de investigación a doctor Yucateco’, 23 November 2018.

Duval, A.
- It’s time for the EU to stand up to transnational corporations, op-ed, EUObserver, 15 October 2018.
- Kinesisk ejer ville bruge Vejle Boldklub til at tjene millioner i mystisk spillerhandel, interview Politiken, 3 November 2018.
- Agenten i blasväder efter de här bilderna, interview Aftonbladet, 6 November 2018.
- Avis: FC Nordsjaelland har skjulte aftaler med Manchester City, interview Danish Broadcasting Corporation, 8 November 2018.
- Engelsk storklub kan fa FC Nordsjaellands afrikanske talenter gratis, interview Politiken, 8 November 2018.
- L’UEFA discréditée, le football en péril, interview Mediapart, 8 November 2018.
- Jonge voetballers raken verstrikt in de tentakels van Manchester City, interview NRC Handelsblad, 9 November 2018.

Gordon, G.
- Interview on BBC Radio for a programme on ‘Obligation to Negotiate Access to the Pacific Ocean Case (Bolivia vs. Chile) before the ICJ’.
- World Court weighs Britain’s claim to Chagos Islands in Indian Ocean, interview with Reuters, 3 September 2018.
- Mauritius wil 'gestolen' eilanden via de rechter terug, interview Trouw, 5 September 2018.
- Iran, US in tense wait for world court sanctions ruling, interview The Times of Israel, 1 October 2018.
- UN court says US must lift Iran sanctions on humanitarian goods, interview ABC Radio Australia, 4 October 2018.

Nijman, J.E.
- For a humanist dialogue between Chinese and Western thoughts on world order, interview by Oana Ichim in Bulletin de Recherche of the Graduate Institute in Geneva, 1 February 2018.
- Open doek, mentioned in Opzij (2018) nr. 6, September-October 2018.
- In een mondiale economie kan een nationale overheid niet op eigen houtje reguleren, op-ed, De Volkskrant, 15 October 2018.
- Een verdrag tegen ongeremd kapitalisme, De Volkskrant, 16 October 2018.

Paulussen C.
- Depriving alleged jihadists of their nationality (Europæerne foretrækker at have deres IS-krigere på lang afstand), interview in Kristeligt Dagblad (Denmark), by B. Pedersen, 16 February 2018.
- The Long-Term Risk of non-Repatriation of Dutch Children in Syrian Camps (Haal de kinderen van IS-strijders terug voor het te laat is), De Volkskrant, 26 June 2018 (with W. van Genugten en B. Van Ginkel), 26 June 2018.
- Activists: Bahrain Continues to Revoke Citizenship of Dissidents interview on ‘citizenship stripping in Bahrain’ with Voice of America, 6 November 2018.

1.2.5 Internal presentations

Research seminars and luncheons

Boutin, B.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.
- ‘Nationality, Alienage and Early International Rights’, 31 October 2018.

Gordon, G.
- ‘New Methods for Researching Institutions of International Law’, 22 February 2018

Lazic, V.
- ‘Recent Developments in European PIL and International Arbitration – CJEU and decisions of national courts’, with the emphasis on the CJEU judgment of 6 March 2018 (Achmea), 10 April 2018.

Partiti, E.
1.2.6 Editorial work

Belavusau, U.
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium Memory Laws Symposium, Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium, containing 13 blog posts.

Boutin, B.
- Managing editor of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law, (peer-reviewed), T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag.

Lazic, V.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the European Business Organisations Law Review.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the Croatian Arbitration Yearbook.

Nijman, J.E.
- Editor on the board of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law (peer-reviewed journal), T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag.
- Editor of the Grotiana Journal (peer-reviewed journal), Brill Publishers, and Board Member of the Grotiana Foundation (since 2005).

Partiti, E.
- Managing Editor of CLEER Papers
- Board Member of Legal Issues of Economic Integration

Paulussen, C.
- Editor-in-Chief of the Security and Human Rights Monitor (SHRM) (appointed during the Monitor's annual editorial board meeting, The Hague, 11 June 2018). The SHRM is a multifaceted platform that provides analysis on the work of the OSCE, as well as on security and human rights challenges stemming from the OSCE region and beyond.
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium Courts and Counter-Terrorism Symposium, containing 9 blog posts.

1.2.7 Memberships

Nijman, J.E.
- Board Member and Research Advisor Global Justice at The Broker, an independent platform and online magazine on globalisation and development, bringing together cutting-edge knowledge and expert opinions from researchers, policymakers and practitioners (Board Member since 2013, Research Advisor since 2010.)
- Board Member of the KNVIR (Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA).
• Member of the Amsterdams ADR Kennisnetwerk Amsterdam, through which the annual Education Permanente on Mediation and ADR was continued since 2000.
• Member of the Vossius Center for History of Humanities and Sciences, University of Amsterdam.

Paulussen, C.
• Member of the Research Group ‘Constitutional Responses to Terrorism’ of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL).

1.2.8 Various

Belavusau, U.
• Visiting scholar at the Centre of the Study of Law and Society at the University of California at Berkeley (USA), February-April 2018. In the framework of this study visit, he organised on 3 April 2018 a joint Asser-Berkeley workshop on ‘Memory laws’ and presented a paper on ‘Targeting Homophobic Speech in the US and European law’ for the Berkeley Comparative Anti-Discrimination Working Group, 10 April 2018.

Bo, M.
• Organiser of the ICL/TCL training course ‘Strengthening domestic capacity to prosecute international and transnational crimes in Africa, February 2018.
• Reception of a group of students from Cork University College at the Asser Institute and presentation of Asser Institute and its activities, 23 May 2018.
• Co-organiser of the NNHRR PhD training (Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research), Leiden University, 7-8 June 2018.
• Started a four-year Post Doc on a new research project on ‘Autonomous Weapon Systems and War Crimes’ at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland), 1 July 2018.

Boutin, B.
• Research mentioned in the ‘Guidelines for Addressing the Threats and Challenges of “Foreign Terrorist Fighters” within a Human Rights Framework’, of the OSCE (also mention of research of C. Paulussen).
• Appointed Member of the drafting committee of the SHARES Principles on Shared Responsibility in International Law (drafting committee co-chaired by André Nollkaemper and Jean d’Aspremont).

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.
• Awarded the David D. Caron Prize for Best Paper on his paper entitled ‘Nationality, Alienage and Early International Rights’ by the American Society of International Law (ASIL), 9 November 2018. The paper was presented at the ASIL Midyear Meeting Research Forum (8-10 November 2018), Los Angeles, California (US), 10 November 2018.

Gordon, G.
• Reception and welcome of a delegation of students and faculty from King’s College and Georgetown University’s London Center for Transnational Legal Studies, 15 February 2018.
• Moderation of the panel discussion and Q&A session at the event ‘AI and Blockchain for Good: Harnessing Technological Developments to Foster Trust’, 5 July 2018.

Idriz, N.
• Organiser and chair of Part II of the Shiraka Training Programme on Administration of Justice, Tunis (Tunisia), 5-7 March 2018.
• Organiser and chair of Part I of the Shiraka Training Programme on Administration of Justice, Asser Institute, 3-10 September 2018.
• Organiser and chair of Part II of the Shiraka Training Programme on Administration of Justice, 10-12 December, Marrakesh (Morocco), 10-12 December 2018.

Lazic, V.
• Presentation on ‘CJEU Achmea-judgment’ and speaker at the roundtable discussion on 'Achmea, BITs, and the Netherlands: Reining in Investor-State Dispute Mechanisms', Asser Institute, 3 May 2018.

