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1. Research output

1.1 Publications

1.1.1 Articles

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Boutin, B.
'Boutin, B.

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Duval, A. & Kassoti, E.

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

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Kassoti, E.
Kassoti, E.

Kassoti, E.

Louwerse, L. & Kassoti, E.

Kassoti, E.

Kassoti, E.
'The EU’s Duty of Non-Recognition and the Territorial Scope of Trade Agreements


Van Den Meerssche, D.

1.1.2 Book chapters

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Belavusau, U.
Belavusau, U. & Henrard, K.

Belavusau, U. & Wójcik, A.

Gordon, G.
Gordon, G.

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.

Lazic, V.
Lazic, V. & Schluep A.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.
Mignot-Mahdavi, R.
Nijman, J.E.
Bröllmann, C. & Nijman, J.E.

Nijman, J.E. & Werner, W.

Nijman, J.E.

Paulussen, C.

Paulussen, C.

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

Nijman, J.E.
Nijman, J.E. & Werner, W. (eds.)

Paulussen, C.

Stolk, S.
Boer, L.J.M. & Stolk, S. (eds.)

1.1.4 Reports

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)
Ark, R. van et al.
'Een vergelijkend onderzoek naar de aanpak van extremistische sprekers in verschillende Europese lidstaten' ['A comparative research study on radical and extremist (hate) speakers in European member states'], ICCT/Asser (2019).

1.1.3 Edited volumes

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

Een vergelijkend onderzoek naar de aanpak van extremistische sprekers in verschillende Europese lidstaten: ‘A comparative research study on radical and extremist (hate) speakers in European member states’, ICCT/Asser (2019).

1.1.5 Working papers

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Boutin, B.

Een vergelijkend onderzoek naar de aanpak van extremistische sprekers in verschillende Europese lidstaten: ‘A comparative research study on radical and extremist (hate) speakers in European member states’, ICCT/Asser (2019).

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.


Idriz, N.


Kassoti, E.

The Völkerrechtsfreundlichkeit Debate Revisited: The CJEU’s Approach to Interna-
Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

Paulussen, C.

Cuyckens, H. & Paulussen, C.

1.1.6 Blogs

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova) & Paulussen, C.

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Paulussen, C. & Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Ban, M.

Ban, M.

Bo, M.

Bo, M. & Woodcock, T.

Bo, M.

Duval, A.

Duval, A. & Heerdt, D.

Duval, A., Woodcock, T. & Van Den Meerssche, D.
'I Want to Put the Social Question Back on the Table’ – An Interview with Anne Orford’, Opinio Juris, 27 November 2019.
Elazar-DeMota, Y.

Elazar-DeMota, Y. 'Legal Aspects of Jewish Slavery Law in Eighteenth-Century Amsterdam', The Global City Website, 1 April 2019.

Elazar-DeMota, Y. 'The Concept of Liberty and Freedom in the Bible Commentary of Ishac Athias', The Global City Website, 7 August 2019.

Elazar-DeMota, Y. 'African blacks and Mulattos in the 17th-Century Amsterdam Portuguese Jewish community', The Global City Website, 2 December 2019.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.


Idriz, N.

Idriz, N. 'The new European Parliament and its role in the external dimension of EU migration policy: Time to stand up for our values', Asser Website.

Krieke, J. van der

Krieke, J. van der 'Who does it belong to? Looted art and cases of restitution', The Global City Website, 12 September 2019.

Marcenko, M.

Marcenko, M. ' Cities and International Law ', The Global City Website, 1 March 2019.

Marcenko, M. 'The UN-Habitat Assembly: An evolution or more of the same', The Global City Website, 1 July 2019.

Marcenko, M. ' United Cities and Local Governments World Summit and its meaning for the interaction of cities with international law and governance', The Global City Website, 4 November 2019.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R. 'On the illegality of the Turkish offensive in Syria', Asser Blog, 10 October 2019.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R. 'Citizenship deprivation will strengthen IS jihadist ideology', Asser Blog, 6 November 2019.

Nijman, J.E.

Nijman, J.E. 'Bringing critical thinking to power’ - New Year’s message from Asser’s academic director, 11 January 2019.

Okoli, C.

Okoli, C.
'We need a private international law system that responds to the interests of Africa', Asser Blog, 11 December 2019.

Paulussen, C.
Ark, R. van (nee Grozdanova) & Paulussen, C.
The Shamima Begum case: 'Revoking citizenship is ineffective and counterproductive', Asser Blog, 22 February 2019.

Mehra, T. & Paulussen, C.
The Repatriation of Foreign Fighters and Their Families: Options, Obligations, Morality and Long-Term Thinking, ICCT Perspective, 6 March 2019.

Paulussen, C.
The Repatriation of Western Foreign Fighters and their Families, ISPI Commentary, 28 June 2019.

Paulussen, C. & Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

Paulussen, C., Cuyckens, H. & Fortin, K.

Plagis, M.
A Nobel Peace Prize for Africa, but what about the other half of the story?, Asser Blog, 15 October 2019.

Roodenburg, L.
Roodenburg, L.
'Foreign domestic workers and the right to Hong Kong’s public and private space', The Global City Website, 1 February 2019.

Roodenburg, L.

Roodenburg, L.
'Human Rights Cities: What do they have in common?', The Global City Website, 3 October 2019.

Van Den Meerssche, D.
Duval, A., Woodcock, T. & Van Den Meerssche, D.
'I Want to Put the Social Question Back on the Table’ – An Interview with Anne Orford', Opinio Juris, 27 November 2019.

1.1.7 Conference proceedings

Nijman, J.E.
Nijman, J.E.

Nijman, J.E.
1.1.8 Book reviews

Paulussen, C.


1.2 Activities

1.2.1 Presentations at external events

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

- Presentation on ‘Secrecy as Counter-Terrorism: How should the European Court of Human Rights respond?’, delivered over Skype as part of the Annual I.CON Conference on ‘Public Law in Times of Change’ (1-3 July 2019), Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Santiago (Chile), 2 July 2019.

Belavusau, U.

- Presentation at the conference on market & equality law, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv (Israel), 20 January 2019.

- Presentation on ‘Legal governance of historical narratives in Europe: Wider than the Holocaust?’, at the international conference on ‘Narratives of Europe’s Shared Past: Between Singularity of the Holocaust and Totalitarian Paradigm’ (16-17 May 2019), House of European History, Brussels (Belgium), 17 May 2019.
- Presentation on ‘A bird’s eye view on EU anti-discrimination law: the impact of the 2000 equality directives’ in panel on ‘EU anti-discrimination law in times of contestation’, at the ‘Public Law in Times of Change - I.CON-S Annual Conference’ at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 2 July 2019;
- Presentation on ‘Comparative Perspectives on Memory Politics and Human Rights in Europe and South America’ at a workshop on memory laws at the National University of San Martín, Buenos Aires (Argentina), 10-11 July 2019, 11 July 2019.
- Draft of policy recommendations and moderation of a working group during a 2-day Expert Consultation on Contested Histories & Inter-Ethnic Relations at the office of the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities, The Hague, 19-20 September 2019.

Bo, M.

- Presentation on ‘The Human/Weapon Relationship in the Age of Autonomous Weapons and the Attribution of Criminal Responsibility for War Crimes’, at Conference ‘We Robot’ (11-13 April 2019), at University of Miami School of Law, 12 April 2019.
- Presentation on ‘Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems and War Crimes’ at the Advanced Seminar in IHL (for University Lecturers and Researchers), 9-13 September 2019 at the International Committee of the Red Cross, Geneva (Switzerland), 12 September 2019.
• Presentation on 'Identifying Gaps in the Applicable Legal Framework' at the event 'Artificial Intelligence and Challenges in Modern Warfare', University of Herzliya, Israel, 18 December 2019.

Boutin, B.

• Presentation on 'Reparation in situations of shared responsibility'; Launching of the Guiding Principles on Shared Responsibility in International Law, Side event of the UNGA Sixth Committee (Legal), United Nations Headquarters, New York, 1 November 2019.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

• Presentation on 'Nationalism and Early International Rights', conference on Politics and Histories of International Law, Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, held under the auspices of the Journal of the History of International Law, Heidelberg, 15-16 February 2019.
• Presentation on 'The National Question and Statelessness in the Nineteenth Century', Nationality Now: The History, Culture and Politics of Contemporary Citizenship, Queen Mary University of London, 1 March 2019.
• Presentation on 'The Treatment of Foreigners in Early Latin American Constitutions: Above and Beyond the Minimum Standard?', Latin America and the Regional Construction of International Law, Université Paris Diderot, 7 March 2019.
• Co-organiser and presenter at a book launch for the volume 'EU Anti-Discrimination Law Beyond Gender', Hart Publishing (2018), the European University Institute, Florence (Italy), 21 March 2019 (with Belavusau, U.).
• Presentation on 'Memory and Society: What role for the State?', Foro de Asociaciones de Educación en Derechos Humanos y por la Paz, Bilbao, 10 June 2019.
• Presentation on 'The resurgence of amnesties in Latin America: between remembrance and renewal' in panel on 'The rise of memory laws in times of contestation', at the 'Public Law in Times of Change - ICON-S Annual Conference' at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 2 July 2019.
Duval A.

- Presentation on 'From Global City to Olympic City: How the Olympic regime shaped London', at the panel on 'Practice Areas: How Cities are Reshaping Legal Fields (2)', at conference 'Cities and International Law in the Urban Age' (13-15 March 2019), Asser Institute, 14 March 2019.
- Presentation on [...] at the special event 'High Level Policy Dialogues on The Rule of Law and Sports' at the European University Institute, Florence (Italy), 18 March 2019.
- Keynote Speaker at the EU Sports Forum, Bucharest (Romania), 8-9 April 2019.

Okoli, C.

- Presentation on 'Is the Principle of Closest Connection in Choice of Law for Commercial Contracts also an invisible assertion of State Interests?', 8th Journal of Private International Law Conference (12-14 September 2019), University of Munich (Germany), 14 September 2019.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.

- Presentation on 'Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth-century Amsterdam', at the workshop 'Law in Amsterdam and the Dutch Republic in the 17th century', Asser Institute, 10 April 2019.
- Presentation on 'Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', at the international conference 'Basic Concepts and Categories of Jewish Thought: Sources and Contexts' (29-30 May 2019), St- Petersburg, (Russia), 29 May 2019.
- Presentation on 'Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', at Jonge Onderzoekersdag NGJS 2019, Amsterdam, 5 June 2019.
- Presentation on 'Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth Century Amsterdam', at EUI Doctoral Forum on International Law, Florence (Italy), 10 June 2019.

Gordon, G.

- Presentation of paper on 'The temporal character of international law's aesthetics', at workshop on 'Narration and Aesthetics in Transnational Law and Politics' at the Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research, Duisburg (Germany), 7-8 February 2019.
- Presentation on 'Evidentiary database involving AI and blockchain components' before the Scientific Advisory Board for the Organization for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), The Hague, 2 April 2019.
- Panel organisation and presentation on 'AI applications to address land grabbing practices' at EuroDIG, The Hague, 18 June 2019.
- Presentation on 'Un-governance in international law', co-written with Dimitri Van den Meerssche, for the Boundaries of Law research group at Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam, 25 June 2019.
- Presentation on 'Can you repeat the question please? Solipsistic history in interna-


- Presentation of ‘Mapping Values’ project for RPA Human(e) AI meeting at the University of Amsterdam, 10 December 2019.