Nijman, J.E.
• Visiting Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva, for the 2018 Spring Term (February-June 2018), teaching the 14-week course ‘History of the Idea of International Law’ and participating in the research community at the Institute.
• Professor of History and Theory of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam (since January 2015).
• Senior Research Fellow at the Amsterdam Center for International Law (since January 2006), participating in the research priority area ‘Law and Justice Across Borders’.
• Supervision of seven PhD candidates. Four PhDs on the global city and international law, one PhD on memory laws and one PhD student who explores the intersections between compliance theory and critical international legal theory in international law. One PhD received supervision intermittently due to serious health problems.
• Board Member of the Vera Gottschalk-Frank Foundation and in that capacity member of the Selection and Evaluation Committee of the Arminius Fellowship at the Scaliger Institute (Leiden University) (since 2015)
• Member of the Integriteitcommissie, CDA (since 2013).
• Member of the Commissie Buitenland, CDA (since 2013).
• Member of Women’s Network Soroptimists International, Club Amsterdam Centrum – West (since 2005).
• Co-chair of the ILA Study Group on ‘The Role of Cities in International Law’, established by the Executive Council of the International Law Association (ILA), May 2017 (together with Helmut Aust, Freie Universität Berlin).
Paulussen, C.

- **Organiser of (and speaker at) the launch of the book ‘Legal Responses to Transnational and International Crimes. Towards an Integrative Approach’, The Hague, 7 February 2018.**

- **The paper ‘Prosecuting (Potential) Foreign Fighters: Legislative and Practical Challenges’ has been incorporated in the Think Tank review of the Council of the EU (February 2018, Issue 54) as well as in the Research Digest of UNCTED (Issue 1). It will be translated into Bosnian and published in the OKO (Odsjek Krivične Odbrane, criminal defense section of the BiH Ministry of Justice, Sector for Assistance in Criminal Cases and Education in Criminal Matters before the Court of BiH) War Crimes Reporter.**

- **Organiser of the 7th PhD Day of the International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (IHCL) Platform, Asser Institute, 25 May 2018.**

- **Co-organiser of the 12th edition of the Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law and International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism, in cooperation with Washington College of Law, Asser Institute, 28 May-21 June 2018.**

- **Co-organiser of the HILAC lecture ‘Controversial targets: Does Contemporary Practice Stretch the Concept of Military Objectives under International Humanitarian Law?’, in cooperation with the Amsterdam Center for International Law (University of Amsterdam) and the Netherlands Red Cross, Asser Institute, 29 May 2018.**


- **Representative of the Asser Institute at a high-level event, signing the statement of the Common Effort Community, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, 7 June 2018.**

- **Invited expert for the Ius Commune Amsterdam Masterclass, University of Amsterdam, 15 June 2018.**

- **Moderator and organiser of the international expert roundtable on ‘Citizenship Stripping as a Security Measure’, Asser Institute, 25-26 June 2018.**

- **Research mentioned in the ‘Report of the Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism’, the Annual report of the Special Rapporteur, Fionnuala Ní Aoláin, to be presented at the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.**

- **Research mentioned in the ‘Guidelines for Addressing the Threats and Challenges of “Foreign Terrorist Fighters” within a Human Rights Framework’, of the OSCE (also mention of research of B. Boutin).**


- **Research mentioned in ‘The Return of Foreign Fighters to EU soil: Ex-post Evaluation’, Study of the European Parliamentary Research Service (also mention of research of B. Boutin).**

- **Invited expert, at closed expert meeting of UNHCR on ‘Deprivation of Nationality as a Security Measure’, Geneva, 5-6 December 2018.**
• Co-organiser of the ICL/TCL training course ‘Strengthening Domestic Capacity to Prosecute International and Transnational Crimes in Africa’, Asser Institute, February 2018.

Ribbelink, O.

Roodenburg, L.
• Fieldwork case studies: Buenos Aires (20 January – 2 March 2018); Hong Kong (27 June – 29 July 2018); Amsterdam (throughout year).

Stolk S.
• Reception and welcome of a delegation of students and faculty from King's College and Georgetown University's London Center for Transnational Legal Studies, 15 February 2018 (with G. Gordon).
• Reception of a group from Clermont-Ferrand, 21 February 2018.
• Reception of a group of students from Cork University College at the Asser Institute and presentation of the Asser Institute and its activities, 23 May 2018.
• Participation as an expert in the Summer Programme 'International Lawyering in a Public Interest', 9-13 July 2018.
2. Knowledge Dissemination

2.1 Events

Unless indicated otherwise, all events took place at the Asser Institute.

2.1.1 Annual Lecture

On the occasion of its 50th Anniversary (1965-2015), the Asser Institute has launched, on 2 December 2015, the Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture on the development of international law. The lecture has been established in honour of the Dutch jurist and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Tobias Michael Carel Asser (1838-1913), and his significant contributions to the development of public and private international law. It builds on his vision and mission, it invites distinguished international scholars to take inspiration from Asser’s idea of cultivating trust and respect through law and legal institutions, and to examine what it could mean in their area of expertise today.

International Law and the Far Right: Reflections on Law and Cynicism
29 November 2018

The Fourth Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture was delivered by Prof Martti Koskenniemi (University of Helsinki). In his lecture, Prof Koskenniemi critically reflected on the general state of international law, as well as its role in the rise of the far right. He described how international law in the 20th century transformed into an expert discipline, and how the rise of the anti-globalist far right is linked to that development. Prof Koskenniemi provided an alternative interpretation for the ‘backlash’ against globalisation, tying it to cultural anxiety and the loss of white male privilege. The event took place at the Peace Palace, The Hague.

Two days before the Annual Lecture, an interview with Prof Koskenniemi appeared in NRC Handelsblad, Hoogleraar internationaal recht: heb begrip voor de boze onderklasse die de elite hekelt, 27 November 2018.

2.1.2 Conferences, workshops, and seminars

International Law and the Absurd
26 January 2018

At this seminar Prof Wouter Werner (VU University Amsterdam) presented on ‘Hope in International law: Lessons from Caligula and Woody Allen’, Dr Chrisinte Schwöble-Patel (Liverpool University) presented on ‘The Theatre of the Absurd and International Law’ and Dr Sofia Stolk (Asser Institute) presented on ‘Waiting for International Law (a Manifesto for Nothing)’.

Legal Responses to Transnational and International Crimes. Towards an Integrative Approach
7 February 2018

At this event, the book Legal Responses to Transnational and International Crimes. Towards an Integrative Approach (2017), edited by H. van der Wilt and C. Paulussen, was launched. The book critically reflects on the connection between the ‘core’ crimes of the ICC, such as war crimes, and several newly emerging transnational crimes. The
event included a keynote speech by the President of Eurojust, Mr Ladilav Hamran, on ‘Fighting Transnational and International Crimes: A Shared Responsibility Empowered by Judicial Cooperation’. It also included presentations by Prof Harmen van der Wilt (UvA) and by Dr Marta Bo (Asser Institute) on ‘Piracy at the Intersection Between International and National: Regional Enforcement of a Transnational Crime’. The event was organised by the Asser Institute (Dr Christophe Paulussen) together with the Antonio Cassese Initiative and the IHCL Platform.

**Shifting Perspectives on the European Public Prosecutor’s Office**
9 March 2018

This panel discussion marked the launch of the book Shifting Perspectives on the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (2018), a volume providing in-depth analyses on Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1939 implementing enhanced cooperation on the establishment of the European Public Prosecutor’s Office (‘the EPPO’). The event addressed new developments in the functioning of EPPO as well as its relations with other EU agencies and Member States. The day witnessed the departure of Prof Arjen Meij and drs. Leendert Erkelens as research fellows from the Asser Institute (also co-editors of this book). Panellists were: Elisa Sason (Policy Officer at the Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security of the European Commission), Prof Katalin Ligeti (Dean of the Faculty of Law, Economics and Finance and Professor of European and International Criminal Law at the University of Luxembourg), Prof John Vervaele (Professor of Economic and European Criminal Law at Utrecht University and College of Europe in Bruges) and Jos Silvis (Procurator-General at the Supreme Court of the Netherlands).