- Presentations to introduce and conclude workshop on ‘Constitutions of Value’ at the University of Würzburg (Germany), 12-13 December 2019.

Kassoti, E.


- Presentation of paper entitled ‘The Völkerrechtsfreundlichkeit Debate Revisited: The CJEU’s Approach to International Law in the Interpretation of Economic Agreements covering Occupied Territories’, in the context of the Inaugural Edinburgh-Glasgow International Law workshop (8-10 April 2019), University of Edinburgh (UK), 8 April 2019.


- Co-presentation on ‘Revisiting the European Commission’s Approach towards the Rule of Law in Enlargement’ (jointly with L. Louwerse) in the context of a conference on ‘Rule of Law as Promoter of Human Rights and Economic Growth’ (9-10 October 2019), organised by the Romanian Ministry for Foreign Affairs and EPLO, Titu Maiorescu University, Bucharest (Romania), 9 October 2019.

Krieke, J. van der

- ‘Could early modern Jews become citizens of Amsterdam? A closer look into Amsterdam’s first Jewish community (1590-1640)’, presentation at the workshop ‘Law in Amsterdam and the Dutch Republic in the 17th century’, Asser Institute, 10 April 2019.

Lazic, V.


- Presentation on ‘The Brussels Ibis Recast – Origin, Scope of Application and General Feature’, at the EJTN Civil Justice Seminar ‘Brussels I Regulation – Jurisdiction and the
Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters', Prague (Czech Republic), 13 March 2019.

- Presentation on 'Lis pendens and related Actions/Jurisdiction to Grant Provisional Measures', at the EJTN Civil Justice Seminar 'Brussels I Regulation – Jurisdiction and the Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments in Civil Matters', Prague (Czech Republic), 14 March 2019.


- Presentation entitled 'Overriding Mechanism' in the Revised Brussels IIbis Regulation, Conference on 'Selected Issues in National and International Civil Procedure' (17-18 October 2019), University of Split (Croatia).

- Presentation on the 'Protection of the Rights of the Child in the Revised Brussels IIbis Regulation' at the Conference on 'Protection of the Rights of the Child – 30 Years After the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child' (29-30 October 2019), Novi Sad (Serbia).

- Presentation on 'Arbitration and Insolvency', Conference of Croatian Arbitration Days, Zagreb (Croatia), 5 December 2019.

- Presentation on 'Enforcement of Annullered Arbitral Awards in the USA and the Netherlands', Conference of the Kopaonik School of Law 'International Commercial Contracts/Arbitration', Kopaonik (Serbia), 13-16 December 2019.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Presentation (as Agora Speaker) on 'The Institutionalisation of Drone Programs, Enterimg the Normal Functioning of the State' at the ESIL Annual Conference ' Sovereignty, a Concept in Flux, Athens (Greece), 13 September 2019.

- Presentation on 'Programmes de drones: les corps comme réceptacles de rituels de souveraineté et vecteurs d’intensification du pouvoir étatique' at the AEGES Annual Conference 'Guerre et Corps' (War and Body), Paris (France), 19-20 December 2019.

Nijman, J.E.


- Opening keynote 'Building an Urban Sense of Belonging: a Glocal Affair' at 'A Sense of Belonging in the City', an international seminar on the role of NGOs in promoting inclusive cities, organized by Asser Instituut and the City of Amsterdam, in collaboration with NieuwWij and MigrationWork, Hotel Casa Amsterdam (16 May 2019) and Amsterdam City Hall (17 May 2019), 16 May 2019.


- Presentation 'Welke Internationale Rechtsorde?', Hollands Spoor meeting on 'Toekomst van de multilaterale orde' organised by WRR and Strategieberaad Rijksbreed, at WRR, The Hague, 2 September 2019.
Paulussen C.

- Presentation (together with Colin Clarke) on ‘Responding to the crime-terror nexus: the international level’, at (closed) workshop ‘The Nexus between Organized Crime and Terrorism’ (9-10 May 2019), Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), 9 May 2019.
- Presentation on ‘Human rights and security-related challenges to deprivation of nationality and non-repatriation of foreign fighters and their families’, Queen’s University Belfast (North Ireland), 16 May 2019.
- Presentation on ‘The blurring lines between IHL and CT in prosecuting FFs’, at LACPO, University of Amsterdam, 12 June 2019.
- Presentation on the ‘Interaction between the two sets of law: IHL and counter terrorism’ (together with Hanne Cuyckens), during the 27th Meeting of the Network for investigation and prosecution of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes’, Eurojust, The Hague, 6 November 2019.

Plagis, M.


Roodenburg, L.

- Presentation on ‘A Sense of Belonging in Hong Kong: Urban Identity as an Instrument for Human Rights Realization’ in the panel ‘Law, governance and a sense of belonging’, at the Socio Legal Studies Association Conference, 3-5 April 2019, University of Leeds (United Kingdom), 4 April 2019.

Stolk, S.

- Presentation of paper on ‘The Temple of Peace as a Ritualized Practice of International Justice’ (with T. Aalberts), in workshop ‘Narration and Aesthetics in Transnational Law and Politics’ (7-8 February 2019), Duisburg (Germany), 7 February 2019.
- Presentation of paper on ‘The Temple of Peace as a Ritualized Practice of International.

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Presentation on ‘A World Bank Lawyer at the UN’, Amsterdam Centre for International Law (ACIL), 28 January 2019.
- Presentation on ‘Digital Data in Border Control Governance’ in panel on ‘Global Data Governance and the Future of International Organizations’, at the ‘Public Law in
Times of Change - ICON-S Annual Conference’ at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 1 July 2019.

- Presentation on ‘Digital Borders and Data Territories - Sovereignty, Territoriality and Data-Driven Infrastructures of Border Control’, at Sovereignty: A Concept in Flux - ESIL Annual Conference, Athens (Greece), 12 September 2019.

1.2.2 Participation in external events

Ban, M.

- Participation in Masterclass with Prof. Anne Orford, including presentation on 'A Struggle in my Research' in the panel 'Doing things with history', Asser Institute, 29 November 2019.

Belavusau, U.


- Co-organiser, presenter on ‘Legal governance of historical memory in the EU and the Council of Europe’ and a panel chair at a workshop jointly launched with the Korean Society of International Law ‘Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Europe and Korea’, Korea University, Seoul (South Korea), 19 April 2019 (with L. Castellanos-Jankiewicz).

- Co-organiser and presenter on ‘Governance of historical memory in European law’, at a workshop ‘Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Europe and Asia’, Osaka University, Osaka (Japan), 26 April 2019 (with L. Castellanos-Jankiewicz).


- Co-organiser and chair of the second session of a joint Asser-Kent conference at the Brussels School of International Studies - third annual MELA conference entitled ‘Memory Laws in Europe and Beyond: Towards Ethical Governance of Historical Memory’, involving academics, institutions and civil society, Etterbeek (Belgium), 24 May 2019 (with L. Castellanos-Jankiewicz).

- Chair of a panel ‘EU Anti-Discrimination Law Beyond Gender’, dedicated to his edited volume (with the same title as the panel) during the Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group Annual Conference, Stockholm University (Sweden), 17 June 2019.

- Chair of a panel ‘The Rise of Memory Laws in Times of Contestation’, during the third annual Memory Studies Association (MSA) Conference at the Complutense University of Madrid (Spain), 25 June 2019.

- Chair of panel on ‘The rise of memory laws in times of contestation’, at the ‘Public Law in Times of Change - ICON-S Annual Conference’ at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 2 July 2019.

- Chair of panel ‘Matices del Control Constitucional de la Ley’, at the ‘Public Law in Times of Change - ICON-S Annual Conference’ at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 3 July 2019.

Boutin, B.

- Organiser and moderator of an event on ‘Artificial Intelligence: A Revolution in Strategic Affairs?’ with Dr Kenneth Payne (King’s College London), at the Wijnhaven Campus, 22 January 2019.

- Moderation of the Plenary Panel on Accountability and Artificial Intelligence,


Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Participation in Workshop 'The Treatment of Foreigners in Early Latin American Constitutions: Above and Beyond the Minimum Standard?', Latin America and the Regional Construction of International Law, Université Paris Diderot, 7 March 2019.
- Co-convener of Workshop on the Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Europe and Korea, Kyung-Hee University College of International Studies, South Korea, 19 April 2019.
- Co-convener, Workshop on the Legal Governance of Historical Memory in Europe and Asia', Osaka University, Japan, 26 April 2019.
- Co-organiser and discussant of a joint Asser-Kent conference at the Brussels School of International Studies - third annual MELA conference entitled 'Memory Laws in Europe and Beyond: Towards Ethical Governance of Historical Memory', involving academics, institutions and civil society, Etterbeek (Belgium), 24 May 2019 (with Ulad Balevusau).
- Chair of panel on 'EU anti-discrimination law in times of contestation', at the 'Public Law in Times of Change - ICON-S Annual Conference' at the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile, Santiago (Chile), 1-3 July 2019, 2 July 2019.

Duval, A.

- Discussant at the workshop 'The role of dispute resolution in multilevel regulation' at the Hague University of Applied Sciences, The Hague, 5 February 2019.
- Invited speaker at the Plenary meeting of the EPAS Consultative Committee, Council of Europe, Strasbourg (France), 5 June 2019.
- Invited speaker at the seminar 'Specificity of sport within the EU', European Commission, Brussels (Belgium), 17 December 2019.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.

- Participation in Masterclass with Prof. Anne Orford, including presentation on 'Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in 17th-Century Amsterdam' in the panel 'Form, matter, fact & emancipatory method', Asser Institute, 29 November 2019.

Gordon, G.

- Chair of panel 'Practice Areas: How Cities are Reshaping Legal Fields (2)', at conference 'Cities and International Law in the Urban Age' (13-15 March 2019), Asser Institute, 14 March 2019.
- Chair and participant at CSECL and LJXB conference on 'The Politics of Method in EU Law' at the University of Amsterdam, 20-21 June 2019.
- Organisation of talks by Scott Shapiro at Leiden University (10 December 2019) and Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam (13 December 2019), facilitating also a talk at UvA’s Paul Scholten Centre organized by Jacob Giltaaij, 11 December 2019.
- Organisation of workshop on 'Constitutions of Value' at the University of Würzburg (Germany), 12-13 December 2019.
Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

• Participation in the 'Avond van de Nobelprijzen: Literatuur, Economie en Vrede' at the KNAW, Amsterdam, 27 October 2019.
• Participation in the High-level Policy Dialogue at the kick off conference for the launching of the BRIDGE Project: 'Brexit and Research and Interchange on Differeniated Governance in Europe', organised by the Brexit Institute in collaboration with its partner institutions (the University of Bolzano/Bozen, the University of Copenhagen and the Central European University), 30-31 October 2019, Dublin (Ireland), 31 October 2019. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin presented the book 'European variation as a key to cooperation' (Springer).

Idriz, N.

• Organisation of a roundtable meeting on 'Informalisation of EU External Relations in the field of Justice and Home Affairs' within the framework of CLEER, organised jointly with Prof. J. Rijpma (MOSE Jean Monnet Chair), 14 June 2019.
• Co-organisation and chair (together with Dr. Darinka Piqani (Leiden University) of the Global Europe event on the 'Rule of Law Challenges and Prospects in Albania and North Macedonia', at the House of Europe, The Hague, 1 October 2019.

Kassoti, E.

• Participation in expert meeting organised by the Human Rights Forum Netherlands on 'Are The Netherlands and Europe ready for another "Irish Law"?', which brought together NGO’s, academics, Dutch MP’s and representatives from the Dutch Ministry for Foreign Affairs, The Hague, 13 May 2019.
• Co-organisation (together with N. Idriz) of the Global Europe event on the 'Rule of Law Challenges and Prospects in Albania and North Macedonia', at the House of Europe, The Hague, 1 October 2019.

Krieke, J. van der

• Participation in Masterclass with Prof. Anne Orford, including presentation on 'Research for the Global City PhD Project' in the panel 'Doing things with history', Asser Institute, 29 November 2019.

Lazic, V.

• Participant/Discussant at the Conference 'EUFams II' organised within the framework of the Civil Justice Project co-funded by the European Commission, the Max-Plank Institute in Luxembourg, 25 October 2019.

Marcenko, M.

• Chair of panel 'Practice Areas: How Cities are Reshaping Legal Fields (1)', at Conference 'Cities and International Law in the Urban Age' (13-15 March 2019), Asser Institute, 14 March 2019.
• Participation in Masterclass with Prof. Anne Orford, including presentation on 'PhD research and arbitrariness' in the panel 'Lawyers, critics, choices, constraints', Asser Institute, 29 November 2019.
• Chair of session 'Final Wrap-Up Session for Handbook', at the Authors Workshop and Meeting of the ILA Study Group 'The Role of Cities in International Law' (9-10 December 2019), Berlin (Germany), 10 December 2019.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

• Participation in network meeting 'Terrorism: Academics, policymakers and practitioners' organised by VU University Amsterdam, the NSCR and the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 17 October 2019.
Nijman, J.E.

- Chair of panel 'International Law and Cities: Historical development and broader trends', at conference 'Cities and International Law in the Urban Age' (13-15 March 2019), Asser Institute, 14 March 2019.
- Co-organiser of ‘A Sense of Belonging in the City’, an international seminar on the role of NGOs in promoting inclusive cities, organized by Asser Instituut and the City of Amsterdam, in collaboration with NieuwWij and MigrationWork, Hotel Casa Amsterdam (16 May 2019) and Amsterdam City Hall (17 May 2019).
- Chair of the first session of a joint Asser-Kent conference at the Brussels School of International Studies - third annual MELA conference entitled ‘Memory Laws in Europe and Beyond: Towards Ethical Governance of Historical Memory’, involving academics, institutions and civil society, Etterbeek (Belgium), 24 May 2019.

Paulussen, C.

- Speaker at the workshop ‘Academia Meets Practice: Discussing International Humanitarian and Criminal Law with Experienced Practitioners’, organised in cooperation with the IHCL Platform, KU Leuven, 2 April 2019.
- Participant in a high-level panel (including the Belgian Minister of Justice) on the nexus between terrorism and organised crime, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven (Belgium), 9 May 2019.
- Participation in network meeting ‘Terrorism: Academics, policymakers and practitioners’ organised by VU University Amsterdam, the NSCR and the University of Amsterdam, Amsterdam, 17 October 2019.
Plagis, M.

- Participation in practice workshop on 'Applying tools for adaptive programming and development effectiveness, practice workshop, Humanity House, 8 October 2019.
- Organiser and chair of event with Prof. Deeksha Bana on 'Regrounding contract law: the case for substantive equality in South Africa', in cooperation with the International Institute of Social Studies, 15 October 2019.
- Participation in conference 'Supreme Court Justice's dialogue: Searching for the Cutting Edge: Identifying Pathways to Achieving Access to Justice at the National, Regional and International Level', IDLO The Hague, 10 July 2019.
- Participation in conference 'World Politics: International Law First?', 27 August 2019.
- Participation in conference 'Tobias Asser (1838-1913)', 29 August 2019.

Roodenburg, L.

- Co-organiser of and discussant at the seminar 'A Sense of Belonging in the City', international seminar on the role of NGOs in promoting inclusive cities, organized by Asser Instituut and the City of Amsterdam, in collaboration with NieuwWij and Migra-

Stolk, S.

- Organisation section 'Visualizing International Law' including 4 panels, 1 roundtable, a 'legal sightseeing' tour and an artistic workshop at the Pan-European Conference of the European International Studies Association, Sofia (Bulgaria), 11-14 September 2019.
- Organiser and lecturer workshop 'Mensenrechten in Beeld' (human rights in the picture), photography and human rights workshop for 40 high school students at Humanity House, The Hague, 10 December 2019.

Van Den Meerssche, D.


1.2.3 Lectures at external events

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

• Lecture on ‘The Role of States in Terrorism and Counter-Terrorism’, as part of the Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law & International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism (16 May – 20 June 2019), organised at the Asser Institute, 11 June 2019.

Belavusau, U.

• Guest lecture on the politics of memory, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv (Israel), 23 January 2019.
• Guest lecture on ‘The status of race and sexuality in EU law’, during the ERA (European Law Academy) training for legal practitioners at the Barcelona Bar Association, Barcelona, (Spain), 25 October 2019.
• Open lecture ‘Leggi sulla memoria e identità storica in Europa’ (Memory Laws and Historical Identity in Europe) at the University of Milan-Bicocca, Milan, (Italy), 19 November 2019.

Boutin, B.

• Lecture on ‘State Responsibility and Artificial Intelligence’, as part of the Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence and International Law (11-15 February 2019), organised at the T.M.C. Asser Institute, The Hague, 14 February 2019.

Duval, A.

• Lecture on ‘The Court of Arbitration for Sport and transnational sporting justice’, University of Groningen, 8 January 2019.
• Lecture on ‘Fragmentation in International Law’, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 24 January 2019.
• Lecture on ‘Lex Sportiva as Transnational Sports Law’, Sciences Po Paris (France), 19 April 2019.
• Lecture on ‘Social Media in Legal Academia’ at the NNHRR PhD Training, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 14 May 2019.
• Two lectures at the CLS Summer School on the ‘Global Law of Sport’, Czech Republic, 1-2 July 2019.
• Lecture on ‘Lex Sportiva as Transnational Sports Law’, Maastricht University, 23 September 2019.

Elazar-DeMota, Y.


Idriz, N.

• Guest lecture on ‘Free Movement of Persons in Different Agreements between the EU and Third Countries’, within the framework of the Capita Selecta on Brexit in the European Law master’s programme, Utrecht University, 15 February 2019.
Kassoti, E.

- Presentation on ‘The EU’s Trade Agreements covering Occupied Territories and International Law’, in the context of the EU External Relations postgraduate course taught by Prof. Samantha Besson, University of Fribourg, 12 March 2019.

Paulussen, C.

- Presentation on ‘The international (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality’ to staff members of the NCTV (National Coordinator for Security and Counterterrorism) at the Leergang Terrorisme en contraterrorisme of the Centre for Professional Learning, The Hague, 29 October 2019.
- Lecture on ‘The international (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality’ to Dutch counter-terrorism practitioners, at the Leergang Terrorism, law and security, Centre for Professional Learning, The Hague, 14 November 2019.

Plagis, M.

- Lecture on ‘The African Union and Comparative Regionalism’, European Studies Master Program (class of Dr. Pola Cebulak), University of Amsterdam, 15 October 2019.

Stolk, S.


Bo, M.

- Preparation of the MELA Newsletter covering the period of the MELA activities (January-August 2019) together with L. Castellanos-Jankiewicz.

1.2.4 Media

Belavusau, U.

- Preparation of the MELA Newsletter covering the period of the MELA activities (January-August 2019) together with L. Castellanos-Jankiewicz.

Bo, M.

Boutin, B.

- Cited in the NRC, in a fact-check article on the legality of an army in Kosovo (‘Kosovo schendt internationaal recht met oprichting leger’), 6 February 2019 (with G. Gordon).

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Preparation of the MELA Newsletter covering the period of the MELA activities (January-August 2019) together with U. Belavusau.

Duval, A.


Gordon, G.

- Cited in the NRC, in a fact-check article on the legality of an army in Kosovo (‘Kosovo schendt internationaal recht met oprichting leger’), 6 February 2019 (with B. Boutin).

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.


Mignot-Mahdavi, R.


Paulussen, C.

- Interview with NRC Handelsblad, on deprivation of nationality as a counter-terrorism measure, 7 January 2019 (A. Kouwenhoven, ‘Niet meer als terrorist gezien, wel je Nederlanderschap kwijt’, 7 January 2019.
- Interview with TRT World on the Shamima Begum case, (B. Nesibe Kotan, ‘Should Europe uphold the right to return - even for Daesh families?’, 19 February 2019.
- Interview with Justice Hub on citizenship stripping (J. Anderson, ‘Citizenship Stripping: Protecting National Security or Passing the Buck?’, 21 February 2019.
- Interview with AFP on the revolution in Sudan and its impact on the Al Bashir proceedings before the ICC (‘Four questions on warcrimes, Sudan’s Bashir and the ICC’), 11 April 2019.
- Live interview on ‘the establishment of an international ISIS tribunal and deprivation of nationality’, Good Morning Europe, Euronews, 26 September 2019.

Roithmaier, K.

- Interviewed with Information (Denmark) and quoted in an article by Rasmus Raun Westh, ‘Terrorforsker: Det gør næppe Danmark mere sikkert at nægte frafalde IS-krigere hjælp’ [Terrorism Researchers: It hardly makes Denmark safer to deny former IS fighters help], 20 November 2019.

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- ‘Top UN judges set to rule on Chagos islands dispute’, Interview with Agence France Presse, 25 February 2019.
1.2.5 Internal presentations

Research seminars and labs

Paulussen, C.
- Presentation draft article on a sustainable right to security, Asser Research Lab, 3 October 2019.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.
- Presentation of paper entitled ‘Drones Programs, the Individualization of War and the Ad Bellum Principle of Proportionality’, 30 October 2019.

1.2.6 Editorial work

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)
- Case notes co-editor for the newly established European Convention of Human Rights Law Review (BRILL Publishing), to be launched officially in 2020.

Boutin, B.
- Member of the Editorial Board of OXIO (Oxford International Organizations), a database of annotated documents pertaining to the law of international organisations, as of November 2019.
- Managing Editor of the NYIL, Netherlands Yearbooks in International Law (until November 2019).

Gordon, G.
- Editor and Board Member of the Leiden Journal of International Law.

Kassoti, E.
- Editor in chief of the CLEER Papers.