**Five Years Later: Rana Plaza and the Pursuit of a Responsible Garment Supply Chain**
12 April 2018

This conference was organised on the eve of the fifth anniversary after the Rana Plaza collapse, by the Doing Business Right research team of the Asser Institute. It addressed the legal and regulatory aftermath of the tragedy, including critical discussions of the innovations it triggered in the transnational regulation of the garment supply chain, processes intended to compensate victims, and, more generally, the various legal and non-legal initiatives that have emerged. The event brought together key (trans)national policy-makers and civil society members involved in the aftermath of the Rana Plaza collapse.

**Achmea, BITs, and the Netherlands: Reining in Investor-State Dispute Settlement**
3 May 2018

This roundtable discussion addressed the momentous decision by the Court of Justice of the European Union in the Achmea case. The Achmea decision throws doubt on the controversial practices associated with bilateral investment treaties (BITs), and the special means of arbitration that they establish for private investors against states in which they invest. The Netherlands has been especially active in the field. The discussion included experts in international dispute settlement, European Union law, international private law, and representations from Milieudefensie, which this year is focusing critically on Dutch BIT practices. Speakers included: Freek Bersch (Campaigner at Milieudefensie), Prof Dr Eric
de Brabandere (Professor of International Dispute Settlement and Director of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University), Prof Dr Christina Eckes (Professor of European Law and Director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG) at UvA), Prof Dr Stephan Schill (Professor of International and Economic Law and Governance at UvA), Ronald Roosdorp (Director for International Trade Policy & Economic Governance at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Asser Researcher Prof Dr Vesna Lazic. The event was organised and moderated by Dr Geoff Gordon (Asser Institute).

The Future of Multilateralism – Beyond Current Distrust
7 May 2018

This panel discussion focused on the importance of effective multilateralism, the international system built up since the end of WW II to ensure global peace and security, which has been under attack for several years; distrust and confrontation have (too) often replaced cooperation and partnership. It focused in particular on the Netherlands and Austria, as some of the main promotors, to counter this worrying trend. Ambassador Heidemaria Gürer, Austrian Ambassador to the Netherlands gave an introduction.

Panellists included: Prof Dr Janne Nijman (Asser Institute), Alexander Kmentt (Austrian Ambassador to the EU-Political and Security Committee), Peter van der Vliet (Director Multilateral Organizations and Human Rights, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs) and Cecilia Balteanu (Head of External Relations and State Cooperation Unit/Registry, ICC). The event was moderated by Dr Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute), and organised in cooperation with the Embassy of Austria. It took place at the Austrian Residence in The Hague.

Nicaragua before the ICJ: Impacts on International Law
15 May 2018

At this event, the book Nicaragua Before the International Court of Justice: Impacts on International Law (2018) was launched. The book covers the significant role of cases involving Nicaragua as a party before the International Court of Justice (ICJ), in the development of international law before this court. Speakers were: Prof Dr Pierre d’Argent (Professor of Public International Law at the University of Louvain), Anne Coulon (Former Special Assistant to the President of the ICJ), Benjamin Samson (PhD Candidate at University Paris Nanterre) and Dr Geoff Gordon (Senior Researcher at the Asser Institute). The book launch was moderated by Dr Oliver Ribbelink (Asser Institute).

Panel debate, jointly organised by the Cities of Refuge Research project and the Global City project
23 May 2018

This event included presentations by two Asser PhD researchers: Miha Marcenko presented on ‘Global Assemblages of the Right to Adequate Housing: Security of tenure and the interaction of city politics with global normative discourse’, and Lisa Roodenburg presented on ‘Diversity and migration in global cities: human rights as a source of trust and/or control’. Prof Dr Janne Nijman (Asser Institute and project leader of The Global City Project) gave a talk on ‘The Global City from an International Law Perspective’. The event further included a keynote by Prof Dr Barbara Oomen,
The Jesner ruling of the U.S. Supreme Court: The 'end of the beginning' for corporate liability under the Alien Tort Statute
24 May 2018

The panel discussion, organised with the support of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research, focused on the various aspects of the Jesner decision, a case before the U.S. Supreme Court which triggered a tremor of indignation in the human rights movement given the immunity it conferred to foreign corporations violating human rights against suits under the Alien Tort Statute. Speakers were: Phillip Paiement (Assistant Professor Department for Public Law, Jurisprudence and Legal History at Tilburg University), Lucas Roorda (PhD Candidate at Utrecht University), Nadia Bernaz (Associate Professor of Law Business and Human Rights at Wageningen University & Research) and Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute).

From Strasbourg to Hamburg: the Human Dimension of the Law of the Sea
11 June 2018

This evening seminar marked the beginning of the new cooperation between the Asser Institute and the Law Faculty of the University of Basel addressing the 'Human Dimension of the Law of the Sea'. The event was chaired by Prof Dr Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Judge at the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS) in Hamburg and endowed professor of Practice of International Law at Maastricht University. The word of welcome was provided by Prof Janne Nijman (Asser Institute). Speakers included: Prof Dr Anna Petrig (Chair of International Law and Public Law at University of Basel), Prof Dr Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Prof Dr Janne Nijman and Dr Marta Bo (Asser Institute).
Citizenship Stripping as a Security Measure: Towards More Inequality?  
25-26 June 2018

The overall objective of this closed expert roundtable was to explore the increasing recourse to citizenship stripping as a counter-terrorism measure, its implications on human rights of individuals and its dependents, on vulnerable communities and on the rule of law. The group consisted of more than 35 international scholars and practitioners specialized in the fields of counter-terrorism, human rights law and nationality law. The event was organised and moderated by Dr Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute). It was organised in cooperation with Open Society Justice Initiative (OSJI), the Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion (ISI) and Ashurst. The event is part of a research project funded by the OSJI.

AI and Blockchain for Good: Harnessing Technological Developments to Foster Trust  
5 July 2018

At this seminar, keynote speakers and panellists discussed how artificial intelligence (AI) and blockchain technologies (BT), two of the most promising, complex and fast advancing current technological developments, can be harnessed in order to foster trust in the legal and political institutions. The event was organised together with the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics of the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI), followed by a reception sponsored by The Hague Convention Bureau (THCB). Speakers were: Irakli Beridze (Head of the Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute), Toufi Saliba (Global ACM Chair Practitioners Board CC and co-author of Toda Protocol), Catelijne Muller (Member of the EU High Level Expert Group on Artificial Intelligence), Dr Haye Hazenberg (Postdoctoral Researcher at TU Delft), Prof Dr Ernst Hirsch Ballin (President of the Board of the Asser Institute), Prof Dr Janne Nijman (Asser Institute), Dr Berenice Boutin (Asser Institute) and Dr Geoff Gordon (Asser Institute).

International Law in the Picture: images, advocacy and stardust of justice  
10 July 2018

This interdisciplinary discussion between Immi Tallgren (Senior Lecturer of International Law at the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights at the University of Helsinki and Senior Visiting Fellow at the Centre for International Studies, London School of Economics) and Dr Sofia Stolk (Asser Institute) analysed how one can visualise international (criminal) law in relation to artists and culture. The plenary debate was preceded by the unveiling of the artwork ‘Tower of International Law’ by Anne-Tjerk Mante.