Nijman, J.E.
- Member of the Editorial Board of the NYIL, Netherlands Yearbooks in International Law.
- Member of the Editorial Board of Grotiana Journal.

Stolk, S.
- Editor Leiden Journal of International Law, International Legal Theory section.
- Editor New Perspectives: interdisciplinary journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations.

Van Den Meersche, D.
- Managing Editor of the NYIL, Netherlands Yearbooks in International Law (from November 2019 onwards).

1.2.7 Memberships

Gordon, G.
- Member, Legal Action Committee of the Global Legal Action Network.
- Alternate member, ILA Committee on Submarine Cables and Pipelines Under International Law.

Idriz, N.
- Member of the Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs (AIV).
• Member of the Treasury committee of the Netherlands Association for European Law (NVER).
• Member of the Working Group on ‘Migration & Borders’ of the NNHRR.
• Member of UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies).

Nijman, J.E.

• 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 Vossius Center for History of Humanities and Sciences, University of Amsterdam.
• Board member of the Grotiana Foundation.
• Member of ESIL.
• Member of ASIL.
• Member of the Steering Committee of the Netherlands Network of Human Rights Research (NNHRR).
• Member of the Management Board of ICCT.
• International Gender Champion, as part of the International Gender Champions Leadership network.
• Member of the Supervisory Board of PAX for Peace (Stichting Vredesbeweging Pax Nederland).
• Board member (chair) 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).

Paulussen, C.

• Member of the Research Group ‘Constitutional Responses to Terrorism’ of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) (since 2018).
• Member of the Executive Board of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (since 2013).
• Member of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht, KNVIR) and the International Law Association (since 2008).
• Member (since 2012) and chair (2019-2020) of the jury of the J.P.A. François prize (Royal Netherlands Society of International Law).
• Member of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (since 2012).
• Member of the European Society of International Law (since 2012).
• Member of the editorial board of the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (since 2012).
• Member of the editorial board (since 2012) and editor-in-chief (since 2018) of the journal Security and Human Rights.
• Member of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (since 2019).

Plagis, M.

• Law and Development Research Network (LDRN)
• Law and Society Association Member (LSA)
• LSA Collaborative Research Network (CRN) 13 (Africa) and 22 (South Asia)
• Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR)
• The ACTHPR Monitor (Associate Editor)

1.2.8 PhD supervision

Gordon, G.


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4 Supervision of PhD researchers who defended their theses in 2019.
Nijman, J.E.


1.2.9 Various

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

- Represented the Asser Institute at an MFA Roundtable with the Libyan Minister of Justice, The Hague, 8 February 2019. Attendance was strictly by invitation. Rumyana’s contributions during the Roundtable covered a range of topics – international terrorism threats, building a domestic counter-terrorism legislative framework and strategy and existing good practices in counter-terrorism.
- Contribution to case study contributor, editor and co-project manager of report ‘A Comparative Report on Extreme Speakers’, NCTV (subject to publication restrictions).
- Lecture on ‘Kafkaesque Trials or Use of Sensitive Intelligence Evidence within the Dutch and UK Courts’, as part of the Asser-ICCT Advanced Summer Programme on Counter-Terrorism (26 - 30 August 2019), The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 28 August 2019.
- Coordination (together with Sofia Stolk) GCTF Lifecycle Toolkit. Production of 6 animated videos, 4 podcasts and 6 interactive infographics, delivered in December 2019.

Belavusau, U.

- ‘Model Declaration on Law and History’, jointly developed (with Heinze, E., Fronza, E. & Gliszczynska-Grabias, A) in 2018 and adopted on the joint reading by consensus on 4 October 2018 during the MELA Annual Conference in Warsaw with all principal investigators present (available from February 2019 here).
- MELA Newsletter June – December 2018, developed by the MELA Dutch Team (Cris van Eijk, León Castellanos-Jankiewicz and Ulad Belavusau), covering the period of MELA-activities in the period June – December 2018 (out in January 2019, see here).
- Organiser of workshop on memory laws in Eastern Europe and Latin America, Asser Institute, with Prof. Scarfi and Dr. Mālksoo (with Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.), 8 February 2019.
- Visiting researcher at the Brussels School of International Studies - University of Kent (Belgium), May-June 2019.
- Research fellow at the Università degli studi, Milan-Bicocca, Milan, (Italy), October-November 2019.

Bo, M.


Boutin, B.

- Mentioned twice in the footnotes of the Opinion of the Advocate General to the Dutch Supreme Court in the Srebrenica case (footnotes 25 and 34), 1 February 2019.
- Organiser of the first Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence and International Law, 11-15 February 2019.
• Organiser of a panel discussion on ‘Human Control over Autonomous Military Technologies’, (as part of the Winter Academy, open to external participants upon invitation), 11-15 February 2019, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 13 February 2019.
• Organiser of an event on ‘Unpacking the Responsibility Gap(s) Arising from AI Applications in Weapon Technologies’, together with Marta Bo, and presentation on ‘State responsibility in relation to AI technologies’, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 19 June 2019.
• Organiser of the NYIL Anniversary Seminar on Yearbooks in International Law, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 26-27 September 2019.
• Awarded funding from NWO for a 4-year research project entitled ‘Designing International Law and Ethics into Military AI (DILEMA)’, November 2019.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

• Organiser of workshop on memory laws in Eastern Europe and Latin America, Asser Institute, with Prof. Scarfi and Dr. Mälksoo (with Belavusau, U.), 8 February 2019.
• MELA Newsletter June – December 2018, developed by the MELA Dutch Team (Cris van Eijk, León Castellanos-Jankiewicz and Ulad Belavusau), covering the period of MELA-activities in the period June – December 2018 (out in January 2019, see here).

Duval, A.

• One day teaching of a Masterclass in the degree programme ‘Settlement of International Disputes’, 9 January 2019, University of Groningen.
• Member of the Erasmus + Project on Promoting a Strategic Approach to EU Sport Diplomacy (EUSD).

Gordon, G.

• Organiser and coordinator of the Master class with Prof. Anne Orford, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 29 November 2019.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

Idriz, N.

- Teaching of the course ‘Regulating EU External Trade’, in the Advanced LLM programme of European and International Business Law, Leiden University, June 2019 (with Prof. C. Tobler).
- Thesis supervision and co-supervision of 10 PPLE students (4 law and 6 political science students) on the theme ‘Migration’, University of Amsterdam, June 2019.
- Thesis supervision of one master student from the Advanced LLM Program of European and International Business Law, Leiden University, June 2019.
- Chair of a panel on ‘Case-Studies regarding the EU’s Duty to Protect Human Rights abroad’ at the joint ESIL-CLEER conference on ‘EU Trade Agreements and the Duty to respect Human Rights Abroad’, at T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, 11 December 2019.

Kassoti, E.

- Co-organisation of the CLEER-ESIL IG EU as a Global Actor Conference (jointly with Prof. R. Wessel) on ‘EU Trade Agreements and the EU’s Duty to Protect Human Rights Abroad’, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 11 December 2019.
- Teaching: Internal Market tutorials (Masters’ level, UvA), November-December 2019.

Krieke, J. van der

- Hebrew Course Summer Semester 2018/2019, Tel Aviv University (Israel), 4-30 August 2019 (level: Gimel Plus, Grade: 92).
- Successfully acquired funding for exchange visit to Yale University (October 2019) from Amsterdams Universiteitsfonds.
- Exchange Yale University, Connecticut (US), Visiting Assistant in Research (VAR), October 2019.

Marcenko, M.

- Co-organiser of the conference ‘Cities and International Law in the Urban Age’, 13-15 March 2019, T.M.C. Asser Instituut (together with Helmut Aust (Freie Universität) and Janne Nijman (Asser Institute).

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Coordination ICCT, September - January 2019.

Nijman, J.E.

- Co-organiser of the conference ‘Cities and International Law in the Urban Age’, 13-15
March 2019, T.M.C. Asser Instituut (together with Helmut Aust (Freie Universität) and Miha Marcenko (Asser Institute).

• Co-organiser (together with Helmut Aust, Freie Universität) of the Authors Workshop and Meeting of the ILA Study Group ‘The Role of Cities in International Law’, organised by the Asser Institute and Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, 9-10 December 2019.

• 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.


• Speaker at the Lebanon Lectures, on ‘Arrest and Surrender’, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, 3 April 2019.

• Organiser of the ‘Special 15th Anniversary SCL Lectures event: Taking stock of the international criminal justice project: deficient or sufficient?’, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 17 April 2019.

• Organiser of the research seminar on ‘Challenging and refining the ‘Unwilling or Unable’ doctrine: A counterterrorism threat to Jus ad Bellum’, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, The Hague, 25 April 2019.


• Organiser of the 13th Summer Law Programme on International Criminal Law & International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism (16 May – 20 June 2019), organised at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.


• Organiser of the research seminar on ‘Secrecy and method in security studies’, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 13 June 2019.

• Co-organiser of the 9th Advanced Programme on Counter-Terrorism (26-30 August 2019), Asser Institute, The Hague.

• Presentation on ‘The International (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality’ at the 9th Advanced Programme on Counter-Terrorism (26-30 August 2019), Asser Institute, 28 August 2019.

• Appointed Chair of the Jury of the J.P.A. François Prize, Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging Voor Internationaal Recht (KNVIR), a prize awarded once every 2 years to encourage the study of public international law and private international law.

• Organiser of the SCL lecture and book launch on ‘Defining International Terrorism - Between State Sovereignty and Cosmopolitanism’, in cooperation with the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism. Speakers were Dr. Stella Margariti (whose book on the topic was launched), Judge Sir David Baragwanath and Dr. Alex Schmid, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 14 October 2019.

• Welcomed a group of students from SILA (Students of International Law Association, Radboud University Nijmegen),The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 14 October 2019 (with K. Roithmaier).


• Start of the new season of the Lebanon lectures series counting more than 550 applications, 19 November 2019.


• Organiser of the SCL lecture ‘Legal limits to the use of the veto power in the face of atrocity crimes’, The Hague, T.M.C Asser Instituut, 3 December 2019.

Plagis, M.

• Organiser and chair of workshop with Dilip Chakma (Shelter City Fellow) on ‘Land grabbing and indigenous peoples’, 4 December 2019.

Roithmaier, K.

• Welcomed a group of students from SILA (Students of International Law Association, Radboud University Nijmegen), Asser Institute, The Hague, 14 October 2019 (with C. Paulussen).

Stolk, S.

• Moderator of a panel discussion on ‘Human Control over Autonomous Military Technologies’, (as part of the Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence and International Law, open to external participants upon invitation), 11-15 February 2019, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 13 February 2019.