High Level Panel: The Use of Terrorist Watch Lists 31 August 2018

The High level panel was organised by the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague in close cooperation with the Asser Institute as part of the Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism within a Rule of Law Framework. The event brought together four experts to discuss the practical and human rights implications of the requirements contained in UN Security Council Resolution 2396 (2017) and earlier Resolution 2178 (2014), as well as known
cases related to international criminal justice cooperation, watch lists, and the collection and sharing of information. Speakers: Prof Dr Edwin Bakker (Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT), Judge Kimberly Prost (International Criminal Court and former Ombudsperson of the Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee of the United Nations Security Council), Olivier Burgersdijk (Programme Manager Travel Intelligence at Europol and former Head of Strategy and Outreach at Europol’s European Cybercrime Centre (EC3)) and Prof Dr Marieke de Goede (Professor of Politics at the University of Amsterdam).

**Trust and Deference between Legal Authorities in the World**

17 September 2018

This workshop complements a first workshop hosted by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG) of the University of Amsterdam in June 2018 on ‘Trust and Deference between Legal Authorities in Europe’. It studied the operation of trust-based legal interactions between authorities in the international legal context focusing on two particular areas: international economic law and the transnational circulation of judgments and awards. The event gathered several academics, lawyers, governmental policy makers and professionals from the international tribunals in The Hague. Speakers were: Dr Denise Prevost (Associate Professor International and European Law at Maastricht University), Jeanrique Fahner (Postdoctoral Researcher in Public International Law at the University of Luxembourg), Dr Nathan Cambien (Senior Affiliated Researcher at the Institute for European Law of the KU Leuven and Invited Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of Antwerp), Prof Marta Pertegas (Professor Private International Law & Transnational Law at Maastricht University), Prof Marta Requejo (Senior Research Fellow Max Planck Institute for Procedural Law and Professor of Private International Law at the University of Santiago de Compostela), Dr Eva Kassoti (Senior Lecturer in Law International Bachelor of Law Programme at The Hague University of Applied Sciences), Prof Dr Janne Nijman (Asser Institute), Prof Dr Vesna Lazic (Asser Institute) and Dr Enrico Partiti (Asser Institute).

**The International Legality of Economic Activities in Occupied Territories?**

17 October 2018

This closed workshop gathered academic experts addressing the question of the lawfulness of economic activities in occupied territories. Many states, NGOs and scholars maintain that international law prohibits economic dealings with occupying States that extend to territories under their control. Still, the legal framework governing the lawfulness of such dealings remains highly disputed. In this light, this workshop addressed three different perspectives on the international legality of economic activities in occupied territories.

**International law, local government: Urban dimensions of International Human Rights Law**

18 October 2018

This workshop was organised within the framework the ongoing research project ‘The Global City: Trust, Challenges and the Role of Law, together with the ‘Cities of Refuge Research’ project, led by Prof Barbara Oomen. The workshop was an author’s seminar for a special issue of the
Journal of Legal Pluralism and Unofficial Law. Asser PhD researchers Miha Marcenko and Lisa Roodenburg presented papers, respectively on ‘Global Assemblage of the Right to Adequate Housing: security of tenure and the interaction of city politics with the global normative discourse’, and ‘Urban Approaches to Human rights: tracking networks of engagement in Amsterdam’s debate on irregular migration’. Their contributions will be included in the special issue.

How to remember the past?
19 October 2018

This workshop on memory law included the launch of the book Law and Memory - Towards Legal Governance of History (2017), edited by Dr Ulad Belavusau (Asser Institute) and Aleksandra Gliszczyńska-Grabias (Polish Academy of Sciences). The book presentation was followed by a lively panel debate with perspectives from the authors on memory laws among which: ‘Banning Genocide Denial – Should Geography Matter?’, ‘The United Nations Human Rights Committee’s View of the Past’ and ‘The Role of Christianity in Shaping the Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Hungary’. Speakers were: Prof Eric Heinze (Professor of Law and Humanities, Queen Mary University London and Head of the MELA Consortium), Bob Deen (Senior Adviser, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities), Prof Robert Kahn (Professor at University of St. Thomas, Minnesota), Prof Antoon De Baets (Professor of History, Ethics and Human Rights by Special Appointment of the Foundation Euroclio and Associate Professor of Contemporary History at Groningen University), Dr Suryapratim Roy (Assistant Professor School of Law at Trinity College Dublin), Prof Dr Janne Nijman (Asser Institute), Dr Uladzislau Belavusau (Asser Institute and Principal Investigator of the MELA project), Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (Asser Institute) and Marina Bán (Asser Institute). The event was organised by Dr Ulad Belavusau.

ISLJ Annual International Sports Law Conference
25-26 October 2018

This was the second edition of the International Sports Law Journal (ISLJ) Conference organised at the Asser Institute and gathered academics and practitioners from over 25 countries worldwide. The discussions during this two-day event involved around the notion of lex sportiva, the role of Swiss law in international sports law, the latest International Skating Union's decision of the European Commission, the Mutu/Pechstein ruling of the European Court of Human Rights and the reform proposal of the FIFA Regulations on the Transfer and Status of Players. Keynote speakers included: Franck Latty (Law Professor at University Paris Nanterre), Margareta Baddeley (Law Professor at University of Geneva) and Sylvia Schenk (Lawyer, CAS Arbitrator and Member of FIFA's Human Rights Advisory Board). The event was sponsored by Altius Lawyers.

Monetising human rights - damages before the ECHR
20 November 2018

The workshop presented by Dr Veronika Fikfak (Senior Lecturer International Human Rights Institutions at the University of Cambridge) fed into the discussion on how the European Court of Human Rights determines compensation in human rights claims. She addressed questions such as:
what logic dictates the amount of remedies? And what methods can researchers use to investigate this logic? Dr Fikfak’s project uses quantitative and qualitative research methods to analyse the jurisprudence of the European Court in order to discern the legal principles from its practice. She discussed challenges and opportunities in applying empirical research methods to international institutions to analyse the law of remedies for human rights violations. The event was hosted in collaboration with the KNVIR (Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht) and the VSR (Vereniging voor de Sociaal-wetenschappelijke Bestudering van het Recht).

**EU external relations: Tackling global challenges?** 6-7 December 2018

This conference marked the 10th Anniversary of the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER). It brought together world-leading academics, practitioners and policy makers from the extensive international network of CLEER. From Trump to Brexit, from an assertive Russia to the continuing migrant crises, and from the public outcry towards multilateral trade to the rise of populism, these days working in hardly any EU policy area is ‘business as usual’. The conference therefore took stock of the EU actions (and reactions) through external action instruments in areas such as migration, trade, sustainability and neighbouring policies. It reflected on the EU as a global actor and a ‘normative power’, both empowered and constrained by its unique legal framework.

Top speakers among others included: Prof Enzo Cannizzaro (Full Professor of International and European Law at La Sapienza University in Rome), Prof Christophe Hillion (Professor of European Law at the Universities of Oslo and Leiden) and Prof Marise Cremona (President ad interim of the European University Institute).

### 2.1.3 Other events

**The European Union: A Case of Over-Constitutionalisation?**
24 January 2018

In this keynote lecture, Prof Dieter Grimm questioned whether the EU’s successive waves of treaty reforms can cope with today’s economic and political challenges. He identified this issue as one of over-constitutionalisation and brought forward a number of concrete proposals for reforming the EU’s institutional structure, as well as its decision-making processes.

**Masterclass with Kathryn Bomberger**
29 March 2018

This event was organised by Asser researcher Sofia Stolk during the Movies that Matter Festival. Since 2018, Asser supports the Camera Justitia programme of this festival, with films and debates that focus on international law and justice. The masterclass was delivered by Kathryn Bomberger, Director-General van de International Commission on Missing Persons. Ms Bomberger talked about her career and work of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP), illustrated by excerpts from the festival’s film selection. The event took place at the Theater aan het Spui, The Hague.
Four Freedom Awards event: Roosevelt in The Hague 2018
17 May 2018

Each year, the Roosevelt Foundation presents awards to people who demonstrated inspiring commitments to Franklin D. Roosevelt’s four Freedoms. As a follow-up to the award ceremony in Middelburg, the laureates came together and shared their experiences to students and young professionals at the premises of Nieuwspoort in The Hague. Plenary speeches as well parallel roundtable sessions to stimulate interactive dialogue with the awards' winners took place throughout the day. The event embodied a collaboration between the Roosevelt Foundation, the Asser Institute, Pro-Demos and Leiden University College (The Hague Campus). Speakers were: Han Polman (Chairman of the Roosevelt Foundation), Prof Dr Ernst Hirsch Ballin (President of the Board Asser Institute), Willem Post, (Historian, Publicist, Expert on American Politics), Laureates (Erol Önderoğlu, Paride Taban, Emmanuel de Merode and Urmila Chaudhary), Prof Joyeeta Gupta (full Professor of Environment and Development in the Global south at the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research, University of Amsterdam and IHE Institute for Water Education in Delft), Dr Ulad Belavusau (Asser Institute and Principal Investigator of the MELA project), Dr Tarlach McGonagle (Lecturer Human rights, Freedom of Expression & Information, Media Law & Policy, University of Amsterdam), Arjan Hamburger (Human Rights Ambassador) and Dr Rumyana Grozdanova (Asser Institute).

Seventh Annual PhD Day of the IHCL Platform 25 May 2018

The International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (IHCL) Platform organised its seventh annual PhD Day at the Asser Instituut, where PhD researchers on international humanitarian law and international criminal law presented their research and received feedback. The IHCL Platform was established in 2010 and is coordinated by the Asser Institute. Its objective is to establish an academic network fostering research in the area of international humanitarian law and international criminal law, providing an academic platform for discussion of relevant contemporary issues and legal questions for which there is, as yet, no fixed jurisprudential position. Part of the IHCL Platform are the University of Amsterdam in particular the Amsterdam Center for International Law), VU University Amsterdam, Leiden University (in particular the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies), the University of Groningen, the Netherlands Defence Academy, Tilburg University, Maastricht University, and the Institute for International Law of KU Leuven. Coordinator of the IHCL Platform is Dr Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute).

NNHRR - Annual Research Day 22 June 2018

The yearly Toogdag of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR), entitled ‘The Future of Human Rights – Human Rights of the Future’, brought together 75 participants. The event concentrated on challenges to human dignity as well as the role of human rights and human rights law in the world nowadays. A keynote lecture was given by Prof Morten Kjaerum, director of the Raoul Wallenberg Institute, Sweden. It was followed by three panels: ‘Business and Human Rights: Quo Vadis?’; ‘People out of Place: What to Expect from Human Rights Law?’; ‘Human Rights in the Digital Age:
New Frontiers’. The event finished with a debate on the future of human rights with four members of the Advisory Board of the Network: Jos Silvis (Procurator General, Supreme Court of the Netherlands); Morten Kjaerum; Eduard Nazarski (Director of Amnesty International, the Netherlands); and Farah Karimi (Director of Oxfam Novib, the Netherlands). The event was organised at Tilburg Law School. It was co-organised by Dr Marta Bo (Asser Institute).

Using technology to disrupt land-grabbing
17-18 November 2018

The Municipality of The Hague, together with the Asser Institute and other international NGOs, organised the Hackaton for Peace, Justice and Security event during which 27 teams competed for finding innovative data solutions for various challenges. The Asser Institute provided a challenge on land grabbing, in which participants were invited to build a tool that identifies patterns of past land grabs to mark areas that are vulnerable to future land grabs and provide them with a risk rating. The Asser researchers coached the winning team, the CGI team ‘Monkey cage’ who won a cash prize of € 10,000. The team developed an open source solution that combines satellite data with social media data in order to map out vulnerable areas for land grabbing.

Masterclass on Empirical and Socio-Legal Methods in International Law
20 November 2018

This masterclass was organised for early career researchers, including PhD researchers and postdoctoral researchers. In the masterclass two external speakers took part: Dr Veronika Fikfak (University of Cambridge) and Dr Sara Dezalay (Cardiff University). The masterclass focused on empirical and socio-legal research methods addressing practices and institutions of international law. It brought together research projects in international law using empirical and socio-legal methods to study institutional objectives, institutional effects, and day-to-day practices and experiences among its practitioners. Aim of the masterclass was to explore the opportunities and limitations of diverse research methods for the study of law and legal practice, while reflecting critically on the engagement of researchers with different methodological possibilities. Also, fundamental questions were discussed, such as: What are the limits to the sorts of insights and answers that the empirical study of law allows? Do socio-legal methods have politics? What is the relationship between empirical study and sociology-of-law methods? The event was co-sponsored by the VSR (Vereniging voor de Sociaal-wetenschappelijke Bestudering van het Recht). The masterclass was followed by Veronika Fikfak’s lecture.

Masterclass with Professor Martti Koskenniemi
30 November 2018

This PhD Masterclass was organised in cooperation with the International Institute of Social Studies, in conjunction with the Asser Annual Lecture. In total, nine PhD researchers took part, including five of the Asser Institute. The event consisted of three panels: Panel A – History (presentations by Asser researchers Julia van der Krieke and Yehonatan Elazar-DeMota); Panel B – Migrant, refugees and human rights (presentation by Asser researcher Marina Ban); Panel C – Method (presentations by Asser researchers Lisa Roodenburg and Miha Marcenko). Prof Koskenniemi offered comments per panel, followed by plenary discussion. The event was organised and
2.1.4 Internal events

*Research seminars and labs.*

- Anna Wójcik (visiting research fellow), ‘Coming to terms with Soviet and communist past. Memory laws and their human rights implications’, 25 January 2018
- Geoff Gordon, ‘New methods for researching institutions of international law’, 22 February 2018
- Rumyana Grozdanova (visiting research fellow), ‘The Normalisation of Secrecy in the UK and the Netherlands: Individuals, the Courts and the Counter-Terrorism Framework’, 8 March 2018
- Vesna Lazić, ‘Recent developments in European PIL and International Arbitration – CJEU and decisions of national courts’, with the emphasis on the CJEU judgment of 6 March 2018 (Achmea), 10 April 2018
- Jens Hillebrand Pohl (visiting research fellow), ‘Individual-rights screening of international investments as an instrument of EU external trade and investment governance’, 26 April 2018
- Maria Weimer, ‘Reconciling regulatory space with external accountability through WTO adjudication – Trade, environment and development’, 30 May 2018
- Cornelia Furculita (visiting research fellow), ‘A Complicated relationship between FTA and WTO DSMs: The case of Third Generation EU FTAs’, 21 June 2018
- Jens Pohl (visiting research fellow), ‘Bypassing the deadlock over WTO Appellate Body appointments: The case for activating the Article 25 DSU bilateral arbitration fall-back’, 8 November 2018.