• Organisation research meeting with Vasyl Cherepany, director of the Visual Culture Research Centre in Kiev, (Ukraine), 29 April 2019.
• Teaching Course ‘Documentary Film, International Law and World Politics’, together with Wouter Werner, VU Amsterdam, April-May 2019.
• Organisation of different presentations and a round-table on ‘Art and International Justice: Sounds, Design, Visuals’, co-organised by the ARTIJ Initiative and the Imagining Justice project at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 16 October 2019.
• Coordination of an informal meeting with Avni Sethi, the new curator for art centre Stroom. Avni Sethi is the founder and director of the Conflitcortium – Museum of Conflict in Ahmedabad, India. The Conflictory is ‘a space that strives to engage every section of society with a variety of conflict issues, by celebrating plurality and encouraging conflict expression and avoidance in artistic and creative ways.’ The purpose of this meeting was to exchange thoughts on our overlapping interests in issues of conflict, peace, law, memory, community and art, Asser Institute, The Hague, 17 October 2019.
• Coordination of an artist-researcher meeting with Jules Rochielle Sievert, the Creative Director at NuLawLab at Northeastern University School of Law, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, 28 November 2019.
• Coordination Public International Law, 2nd year LLB course, VU Amsterdam, November-December 2019.
• Teaching of the course ‘Volkenrecht’ together with Dimitri Van Den Meerssche, VU Amsterdam, September 2019 - August 2020.
• Coordination (together with Rumyana van Ark) GCTF Lifecycle Toolkit. Production of 6 animated videos, 4 podcasts and 6 interactive infographics, delivered in December 2019.
Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Co-organizer of ‘OXIO Talks - Two souls in one breast: The international institutional lawyer as scholar and as practitioner’ (with ACIL, OXIO, MCIL), Asser Instituut, 7 March 2019.
- Teaching of the course ‘Volkenrecht’ together with Sofia Stolk, VU Amsterdam, September 2019 - August 2020.
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 Social Question
28 November 2019

The Fifth Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture was delivered by Prof. Anne Orford (Melbourne Law School). In her lecture, Prof. Orford put the social question back on the international law table. She addressed the questions on how international economic law-making and adjudication might be re-embedded within political processes, and how foundational political questions about property, security, survival, and freedom can be returned to democratic control. At the start of the event, Prof. Daan Asser presented the Asser Institute with the gouache of Tobias Asser. The gouache was made by painter Guus van Eck to inspire people interested in international law and the ideas of Tobias Asser himself. Prof. Asser, Tobias Asser’s great grandson, unveiled the gouache together with Prof. Dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin and Prof. Dr. Janne Nijman. On behalf of Minister Sigrid Kaag, Marriët Schuurman, Director Stabilisation and Humanitarian Aid (MFA), delivered a speech in which she highlighted the importance of implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to achieve a more inclusive, righteous and sustainable world. The event took place at the Peace Palace, The Hague. It received funding from the Municipality of The Hague as part of the municipal subsidy ‘Cultivating Trust in The International City of Peace and Justice’.

2.1.2 Conferences, workshops and seminars

The law of the European Union
11 January 2019

At this book launch, the book The Law of the European Union (2018), a new and comprehensive manual on European law, published by Wolters Kluwer was launched. The book is a collaboration between forty-eight authors, all of whom are recognised academic specialists in, or experienced practitioners of European Union law (and sometimes both). According to the publisher, the book ‘belongs on the bookshelves not only of legal libraries, but also of government departments, courts and tribunals (national and international), law firms, embassies and delegations of States – all of whom very regularly deal with challenges of EU law its institutions and policies’. The event was hosted by the Asser Institute in cooperation with the University of Amsterdam’s ACIL and ACELG. Speakers at the book launch were Prof.
Bruno de Witte (University of Maastricht), Prof. Deirdre Curtin (European University Institute), Prof. Fabian Amtenbrink (Erasmus University), and Prof. Christa Tobler (Universities of Leiden and Basel). The event was moderated by Prof. Pieter Jan Kuijper (University of Amsterdam). This event was co-organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG), Leiden University and the Asser Institute.

Expert meeting: art. 9 and 10 of the Zero Draft of the legally binding instrument to regulate, in international human rights law, the activities of transnational corporations and other business enterprises
1 February 2019

This closed expert meeting aimed at contributing to the ongoing discussions on the draft of a ‘Legally Binding Instrument to Regulate, in International Human Rights Law, the Activities of Transnational Corporations and Other Business Enterprises’. The objective of this roundtable was to bring together experts to reflect concretely on the provisions of the zero draft and feed with concrete proposals CSOs and delegations’ contributions to the improvement of the draft treaty. To do so more effectively, the discussion focused on two specific themes: Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) and civil liability. HRDD is currently enshrined in Article 9 (Prevention) while civil liability is dealt with under Article 10 (Legal Liability) of the Zero Draft. The experts were: Dr Daniel Augenstein (Tilburg University), Dr Nadia Bernaz (Wageningen University), Dr Claire Bright (European University Institute), Prof. Jan Eijsbouts (Maastricht University), Prof. Olivier de Schutter (Université Catholique de Louvain), Dr Mark Kawakami (Maastricht University), Axel Marx (Leuven University), Richard Meeran (Leigh Day), Prof. Martijn Scheltema (Erasmus University), Dr Tara van Ho (Essex University), Dr Miriam Saage-Maass (ECCHR). This expert meeting was jointly organised by the Asser Institute, The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and The Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO). Based on the exchanges and reflections from this meeting, FIDH and SOMO have sent a contribution to the Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IGWG). This body is charged with the elaboration of the legally binding treaty for business and human rights. The event was part of the second edition of the Doing Business Right Winter Academy.

Club de Droit meeting: The right to life: a talk with Prof. Yuval Shany
22 January 2019

Prof. Yuval Shany, chairperson of the UN Human Rights Committee and special rapporteur for the general comment, addressed the Committee’s General Comment on the Right to Life. It was in November 2018 that the United Nations Human Rights Committee released its ground-breaking general comment on the right to life. The Asser Institute hosted the event of Le Club de Droit International in cooperation with the Israeli Embassy. The event was moderated by Prof. Yvonne Donders (University of Amsterdam). The reception of the event was sponsored by le Club de Droit.

Artificial Intelligence: a revolution in strategic affairs?
22 January 2019

Dr. Kenneth Payne delivered a lecture to present his research on ‘Artificial Intelligence: A Revolution in Strategic Affairs?’ Dr Payne is a Senior Lecturer on Technology and Strategy at King’s College London (Defence Studies Department). His research explores how AI can affect the psychological essence of strategy. This event took place at the Wijnhaven Campus of Leiden University in The Hague and was organised in connection with a Parliamentary Roundtable on Drones and Killer Robots, which took place on 21 January at the House of Representatives of the Netherlands.
Modern slavery in our backyard: Dutch shipbuilders, Polish shipyards and North Korean slaves  
6 February 2019

This panel discussion covered the legal accountability of a Dutch shipbuilding firm which ordered and controlled the construction of ships in the Polish shipyards where North-Korean workers were operating. A recent report by the Leiden Asia Centre (under the coordination of Prof. Remco Breuker and Imke van Gardingen) showed how workers from North Korea were brought to Poland in order to work in slavery-like conditions for the shipbuilding industry there. In coordination with the researchers, a team of journalists developed the documentary Dollar Heroes. This documentary on North Korean workers around the globe was shown at the end of this event. Participants of the panel discussion were Imke van Gardingen (FNV), Barbara van Straaten (Prakken d’Oliveira), Prof. Cedric Ryngaert (Utrecht University), Prof. Remco Breuker (Leiden University) and Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute).

Human Control over Autonomous Military Technologies  
13 February 2019

As part of the first Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence, the Asser hosted a panel discussion. The purpose was to bring together experts in the field of political science, computer science, strategic affairs, philosophy and ethics, as well as industry professionals and researchers in order to facilitate discussion on autonomous military technologies. Military innovations, from the invention of gunpowder to the advent of nuclear weapons, have been transforming the way wars are waged for centuries, and autonomous weapons have been termed ‘the third revolution in warfare’. The prospect of military technologies which can function in the absence of meaningful human control, while still in the developmental stage, raises a host of ethical and legal questions. Speakers included: Lt Col Bart van den Bosch (Netherlands Defence Academy; University of Amsterdam), Professor Mary Ellen O’Connell (University of Notre Dame), Dr Ozlem Ulgen (Birmingham City University), Major Ilse Verdiesen (TU Delft; Royal Netherlands Army) and Dr Sofia Stolk (moderator, Asser Institute; VU Amsterdam).

EU Anti-Discrimination Law beyond Gender  
21 February 2019

The Asser Institute hosted the book launch of the book ‘EU Anti-Discrimination Law Beyond Gender’. The launch was divided into two panels; ‘A Bird’s Eye View of EU Anti-Discrimination Law’ which was followed by ‘The Achievements, Failures and Prospects of The EU Equality Directives’. In the book, the editors, Dr Uladzislau Belavusau (Asser Institute) and Prof. Kristin Henrard (Erasmus University Rotterdam), in cooperation with fifteen leading scholars, assessed the rise, successes, and pitfalls of EU anti-discrimination law since 2000. They covered issue areas of race and ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, disability, and age as new protected grounds of discrimination in EU law. Other presenters at this book launch were Morag Goodwin (Tilburg Law School), Prof. Beryl ter Haar (University of Leiden), Prof. Dimitry Kochenov (Groningen University), Dr Eugenia Relaño Pastor (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology) and Dr Raphaële Xenidis (Utrecht University). The discussants were Bob Deen (Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe) and Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz (Asser Institute). This event was sponsored by Erasmus University Rotterdam.

Panel discussion on international organisations: Two souls in one breast: the international institutional lawyer as scholar and as practitioner  
7 March 2019

This OXIO Talk featured an informal conversation between Gabrielle Marceau (WTO, University of Geneva) and Niels Blokker (Leiden University), two prominent schol-
ars-practitioners. The following questions have been addressed: How does one move between the esprit de corps of international law and a managerial, outcome-oriented practice in international organisations? How has the authority, fate, and outlook of international law(yers) evolved in these organisations, where, as one scholar-practitioner observed, one sometimes ‘has to avoid talking, acting and even thinking like a lawyer’. And what does this tell us about the nature of international institutional law: can we distil a conceptual or normative unity from the deformalised and fragmented practices that constitute this professional field? The panel discussion was moderated by Catherine Bröllmann (University of Amsterdam, Oxford International Organisations). This event was co-organised by the Asser Institute, the Amsterdam Centre for International Law (ACIL, also sponsor of the event), Oxford University Press, Oxford International Organisations (OXIO) and Manchester International Law Centre (MILC).

The legal roles of cities in a (de)globalising world: keynote speech by Yishai Blank
13 March 2019

Prof. Yishai Blank (Tel-Aviv University Faculty of Law), a pioneer in the research of cities and international law, spoke at the opening of the research conference ‘Cities and International Law in the Urban Age’. According to Prof. Blank, local authorities are stepping out of the shadow of the State gaining a more autonomous subjectivity in increasingly decentralised international processes. Local governments are becoming bearers of international rights, duties, and powers as well as important objects of international and transnational regulation. Even more, localities are increasingly enforcing international norms and standards in their own capacity or through their global intercity networks. This event was sponsored by the Municipality of The Hague, Gieskes-Strijbis (The Global City Project) and the Asser Institute. Other partners of this event were VNG and Freie Universität Berlin. A second authors workshop (and meeting of the ILA Study Group) was organised by the Asser Institute and Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, 9-10 December 2019.

Cities and International law in the Urban Age
14-15 March 2019

During this conference, the collaboration of 24 authors shared and discussed their chapters with each other. We live in an age in which urbanisation, globalisation and decentralisation are reshaping our local, national and international communities, and the way we govern them. Global governance mechanisms and international legal norms affect cities, and in turn, cities have become relevant actors in international law and global governance. This conference brought together a very diverse group of internationally renowned researchers working on the changing relationship between cities, international law and governance. The authors shared and discussed their contributions to a handbook on Cities, to be published by Edward Elgar Publishers. The event was sponsored by the Municipality of The Hague, Gieskes-Strijbis (The Global City Project) and the Asser Institute. Other partners of this event were VNG and Freie Universität Berlin. A second authors workshop (and meeting of the ILA Study Group) was organised by the Asser Institute and Freie Universität Berlin, Berlin, 9-10 December 2019.

How effective are the OECD national contact points? Lessons from the Bralima case
3 April 2019

This workshop aimed to flesh out under which conditions the NCPs could offer an effective access to remedy as envisaged by the UNGPs under principle 31. The panel was jointly organised with the International Institute of Social Studies/Erasmus School of Law (INFAR Project). The first part of the panel focused on dissecting the Bralima/Heineken instance, which is often presented as a success story by the OECD and the various sides involved. The second part invited various actors involved in the case to tell their side of the story and walked us through its successful completion. This case study was complemented by a general discussion with academics and practitioners.
on the effectiveness (or lack thereof) of NCPs across the world. The panels included Dr Valentina Azarova (University of Manchester, GLAN), Tim Cooke-Hurle (Doughty Street Chambers), Kathryn Dovey (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development), Dr Maartje van Putten (Dutch National Contact Point), Dr Channa Samkalden (Prakken d’Oliveira), Obbe Siderius (Heineken) and Dr Joseph Wilde-Ramsing (OECD Watch). The panel was moderated by Dr Antoine Duval (Asser Institute) and Dr Kinnari Bhatt (Erasmus University Rotterdam). This event was sponsored by the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) of Erasmus University Rotterdam and the Asser Institute.

**FIFA and Human Rights: Impacts, Policies, Responsibilities**  
8 May 2019

This conference on the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA) and human rights was organised by the Asser Institute and the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR). The reason behind the organisation of this conference was the reform process at FIFA which included policy changes such as: embracing the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights; the inclusion of human rights in the FIFA Statutes; adopting new bidding rules including human rights requirements; and introducing a Human Rights Advisory Board. The one-day conference aimed to take a deeper look at FIFA’s impacts on human rights and critically investigate the measures it has adopted to deal with them. In addition, FIFA’s potential legal responsibilities under a variety of human rights laws/instruments were also addressed. Keynote speakers were Andreas Graf (Human Rights Officer, FIFA) and Mary Harvey (CEO, Centre for Sports and Human Rights). This event was sponsored by NNHRR.

**Lessons from the past, dilemmas of the present and challenges for the future: What is an ‘effective CT strategy?’**  
16-17 May 2019

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT – The Hague) with the support of the Asser Institute engaged in critical examination during this conference. The idea behind the event and the individual sessions was to reflect on various aspects of domestic and regional counter-terrorism policies and what lessons we have learnt to take into account for future measures. Each individual session featured three speakers and allowed time for interactive discussions. During this conference, speakers from multi-disciplinary backgrounds reflected on the pressing issues in regard to adopting and/or updating counter-terrorism and security strategies. Keynote speakers were Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn (Leiden University) and Renske van der Veer, Director of the International Centre of Counter-Terrorism (ICCT-The Hague). This event was sponsored by ICCT – The Hague.

**The application of AI in military technologies seen from the point of view of ICL and state responsibility**  
19 June 2019

This symposium hosted by the Asser Institute addressed both the potential responsibility gaps in individual criminal responsibility for war crimes and State responsibility that may arise in relation to the implementation of artificial intelligence (AI) in weapon systems. Responsibility under international criminal law and the doctrine of State responsibility serve different, but complementary, functions in international law. International criminal law seeks to hold individual perpetrators accountable for the commission of grave international crimes, whilst State responsibility pursues accountability at the State level for internationally wrongful acts. The advent of AI in weapon systems raises challenges for ensuring accountability under international law in ways that are not yet fully understood in academic and diplomatic circles. The discourse at the United
Nations Group of Governmental Experts (GGE) on Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems (LAWS) highlights this lack of comprehension, with delegations often referring to the need to ensure accountability and address responsibility gaps, without engaging with this issue in an in-depth manner. The purpose of this symposium was to identify the main issues at stake in ascribing responsibility, at both the State and individual level, for violations of international law committed with autonomous weapons. It provided greater clarity around the potential responsibility gap(s) under international law to guide future discussions on the emerging use of artificial intelligence in weapon systems. Speakers were Alice Beck (Project Officer Autonomous Weapons, PAX), Dr Marta Bo (Researcher, Asser Institute) and Dr Berenice Boutin (Researcher, Asser Institute).

Anniversary of Netherlands Yearbook of International Law
26-27 September 2019

The NYIL Anniversary seminar on Yearbooks in International Law was a two-day event held at the Asser Institute on 26 and 27 September 2019 on the topic of ‘Yearbooks in International Law: History, Function and Future’. The Seminar was organised by the Editorial Board of the Netherlands Yearbook of International Law (NYIL), and marked the 50th Anniversary of the NYIL. It brought together editors of eighteen different Yearbooks of International Law from all over the world to share experiences and reflections on editing yearbooks on general international law. Participants were invited to reflect on a few core questions regarding the history, development, function, impact and future of the Yearbook they are editing. Discussions were conducted on the basis of written contributions from participants, which will be published in the NYIL 50th Anniversary Volume. The seminar also included sessions providing critical and cross-cutting perspectives on Yearbooks of International Law.

Regrounding Contract law: the Case for Substantive Equality in South Africa
15 October 2019

This seminar was organised by the Asser Institute and the International Institute of Social Studies (ISS) with Prof. Bhana from the School of Law at the University of Witwatersrand. She presented her work on the use of substantive equality to overcome structural issues in private law, using her home jurisdiction of South Africa as a case study. Straddling the public-private divide, Prof. Bhana argued for substantive equality and its transformative potential on the common law of contract, especially in relation to its operation in post-colonial societies. She proposed that ‘contractual autonomy, whilst necessarily grounded in the value of freedom, needs to be re-conceptualised in a manner that elevates the value of substantive equality’.

ISLJ Annual International Sports Law Conference
24-25 October 2019

The third ISLJ annual international sports law conference was structured around three core themes: the role of athletes in the governance of international sports (1), the functioning and regulation of the international football transfer market (2) and, the evolution of the Court of Arbitration for Sport and the challenges it faces (3). Keynote speakers were Ulrich Haas (Professor of Law at Univerzität Zürich and a reputed CAS arbitrator) who delivered a keynote lecture on the fundamental-yet-often-overlooked subject of the nature and role of association tribunals in international sports. Moya Dodd (former FIFA Council member and current ICAS member) who joined the conference via Skype delivered the opening speech introducing the topic ‘athlete adventures in the boardroom: a personal account’.
Between national law(s) and the binding treaty: Recent developments in business and human rights regulation
14 November 2019

This event provided a detailed overview of the latest developments in the field of BHR regulation. The first part of the afternoon was dedicated to a comparative review of some national developments in BHR regulation. The speakers tailored their presentations towards outlining the recent (and sometimes future) changes in the various regulatory models introduced by specific European States. They also discussed the effects of the different regulatory models based on comparative analyses and empirical data gathered so far. The second part of the afternoon concentrated on discussing the latest draft of the proposed binding treaty on BHR. The speakers gave presentations on the strengths and weaknesses of the current draft (with an eye on the changes introduced with regard to the Zero draft). The presentations were followed by open exchanges with the participants on the various points raised including concrete proposals for improvement.

Partner organisations involved were: International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) and The Centre for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO).

EU trade agreements and the duty to respect human rights abroad
11 December 2019

This workshop explored the question of whether the EU is bound by human rights obligations towards individuals outside the territory of its Member States when it concludes trade agreements with third countries. The conference is organised around four broad themes: The EU’s trade agreements and the duty to protect human rights abroad: theoretical underpinnings, the EU’s trade agreements and the duty to protect human rights abroad: an International law perspective, the Western Sahara litigation and its Impact on establishing the EU’s duty to protect human rights abroad, and Case-Studies regarding the EU’s duty to protect human rights abroad. The four themes were discussed in panel sessions. This conference was organised in cooperation with the European Society on International Law.

2.1.3 Other events

Presentation ‘The current and future developments that OPCW faces’
20 February 2019

Discussion organised by the Asser Institute and Le Club de Droit International, in collaboration with the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in the Netherlands, The Hague, Asser Instituut. The presentation was given by H.E. Ambassador Fernando Arias, Director General of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) about current and future developments of the OPCW.

Movies that Matter Workshop on Film and International Law
27-28 March 2019

The Asser Institute and Movies that Matter co-organised a workshop on documentary film and international law. It uniquely combined lectures in the critical theoretical analysis of human rights documentaries at the Asser Institute with a practical experience at the Movies that Matter Festival, one of the largest human rights film festivals in Europe. The two-day workshop equips the participants to critically review and discuss the portrayal of international law in documentary film. The workshop is linked to the festival competition programme Camera Justitia on law and justice. The workshop was led by Dr Sofia Stolk (Asser Institute) and Prof. Wouter Werner (VU Amsterdam). Other speakers were: Rob Miller (Sandpaper Films), Colleen Rohan (International Law Bureau), Louisewies van der Laan (LW International, Rabobank Regio Den Haag, World Startup Factory) and Bart Stapert (Justice Court of Appeals Den Bosch). This project was partially funded by Movies that Matter.
Masterclass with Colleen Rohan
28 March 2019

This Masterclass was jointly organised by Movies that Matter and the Asser Institute and took place during the Movies that Matter Festival. Since 2018, Asser supports the Camera Justitia programme with films and debates that focus on international law and justice. The masterclass was delivered by international lawyer Colleen Rohan. She addressed international criminal cases based on film excerpts from the Camera Justitia festival programme. The excerpts were taken from the documentary The Trial of Ratko Mladić by Rob Miller and Henry Singer. The event took place at the Theater aan het Spui, The Hague and was funded by Movies that Matter foundation. Asser researcher Sofia Stolk was in charge of the organisation of this event.

‘Law in Amsterdam and the Dutch Republic in the 17th century’
0 April 2019

Fourth meeting of the Workshop ‘Law in Amsterdam and the Dutch Republic in the 17th century’. Asser researchers Yehonatan Elazar-DeMota and Julia van der Krieke gave presentations on respectively ‘Nação Legal Consciousness: Discussions on Slavery and Slave Trade in Seventeenth-century Amsterdam’, and ‘Could early modern Jews become citizens of Amsterdam? A closer look into Amsterdam’s first Jewish community (1590-1640)’.