2.1 Educational programmes

2.2.1 Summer schools and winter academies

*Doing Business Right: Corporate Social Responsibility in Transnational Law and Practice*

8-12 January 2018

In the framework of its Doing Business Right project, in 2018 the Asser Institute organised for the first time a 5-day winter academy for young professionals with a keen interest in the various modes of regulation of transnational business activity and corporate social responsibility. The training included advanced theoretical knowledge of the various legal fields and debates relevant to corporate social responsibility and how these mechanisms work in practice with speakers from the corporate world, international organisations, law firms, and NGOs. The programme was organised by Asser researchers Antoine Duval and Enrico Partiti.
International Criminal Law & International Legal and Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism
28 May – 21 June 2018

The 12th Annual Summer Law Programme was organised by Dr Christophe Paulussen (Asser Institute) in cooperation with Washington College of Law. This Summer Law Programme is the product of a unique collaboration between the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law and the Asser Institute. Forty selected students from top U.S. law colleges and universities travelled to The Hague to learn from international legal practitioners and scholars and to see their knowledge being put to practice through visits to (inter)national courts and institutions. Keynote speakers included: Benjamin Ferencz (the last Nuremberg war crimes prosecutor still alive today), Judge Alphons Orie (United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals), Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert (Kosovo Specialist Chambers & Specialist Prosecutor’s Office) and Judge Kimberly Prost (International Criminal Court).

International Lawyering in a Public Interest
9-13 July 2018

This Summer Programme explored the challenges of public interest advocacy in international law, from questions of practice to finding or starting a firm, and from finding funding to identifying causes for advocacy. It was organised in cooperation with the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL), University of Amsterdam. This Summer Programme was organised by Dr Geoff Gordon (Asser Institute) and sponsored by AKD law firm.

Countering Terrorism within a Rule of Law Framework
27-31 August 2018

This 8th Advanced Summer Programme offered an in-depth look at the challenges that come with adopting and implementing counter-terrorism measures while ensuring respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms and the rule of law. The programme combined theory and practice and included study visits to Eurojust and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL). It brought together a diverse and international group of PhD candidates, national and international experts, security services, policy makers, practitioners and early career academics. The summer programme was co-organised by Asser researchers Dr Berenice Boutin and Dr Rumyana Grozdanova in cooperation with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT). Keynote speakers included: Prof Martin Scheinin (Professor of International Law and Human Rights at the European University Institute) and Professor Fiona de Londras (Professor of Global Legal Studies at the University of Birmingham).

Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
1-5 October 2018

The 9th Annual Programme addressed a wide variety of contemporary issues; for example, the different sessions offered insights into the challenges of nuclear programmes in North Korea and Iran, the difficulties of converging chemical and biological technologies for arms control, the importance of export controls, and the role of non-governmental organisations in non-proliferation and disarmament. Theoretical presentations and discussions were accompanied by practical workshops and field visits such
as a simulation challenge on export control and a field visit to the OPCW Laboratory and Equipment store. The summer course brought together enthusiastic participants with different professional backgrounds such as policy advisers, researchers, legal officers, WMD experts, inspectors and other government officials. This one-week training programme was organised in cooperation with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW). Keynote speaker: Ambassador Fernando Arias (Director-General of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons).

2.2.2 Lebanon lectures

This programme on international criminal law and procedure, organised since 2011 by the Asser Institute and the Outreach and Legacy Section of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), is designed for Lebanese undergraduate students in their 3rd and 4th year of studies, as well as a limited number of graduate students. The lectures take place during the academic year, starting in October or November.

History of the law of the international tribunals and sources of international criminal (procedural) law
31 October 2018
Daryl Mundis, Registrar, Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL)

Substantive law: genocide
7 November 2018
Including origins: the Genocide Convention Amir Čengić, Legal Officer in the Appeals Chamber at the UN Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT)

Substantive law: crimes against humanity
14 November 2018
Matthew Gillett, Trial Lawyer at the International Criminal Court (ICC) & Nema Milaninia, Trial Attorney at the ICC

Substantive law: war crimes
28 November 2018
Including origins: The Hague and Geneva Conventions, Aps etc.
Geoff Roberts, Co-Counsel for Assad Sabra at the STL

Substantive law: Terrorism, role of the STL
5 December 2018
Sir David Baragwanath, Appellate Judge and former President at the STL

Contempt proceedings in international criminal jurisdictions
12 December 2018
Olga Kavran, Head Outreach and Legacy at the STL & Marie Reine Sfeir, Outreach Officer at the Outreach and Legacy of the STL

2.2.3 Shiraka Training Programme

In 2015, the Netherlands-Arab Partnership (Shiraka Programme) was launched by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (successor to the Matra South Programme). The Programme aims to contribute to and support the sustainable democratic transition in the Arab region. One of the components of this partnership is the Shiraka Training Programme (STP), an instrument for enforcement of the bilateral relations between the Netherlands and eligible countries at government level.

The professional development course on ‘Administration of Justice’ is organised four times by the Asser Institute over a period
of four years (2015-2018). The objective of the course is for civil servants working in the field of administration of justice to share their knowledge and skills enabling them to lead and inspire the modernisation of judiciary and prosecution services. The course aims to strengthen participants' ties with the Netherlands and the Dutch government; especially between Dutch civil servants and their counterparts in the target countries. The course consists of two parts, one taking place at the Asser Institute, and a follow-up part in the region.

In 2018, Project Leader of the Shiraka Training Programme was Asser researcher Dr Narin Idriz.

**Shiraka Training Programme - Administration of Justice (2017)**
5-7 March 2018

This was the second part of the third course, taking place in Tunis, Tunisia. At this follow-up workshop, participants from the target countries who also took part in the first part of the course (The Hague, 12-21 November 2017) discussed their suggested initiatives toward the implementation of the practices learnt in the Netherlands.

**Shiraka Training Programme - Administration of Justice (2018)**
2-11 September 2018

This was the first part of the fourth course, taking place at the Asser Institute. Participants from the following countries took part: Egypt, Jordan, Libya, Morocco, Mauritania, Palestinian Territories and Tunisia. The programme comprised the following topics: safeguards of judicial independence; rule of law principles as foundations of administration of justice; integrity and modernisation of the judiciary; integrity of adjudication and dealing with the media in the courts; practical skills workshop; internationalisation of administration of justice; mediation practices and small claims procedures; developing a Back Home Action Plan (BHAP) based on the knowledge acquired during the training. The programme also comprised several study visits.

**Shiraka Training Programme - Administration of Justice (2018)**
9-12 December 2018

This was the second part of the fourth course, taking place in Marrakesh (Morocco). At this follow-up workshop, participants from the target countries who also took part in the first part of the course (The Hague, 2-11 September 2018) discussed their suggested initiatives toward the implementation of the practices learnt in The Netherlands.

### 2.2.4 ICL-TCL training programme

Since 2018, the Asser Institute, together with the Antonio Cassese Initiative, organises training courses on International Criminal Law (ICL) and Transnational Criminal Law (TCL) for judges and prosecutors from francophone African countries. This training course in 2018 marked the beginning of increased cooperation between the two organisations, which aims to set up a permanent training centre for judges and prosecutors in The Hague, offering a bi-annual programme, supported by e-learning, in the field of ICL, TCL and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). In March 2019, a follow-up training course for the same group of judges and prosecutors will be organised at the Asser Institute.
In 2018, organisers of the ICL-TCL Training Programme were Asser Researchers Dr Marta Bo and Dr Christophe Paulussen.

**ICL-TCL Training Course (2018) - ‘Strengthening Domestic Capacity to Prosecute International and Transnational Crimes in Africa’**

*5-9 February 2018*

The week-long course offered a high-quality training on the prosecution and adjudication of international and transnational crimes for prosecutors and judges from French speaking African countries, including Mali, Cote d’Ivoire, Congo, Burkina Faso, Niger and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The programme delved into many relevant topics of ICL and TCL including: the elements of crimes; the implementation of customary law and treaty law in national contexts; international standards of due process; and cooperation with international courts and tribunals and managing complex cases. The training course featured a number of top speakers coming from international courts and tribunals in The Hague and several academic and professional institutions and organisations focusing on ICL and TCL, including honoured guests such as Judge Abdulqawi A. Yusuf, the recently elected president of the International Court of Justice, or Judge Guénaël Mettraux from the Kosovo Specialist Chambers. The training course was a success, characterised by many exchanges between the participants and the speakers, as well as among the participants themselves. The judges and prosecutors all attested that the training course had increased their knowledge of ICL and TCL and strengthened their competences in these fields. They were convinced that the (digital) tools acquired during the training course would prove very useful in their domestic judicial systems, hence strengthening the complementarity principle. Moreover, the positive atmosphere which prevailed throughout the training course allowed the participants to stimulate the cooperation between their respective countries. This course (Renforcement des capacités des magistrats en matière de répression des crimes internationaux et transnationaux en Afrique) was given entirely in French. The course was co-funded by the Nuremberg Academy.