A Sense of Belonging in the City – An international seminar on the role of NGOs in promoting inclusive cities
16-17 May 2019

This inspiring seminar with human rights defenders in the field of migration/diversity and LGBT people from numerous cities within and outside Europe was organised by the City of Amsterdam in close collaboration with Asser Institute, NieuwWij and MigrationWork. The first day of the seminar was dedicated to the introduction of the topics, the participants and the city of Amsterdam. On the second day the participants dove more deeply into the subjects of the seminar via four modules. The subjects covered identification of the different elements of mistrust and how to overcome them; the issues of engaging a more representative and diverse audience; the different elements of segregation in cities; and the question of mobilizing change. Most of these modules were very engaging and divided the participants in groups after which they came together for discussion. During each of the modules participants were asked to present their case study with the group. After each presentation, the others contributed with peer feedback via open questions. The keynote lecture ‘Building an Urban Sense of Belonging: a Global Affair’ was given by Prof. Dr Janne Nijman. This event took place in Hotel Casa Amsterdam (16 May 2019) and the Amsterdam City Hall (17 May 2019).

IHCL PhD Day
23 May 2019

On 23 May 2019, the International Humanitarian and Criminal Law (IHCL) Platform organised its eighth annual PhD Day at the Asser Institute, where PhD researchers on international humanitarian law and international criminal law presented their research and received feedback. Presentations were provided by: Raïssa van den Essen (University of Amsterdam) on ‘Targeting in cyber warfare: Unravelling the triangular relation between the notions of ‘attack’ (49 AP1), ‘military objectives’ (52 AP1) and ‘collateral damage’ (57 AP1) in cyber targeting decisions’, Diletta Marchesi (KU Leuven) on ‘(How) can international criminal law safeguard fundamental procedural human rights? The denial of the rights to fair proceeding as international crimes’, Sofia Poulopoulou (Leiden University) on ‘Monitoring compliance with IHL during non-international armed conflicts’, Anamika Misra (Leiden University) on ‘A posthuman view of International Humanitarian law: The role of technology as a material and social actor in armed conflict’ and
Ciara Laverty (Leiden University) on ‘International crimes as messages: narrating reproductive violence in international criminal justice’.

**Jenard moot court competition oral round 24-25 May 2019**

The PAX moot court is a specialised student court competition focusing on private international law and hosted the seventh edition at Sorghvliet Gymnasium and the Peace Palace. The competition was held in cooperation with their partners in the JUDGTRUST project, funded by the European Commission and coordinated by the Asser Institute. During the event, the participants experienced the complexities and nuances of this area of law. The participating students came from eleven law schools in eight countries. On Thursday evening, the event opened with a reception and welcome. On Friday morning the general rounds took place followed by the semi-final and final rounds on Saturday. Four teams emerged for the semi-finals: Science Po Paris, Pantheon-Sorbonne University, University of Heidelberg and University of Antwerp. Professors Vesna Lazic, Hans Van Loon and Herman Van Harten fulfilled the role as judges. The University of Antwerp and University of Heidelberg emerged to the final round which took place in the Peace Palace. The final was also keenly contested, but the University of Antwerp prevailed, and emerged as winners of the competition.

**Study visit Kosovo Delegation (Governmental Officials) ‘Judicial Cooperation in Civil and Commercial Matters’ 29 May 2019**

On 29 May, the Asser Institute welcomed a delegation of 26 participants including judges, officials from Ministries and practising lawyers from Kosovo. Asser researchers León Castellanos-Jankiewicz and Michiel de Rooij, together with Lisette Frohn and Richard Blauwhoff from IJI (Internationaal Juridisch Instituut) gave presentations on judicial cooperation within the EU, and more specifically on the unification of Private International Law and Legal Cooperation within the Hague Conference for Private International Law. The half-day visit was part of a larger 5-day study visit by the Kosovo Delegation to The Netherlands, funded by the “EU Programme Support to Civil Code Phase 2”.

**Official opening of the new building 5 September 2019**

The Asser Institute officially re-opened its doors after two intensive years of eco-friendly and sustainable renovations. The institute welcomed staff members, neighbours and friends to take part in a festive afternoon at its renewed premises. Pauline Krikke, mayor of The Hague at that point in time, opened the renovated building by cutting a symbolical ribbon. Also present was Saskia Bruines, deputy mayor and The Hague’s alderman for education, knowledge economy and international affairs. After speeches by Asser president Ernst Hirsch Ballin and Asser academic director Janne Nijman, Mrs. Krikke congratulated the Asser staff with its renewed headquarters, adding that the municipality of The Hague and the Asser Institute are natural partners.

**NNHRR Working Group meeting on The Gender Dimension of Human Rights 9 October 2019**

The Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research’s working group on Business and Human Rights arranged a workshop on the Gender Dimension of Business and Human Rights, under the auspices of the Asser Institute in The Hague. While it has long been recognized that corporate-related human rights harms affect men and women differently, there has been little attention paid to the gender dimensions within business and human rights scholarship and practice. This workshop sought to bring scholars together to provide an overview of the ‘state of the art’ within business and human rights in relation to gender
issues and to facilitate a constructive dialogue around potential spaces for collaboration and paths forward.

NNHRR Working Group meeting - Lecture by Tineke Stirk on The External Dimension of EU Asylum and Migration Policy and PhD Meet and Greet
18 October 2019

This event was convened by NNHRR Migration and Borders Working Group. Tineke Strik, Associate Professor in Migration Law at Radboud University Nijmegen and Member of the European Parliament (GreenLeft) gave a lecture on 'The external dimension of EU asylum and migration policy: bridging science, politics and practice'. The lecture took place at the T.M.C. Asser Institute and was followed by a reception. It was preceded by a PhD Meet & Greet with Tineke Strik, where the junior members of the NNHRR had the unique opportunity to ask direct questions and discuss with her about her experience in a more informal setting. There was a number of six PhD students for the Meet & Greet and 30 attendees for the lecture.

Masterclass with Anne Orford
29 November 2019

On 29 November 2019, the Asser Institute welcomed Prof. Anne Orford, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor and Michael D Kirby Chair of International Law, for a special Masterclass. The programme consisted of three panels with participating PhD students, thematically organised around different topics. Presenting were Renske Vos, Mirtha Jiwa, Yehonatan Elazar DeMota on the topic of 'form, matter, fact & emancipatory method'; Wiebe Hommes, Julia van der Krieke, Marina Ban on 'doing things with history'; and Wim Zimmermann, Miha Marcenko on 'lawyers, critics, choices, constraints'. The presentations were each followed by commentary from Prof. Orford and Prof. Dr Wouter Werner, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, and plenary discussions.

2.1.4 Internal events (research seminars and labs)

Comparative Outlook on the Governance of Historical Memory in Transitional Contexts: South America and Eastern Europe
8 February 2019

Dr Maria Mälksoo (University of Kent, Brussels) and Dr Juan Pablo Scarfi (National University of San Martin, Buenos Aires and Paris 3, Sorbonne Nouvelle).

Challenging and Refining the ‘Unwilling or Unable’ Doctrine: A Counterterrorism Threat to Jus ad Bellum
25 April 2019

Prof. Craig Martin (Washburn University School of Law).

Secrecy and Method in Security Studies
13 June 2019

Prof. Marieke de Goede and Ms. Esmé Bosma (University of Amsterdam).

Information Law, Governance, and Security
19 June 2019

Prof. David Levine (Center for Internet and Society at Stanford Law School).

Artificial Intelligence and Law
19 September 2019

Dr Giovanni Sileno (University of Amsterdam).

Workshop Shelter City
4 December 2019

On 4 December 2019, Asser’s Shelter City fellow presented his research paper on ‘land grabbing and indigenous peoples’. The paper
and discussion reflected upon the trends, scale, geography and drivers of land grabbing of indigenous lands by state entities in India. During the workshop the effects of the various national and international laws related to the issue were discussed.

2.2 Educational programmes

2.2.1 Summer schools and winter academies

**Doing business Right: The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human rights: From Theory to Practice**
28 January – 1 February 2019

In the framework of its Doing Business Right project, the Asser Institute organised its second Doing Business Right Winter Academy. Nowadays, new national laws are being adopted, new corporate codes are being drafted, and a new international treaty is being negotiated to define and regulate the responsibilities of businesses for human rights. Therefore, this training week aimed to grow the field of business and human rights. In order to do so, this particular Winter Academy featured high-level academic lecturers such as Prof. Karin Buhmann (Copenhagen Business School), Dr Nadia Bernaz (Wageningen University), Dr Miriam Saage-Maaß (European Center for Constitutional and Human Rights) and Prof. Olivier de Schutter (Université Catholique de Louvain). The programme was organised by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval. The closing networking workshop with academic experts and civil society organisations on the UN negotiations for a binding treaty was sponsored by the International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH).

**Artificial Intelligence and International Law**
11-15 February 2019

The Asser Institute launched a new Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and international law. The winter academy was organised as part of the ongoing endeavour to find synergies in this field, and to bring research to practice, and practice to research. In one week time, this innovative training programme provided insights into the current and future issues raised by artificial intelligence from the perspective of international law. The programme was structured along five themes: Understanding AI, AI for good, AI and armed conflict, AI and responsibility, and AI governance. This particular winter academy featured high-level academic lecturers such as Irakli Beridze (United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute), Sherif Elsayed-Ali (Element AI), Dr Ozlem Ulgen (Birmingham City University) and Mary Ellen O’Connell (University of Notre Dame). The programme was organised by Asser researcher Dr Berenice Boutin. The Municipality of The Hague sponsored part of the development costs and offered 5 scholarships.

**International Criminal Law & International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism**
27 May-20 June 2019

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. Thirty selected students from top US law colleges and universities travelled to The Hague to learn from international legal practitioners and scholars and to see their knowledge being put into practice through visits to (inter) national courts and institutions. This thirteenth annual summer law programme commenced with a two-week programme in which the past, present and future of international criminal law, both substantially and practically was explored. The second part consisted of a two-week programme which focused on various international legal & comparative
approaches to counter-terrorism. This summer programme was co-organised with the War Crimes Research Office of American University’s Washington College of Law. Keynote speakers were Benjamin Ferencz (last surviving Nuremburg Prosecutor), Judge Christine Van Den Wyngaert (Kosovo Specialist Chambers & Specialist Prosecutor’s Office; previously, Judge, International Criminal Court (ICC)), Judge Howard Morrison (ICC) and Prosecutor Norman Farrell (Special Tribunal for Lebanon, (STL)).

International Lawyering in a Public Interest
8-12 July 2019

During this summer programme, participants explored the challenges of public interest advocacy in international law and re-examined what it means to practice public interest advocacy in the international system. Leaders in practice, including advocates, activists, academics and members of NGOs were brought together in order to discuss questions of cutting-edge legal techniques, how to find funding, how to identify causes for advocacy, and how to start up a practice. The training focused on the need for lawyers to launch and sustain practices of public advocacy with international law; and the critical knowledge necessary to challenge assumptions about the nature and limits of public interest advocacy under international law. This event was co-organised by the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL), scholarships were provided by AKD law firm. Prominent speakers were Marieanne McKeown (Social Change Consultant), Annemarie van den Heuvel (Pro Bono Connect), Jasper Teulings (Greenpeace), and Matt Cannock (Amnesty International).