### 2.3 Lecture series

#### 2.3.1 SCL lectures

The Supranational Criminal Law (SCL) Lectures Series is a lecture series on international criminal law and has been organised by the Asser Institute since 2003, in cooperation with the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden University (Campus The Hague) and the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC).

**The Mladic Trial - An Insider’s View**

*31 January 2018*

During this evening lecture, Jonas Nilsson, former Senior Legal Officer at The International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY), provided an insider’s view on the ICTY’s final trial judgement in the Ratko Mladić case. He presented numerous challenges and lessons that are relevant for other present and future international courts and tribunals.
2.3.2 HILAC lectures

The Hague Initiative for Law and Armed Conflict (HILAC) Lecture Series is an occasional lecture series on the subject of law and armed conflict organised by the Asser Institute since 2005. The lectures are organised in cooperation with the Netherlands Red Cross and the Amsterdam Center for International Law of the University of Amsterdam.

Contemporary Constraints on the Waging of War: A Tribute to Prof Frits Kalshoven
16 January 2018

The evening event commemorated the work and life of late Prof Frits Kalshoven, who passed away on 6 September 2017 at the age of 93. Frits Kalshoven was Professor Emeritus of Public International Law and of International Humanitarian Law at Leiden University and can safely be positioned within the international humanitarian law's hall of fame, as he was instrumental in the development of this important field of law. The event was co-organised by the Asser Institute's International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (IHCL) Platform and the Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum on International Humanitarian Law (KGF Leiden). Speakers included: Dr Robert Heinsch (Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden University and Director of the Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum on International Humanitarian Law), Prof Liesbeth Zegveld (Professor of War Reparations at the University of Amsterdam) and Prof Christopher Greenwood (Judge at the International Court of Justice).

Controversial Targets: Does Contemporary Practice Stretch the Concept of Military Objectives under International Humanitarian Law?
29 May 2019

During this evening lecture, Dr Agnieszka Jachec-Neale (Expert Researcher and Lecturer on International Law, Armed Conflict and Post Conflict Environments at the University of Exeter (UK)) discussed the concept of military objectives and contemporary targeting practice to analyse whether several types of objects (such as oil trucks and banks) constitute legitimate military targets.

2.3.3 ICJ lectures / Hague courts dialogue series

ICJ Lectures

In 2016, the year of the 70th Anniversary of the International Court of Justice (ICJ), the Asser Institute has taken the initiative to organise a new series of lectures and seminars about the ICJ. Lectures are organised on topics relevant to the mission and work of the ICJ. Sessions are in English or in French, depending on the topic and/or speakers. In 2018, the series was expanded into the Hague Courts Dialogue Series (see p. 46).

The International Court of Justice and Nuclear Weapons
20 February 2018

The event provided opportunity to discuss the (history) of ICJ’s 2016 judgements in the case of Obligations concerning Negotiations relating to Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and to Nuclear Disarmament - Marshall Islands v. the United Kingdom, India and
Pakistan. It also elaborated on the ICJ’s 1996 Advisory Opinion on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons* at the request of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as well as other relevant issues in the field of international law and arms control law. Speakers included: Phon van den Biesen (Co-Agent in the Marshall Islands case and Vice-President of IALANA), Prof Eric Myjer (Professor Emeritus of Conflict and Security and Director Centre for Conflict and Security Law at Utrecht University), Kees Nederlof (Netherlands Ambassador for Nuclear Security (ret.), formerly International Coordinator of the Global Initiative to Combat Nuclear Terrorism (GICNT)) and Dr Olivier Ribbelink (Senior Researcher at the Asser Institute).

**Hague Courts Dialogue Series**

The Hague Courts Dialogue Series started in November 2018, as a continuation of Asser’s ICJ Series. It will be a regular series of events organised in consultation with colleagues from the Hague courts community, and in coordination with Le Club de Droit International.

*Persuasion in Practice before International Courts and Tribunals / Launch of the Hague Courts Dialogue Series*

5 November 2018

The Asser Institute hosted the first session of the Hague Courts Dialogue Series organised in consultation with colleagues from the Hague courts community, and in coordination with Le Club de Droit International. The series is designed to bring together practitioners of different judicial bodies based in The Hague on various issues that practice in such bodies brings along. This first edition consisted in a conversation between Sir Christopher Greenwood (former Judge ICJ) and Dr Gérardine Goh Escolar (First Secretary Designate Diplomat Lawyer and Adjunct Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore), moderated by Asser researcher Dr Geoff Gordon. The conversation addressed the power of rhetoric and other techniques of persuasion in legal practices before international courts and tribunals.

### 2.3.4 Other lectures

**CLEER Lectures**

The Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER), coordinated by the Asser Institute, has offered a platform for discussion and implemented various activities to connect those interested in the EU’s actions on the global plane since 2008. As of 2011, a special lecture series focuses on the role of the incumbent presidencies in coordination and leadership in regional and global issues.

*EU-Russia Relations in an Era of Sanctions*

14 February 2018

The first 2018 CLEER lecture was delivered by Prof Peter van Elsuwege (Professor in EU Law at the University of Gent). The lecture focused on the current and future relationship between the EU and Russia and more specifically to the legal and political implications of the sanctions regime.

*The Bulgarian Presidency's experience of the EU Council in the external relations field*

11 October 2018

H.E. Mr Rumen Alexandrov, Ambassador of Republic of Bulgaria in the Netherlands
and responded speaker Dr Joris Larik, Leiden University looked back to the main challenges and accomplishments in the field of EU’s international affairs during the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the European Union (CLEER Presidency Lecture).

**Improving the sustainability of EU Free Trade Agreements**  
26 September 2018

This CLEER lecture by Dr Wybe Douma (Former Senior Researcher at the Asser Institute and Lecturer International and European Environmental Law at The Hague University of Applied Sciences) focused on possible improvements to the trade and sustainability chapters in its free trade agreements (FTAs) and used examples of the EU-Canada trade agreements (CETA) and the proposals for a new EU-Mercosur agreement with Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay.
3. Projects

3.1 New projects

Corporate Social Responsibility in Asia (CSR)
1 January 2018 – 31 March 2019

This project aims to analyse the functioning of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in value chain responsibility in Asia, both on paper and in practice through a network analysis. The research will analyse case studies about the current state of CSR in South and East Asia, its best practices and shortcomings, and what is needed for more effective and efficient CSR in the region. The research will focus on the policies of first tier suppliers/manufacturers (direct link to the main company/bank), and – where possible – also second tier (direct link to the first tier). Within this framework, specific attention will be given to the roles of Dutch companies, or foreign companies based in the Netherlands, if present. The LeidenAsiaCentre is lead partner of this project, assisted by Asser researchers Dr Antoine Duval and Dr Enrico Partiti, and Mondiaal FNV.

Conceptual and Policy Implications of Increasingly Autonomous Military Technologies for State Responsibility under International Law
1 June 2018 – 31 December 2019

The main objective of this research project is to explore the conceptual and policy implications of the increasing autonomy of military technologies for State responsibility under international law. It seeks to analyse the implication of current and future technological developments for some of the conceptual foundations of State responsibility in relation to the conduct of armed forces (in particular the notion of State-human agency), and to evaluate how these theoretical considerations translate in terms of policy and regulation on the development and use of autonomous military technologies. This project will engage in an in-depth analysis of the theoretical underpinnings of responsibility for autonomous military technologies, with the aim of identifying on which grounds States could be held accountable for their use. It will combine a strong component of desk research with a number of meetings and consultations with academics, experts, and stakeholders. The output will include publications on this topic, and policy recommendations on the way to regulate these new technologies. This project is carried out by Asser researcher Dr Berenice Boutin and is funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung.

Artificial Intelligence & International Law
1 February – 31 July 2018

Artificial Intelligence (AI) technology has become powerful in recent times and exhibits levels of autonomy unknown to us before. AI is used to classify defendants in court, and gauge the risk of repeat offending, in predictive policing, in profiling people and to operate weaponised systems that are independent of human control. Yet there is only limited research in the field of Public International Law and AI. This research project sets out to identify urgent questions concerning AI and global governance and regulation issues. The roadmap will specifically focus on issues concerning AI and public international law. This project is carried out by Asser researcher Berenice

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4 New projects that started in 2018.
Boutin in collaboration with Delft University of Technology and Kings College London.

Regulation Bla: a standard for free circulation of judgments and mutual trust in the EU (JUDGTRUST)
1 November 2018 – 31 October 2020

This project will identify best practices and provide guidelines in the interpretation and application of Regulation (EU) 1215/2012 on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters (Regulation Bla). This research is conducted by the Asser Institute (Vesna Lazić, project leader) in cooperation with Universität Hamburg, University of Antwerp and Internationaal Juridisch Instituut. The project will evaluate to what extent the introduced changes in 2012 (as compared to the then existing Regulation (EC) 44/2001) have achieved the intended aim, what the remaining shortcomings are, and whether further changes are useful. It also examines how legislative projects on the global level and political developments influence the application of the Regulation. In addition, the project aims at enhancing a general understanding of the autonomous nature of the EU legal sources. It improves the conditions for a more uniform interpretation and application of the Regulation and consequently promotes mutual trust and efficiency of cross-border resolution of civil and commercial disputes. This project is funded by the DG Justice and Consumers of the European Commission to the Asser Institute.

3.1 Ongoing projects

International Crimes Database (ICD)
1 January 2012 – Present

In 2012, the Asser Institute set up the International Crimes Database (ICD) website. It offers a comprehensive database on international crimes adjudicated by national, international and internationalized courts. In addition to case law, the ICD website also incorporates general background information about international crimes, scholarly as well as news articles, working papers (ICD Briefs) and relevant links to other useful databases/websites. The ICD website provides access to a range of information for scholars and practitioners (such as judges, prosecutors and defense counsel), as well as for students, journalists, families and communities of victims of crimes. The project was financially supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Security and Justice for a period of five years (1 January 2012 – 31 December 2016). As of 2017, the Municipality of The Hague financially contributes to the project.

Subsidy Municipality of The Hague ‘Cultivating trust in the International City of Peace and Justice’
1 January 2016 - 31 December 2019

In 2016, the Asser Institute was awarded a subsidy from the Municipality of The Hague to contribute to strengthening The Hague’s identity as the International City of Peace and Justice and its knowledge infrastructure with respect to international law and dispute settlement. The various activities aim to bring together, in an innovative and fruitful way, the missions of both the

5 Ongoing projects that started before 2018.
Municipality of The Hague and the Asser Institute: together they can strengthen the City’s knowledge structure for international law, while contributing to cultivating trust in international law and international dispute settlement institutions.

Cross-Border Proceedings in Family Law Matters before National Courts and CJEU
1 February 2016 – 31 May 2018

This project identifies the best practices and provides for guidelines in the application of Regulation (EC) 2201/2003 (BIIaReg) concerning jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in matrimonial matters and the matters of parental responsibility. Additionally, it will provide suggestions how to overcome these shortcomings and what role party autonomy can play within that framework. This research is conducted by the Asser Institute (Prof Dr Vesna Lazic, project leader) in cooperation with researchers at Utrecht University, International Legal Institute, Ghent University, and the University of Valencia. The project is funded by the European Commission, DG Justice.

The Application of Brussels 1 (recast) in the Legal Practice of EU Member States
1 May 2016 – 31 October 2018

This project assesses the application of Regulation (EU) 1215/2012 (Brussels I recast) on jurisdiction and the recognition and enforcement of judgments in civil and commercial matters by the national legal orders. The project seeks to get a better understanding of its functioning and focuses on a number of changes that have been made in comparison with the previous Regulation. This research is conducted by the Asser Institute (Michiel de Rooij, project leader) in cooperation with researchers at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the University of Amsterdam. The project is funded by the European Commission, DG Justice.

Memory Laws in European and Comparative Perspectives
1 September 2016 – 31 August 2019

This research project examines memory laws throughout Europe and the world. It will propose a 'Framework Declaration on Historical Memory' as a set of legal and policy guidelines to aid national governments, European and international bodies, and non-governmental organisations in adopting critically-minded images of the past within the spheres of education, media, and civic life. Two Asser researchers (Uladzislaw Belavusau and Marina Bán) work on the project, in cooperation with researchers at Queen Mary University of London (UK), the University of Bologna (Italy) and the Polish Academy of Sciences (Poland). The project is funded by HERA (Humanities in the European Research Area).

The Global City: Challenges, Trust and the Role of Law
1 September 2016 – 31 August 2020

This project explores the global city as the crucial place where citizenship and fundamental rights have been debated in the past and in the present. It also questions the role and position of the global city on the international stage. The project consists of four individual PhD studies, conducted by Asser researchers Julia van der Krieke, Yehonatan Elazar-DeMota, Miha Marcenko and Lisa Roodenburg. Together, they will address a number of related themes: diversity, migration and trade (including
the slave trade; political participation and citizenship; the role of law, fundamental rights and duties as a possible source of trust in the global city of the past and present; and, the role and position of the global city in the international (legal) order of the past and present. Project leader is Prof Dr Janne Nijman, who received a grant from the Gieskes-Strijbis Fonds for this research project.

**EU Trade and Investment Policy (EUTIP)**  
*1 April 2017 – 31 March 2021*

This project will foster interdisciplinary research into the evolving international trade policy of the European Union (EU) with a view to create a significantly increased European knowledge base and research capacity on EU law and policy of the regulation of international trade through free trade agreements (FTAs) with third countries. It consists of 15 PhD research projects, which are supervised by academics of 11 partners with an interdisciplinary training programme covering the legal, political and economic foundations of EU trade and investment policy and an interdisciplinary and intersectoral programme of secondments involving 18 partner organisations. The project is coordinated by the University of Birmingham. The Asser Institute is a partner organisation and will host several early stage researchers in 2018 and 2019. The project is an Innovative Training Network (ITN), funded by the European Commission within the framework of its Horizon 2020 Marie Sklodowska-Curie Actions.

**Strengthening the Administrative Capacities of the Ministry of Environment (Twinning Georgia)**  
*1 July 2017 – 31 March 2018*

The overall objective of this project is to assist and strengthen the administrative capacities of the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Protection of Georgia (MENRP). The project’s specific purpose is to assist the MENRP in the transposition and implementation of the EU environmental acquis in the fields of industrial pollution and industrial hazards. Asser researcher Wybe Douma participates as an expert. The project was commissioned by DG NEAR-TWINNING of the European Commission, awarded to Kenniscentrum InfoMil (Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Water Management).
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