Terrorism, Countering Terrorism and the Rule of Law
26-30 August 2019

The 9th advanced summer programme on terrorism, counter-terrorism and the rule of law was hosted by the Asser Institute. During this intensive week, experts, academics and practitioners explored international and domestic legal aspects of counter-terrorism. Furthermore, the training course offered a unique and 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. This renowned summer programme included lectures by top speakers in the field, interactive sessions, study visits, group discussions (Chatham House Rules) and panel presentations on current topics. Key topics of this summer programme were: Latest developments in the legal aspects of terrorism & counter-terrorism, administrative and security measures, domestic and international law dilemmas, use of intelligence evidence in counter-terrorism cases, prosecutorial challenges and the impact of counter-terrorism on human rights. Keynote speakers were Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn (Leiden University) and Prof. Clive Walker (University of Leeds). The summer course was organised in close collaboration with the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs funded fourteen scholarships.

Disarmament & Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction
30 September – 4 October 2019

The 10th training programme on disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction was again organised by the Asser Institute and the OPCW. During the training programme, participants were provided with a comprehensive overview of non-proliferation and disarmament efforts regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction. The programme’s content was delivered by a group of experienced and internationally renowned experts and diplomats specialised in international law, security and related disciplines. The Keynote address was given by H.E. Mr Fernando Arias, the Director-General of the OPCW. The main topics of this intensive week were: chemical weapons, nuclear weapons, biological weapons; arms control, non-proliferation and disarmament agreements; export controls and verification
mechanisms; international law and diplomacy; and geopolitical developments. The OPCW with funding support of the EU and the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs offered scholarships for civil society organisations or other professionals in lower income nations active in the field of non-proliferation.

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.

International Criminal Law and the Lebanese legal system
9 January 2019

Nidal Jurdi, Part-Time Lecturer, American University of Beirut, Deputy Regional Representative (UN OHCHR).

General principles: Modes of Liability
23 January 2019

Individual criminal responsibility (including JCE, co-perpetration, etc.). Alexis Demirdjian, Trial Lawyer, ICC.

International Criminal Law and Sharia Law – similarities and differences
4 February 2019

Hamid Khan, Deputy Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, Adjunct Prof., University of South Carolina, US.

General principles: Modes of Liability (continued)
13 February 2019

Command responsibility/responsibility of a superior. Lachezar Yanev, VU University Amsterdam.

General principles: Rights of the Accused
27 February 2019

Dorothee le Frapper, Head of DO, STL.

General principles: Role of Victims
13 March 2019

Philip Ambach, Chief, Victims Participation and Reparations Section, ICC.

Comparative law: Criminal proceedings in international jurisdictions and in Lebanon
20 March 2019

Judge Ralph Riachi, Vice President, STL.

Jurisdiction, Admissibility and Complementarity
27 March 2019

Jelena Plamenac, Senior International Humanitarian Law Expert, Diakonia.

International Criminal Proceedings (Pre-trial)
3 April 2019

Investigations and Arrest and Surrender Investigations: Gregory Townsend, Prof. of the Practice Brandeis University (formerly with United Nations Mechanism for International Criminal Tribunals (MICT), STL, SCCL, ICTY, UNMIK & ICTR). Arrest and surrender: Dr Christophe Paulussen Senior Researcher, Asser Institute.
International Criminal Proceedings (Trial)  
10 April 2019  
Göran Sluiter (University of Amsterdam/Prakken d'Oliveira).

International Criminal Proceedings  
8 May 2019  
(Judgment, Appeal and Sentencing). Judge Ivana Hrdličková, President, STL.

History of the law of the international tribunals and sources of international criminal (procedural) law  
19 November 2019  
Judge Ivana Hrdličková, President, STL.

Substantive law: Genocide (including origins: the Genocide Convention)  
20 November 2019  
Amir Čengić, Legal Officer in the Appeals Chamber, MICT.

Substantive law: Crimes Against Humanity  
27 November 2019  
Marina Lostal, Legal consultant with the Trust Fund for Victims at ICC and Lecturer International Law at The Hague University of Applied Sciences.

Substantive law: War Crimes (Including origins: The Hague and Geneva Conventions, APs etc.)  
4 December 2019  
Robert Heinsch, Associate Professor of Public International Law at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies, Leiden University.

Substantive law: Terrorism; role of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon  
11 December 2019  
Sir David Baragwanath, Appellate Judge and former President, STL.

2.2.3 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. The training course in 2018 marked the beginning of an increased cooperation between the two organisations, which aims to set up a permanent training centre for judges and prosecutors in The Hague, offering a biennial 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 roughly the same group of judges and prosecutors was organised at the Asser Institute.

In 2019, organiser of the ICL-TCL Training Programme was Asser Researcher Dr. Marta Bo.

18-22 March 2019  
The week-long course on the prosecution and adjudication of international and transnational crimes was a follow-up training for the same group of prosecutors and judges who attended the first training in 2018. The participants originate 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 legal issues related to the prosecution of war crimes and transnational crimes at the national level, the practical challenges encountered throughout the investigation phase of these criminal proceedings, digital and open source evidence. The course adopted a hands-on approach, equipping the magistrates with practical skills and tools which they can apply in their daily work. The training course featured a number of top speakers from international courts and tribunals in The Hague and several academic and professional institutions and organisations focusing on ICL and TCL, including Dr Tristan Ferraro (International Committee of the Red Cross), Anne Aurore Bertrand (ICC) and Yvan Cuypers (ICC). The success of the training course was evident by the many exchanges between the participants and tangible results. Two participating judges from different countries in the region concluded a cooperation agreement. Another participant announced that he will organise a course in the DRC with the focus on the insights learned at the ICL-TCL training. Additionally, several participants from Burkina Faso are planning to organise a similar training in their country under the guidance of a representative of the Antonio Cassese Initiative. This course was given entirely in French and co-funded by the Nuremberg Academy, Antonio Cassese Initiative, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Knowledge Platform.

SCL lecture ICD Brief: Appeals on errors of fact – assessing the reputational consequences of the ICTY Appeals Chamber’s interventionist approach 27 February 2019

In this lecture, Rupert Elderkin discussed his recent ICD Brief on appeals on errors of fact and the Appeals Chamber’s interventionist approach. His brief highlights the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia (ICTY) Appeals Chamber's limited deference to the Trial Chambers’ factual findings. In consequence of the standard of review that was applied, the Appeals Chamber regularly found fault with trial judges and unnecessarily raised doubts about the judicial professionalism of the institution. Mr Elderkin’s paper focuses on the less-studied matter of how the Appeals Chamber dealt with appeals on points of fact, which will be important to the reputational legacy of the ICTY.

Special 15th anniversary SCL lectures event: Taking stock of the international criminal justice project: deficient or sufficient? 17 April 2019

During this special SCL lecture, three experts who presented during the very first season of the SCL lecture series took stock of the international criminal justice project through three lenses: international criminal procedure, the right to information and critical, reflexive learning. Moreover, the evening was a celebration of 15 years of SCL lectures. The lectures were provided by Prof. Göran Sluiter (University of Amsterdam/Prakken d’Oliveira), Olga Kavran (Special Tribunal for Lebanon), and Dr Jeff Handmaker (International Institute of Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam and School of Law, University of Witwatersrand). The three topics of the lectures were 'International Criminal Procedure: How Good is Good Enough?', 'The Development of Justice: International Criminal Courts and the Right to Information' and 'The Legitimacy Crisis Within International Criminal Justice and the Importance of Critical, Reflexive Learning'.

2.3 Lectures 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 Legacy of the Ad Hoc Tribunals: A Conversation with Prof. Scharf and Prof. Sterio
4 June 2019

In the post-Nuremberg era, two of the most important developments in international criminal law are the establishment of the ICTY and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR). Created through UN Security Council resolutions and endowed with specific mandates, the ICTY and the ICTR played crucial roles in the further development of international criminal law. This conversation with Prof. Michael Scharf and Prof. Milena Sterio focused on the achievements of these tribunals, and how they laid the groundwork for other ad hoc tribunals and the permanent International Criminal Court (ICC). The speakers at this lecture were: Prof. Michael Scharf (Dean, School of Law, Joseph C. Hostetler – Baker Hostetler Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law); and Prof. Milena Sterio (Professor of Law & Associate Dean for Academic Enrichment, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law).

Prosecuting administrative detention as international crimes?
13 November 2019

This SCL lecture took place in the form of a panel, which addressed the occurrence of detention practices in public emergency and armed conflict situations. It focused on a recently released report on Israel’s law and practice of administrative detention, which is distinguished by permitting the routine resort to this form of preventive and often politically framed (group) punishment in the context of the longest military occupation in modern time. The panellists were: Dr Peter Langford, Dr Triestino Mariniello (both Edge Hill University), Dr Valentina Azarova, (Manchester International Law Centre and Global Legal Action Network (GLAN)), and Dr Hanne Cuyckens (Leiden University College).

Legal Limits to the Use of Veto Power in the Face of Atrocity Crimes
3 December 2019

The SCL elaborated on the use of the veto power by permanent members of the UN Security Council, while there are ongoing atrocity crimes (genocide, crimes against humanity, and/or war crimes). Particular issues related to the incompatibility of such veto use were brought to the audience’s attention among which: (a) jus cogens protections, (b) the ‘Purposes and Principles’ of the UN, as well as (c) foundational treaties such as the 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Genocide Convention. The lecture was delivered by Jennifer Trahan, Clinical Professor, from the NYU Center for Global Affairs.

Book launch ‘Transitional justice and a state’s response to mass atrocity’
12 December 2019

This panel discussion, celebrated the launch of the book ‘Transitional Justice and a State’s Response to Mass Atrocity: Reassessing the Obligations to Investigate andProsecute’, authored by Dr Jacopo Roberti di Sarsina and published by T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer...
Verlag. The book provided a rigorous analysis on the legal consequences of the above-mentioned development and reflects on whether international law, as it now stands, constitutes a building block or in fact a stumbling block when States respond to mass atrocity. The role of the ICC as well as the (customary nature of the) obligations to investigate and prosecute has been reviewed in this context. The panellist of this SCL Lecture were: Dr Jacopo Roberti di Sarsina, International law expert at the Alma Mater Studiorum - University of Bologna School of Law and author of the book, Judge Chang-ho Chung, Trial Division, International Criminal Court Judge Solomy Balungi Bossa, Appeals Division, International Criminal Court, Prof. William Schabas, Professor of international law at Middlesex University and Professor of international criminal law and human rights at Leiden University.

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.


During this lecture, the final report of the International Law Association (ILA)’s Study Group on the conduct of hostilities and international humanitarian law was presented by the Study Group’s Chair and one of the two Rapporteurs. Two practitioners, from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, shared their views on the report’s findings and their possible use in practice. The presentations were followed by an interactive Q&A session. Speakers at this event were Prof. Terry Gill (Chair of the ILA Study Group on the conduct of hostilities and international humanitarian law); Prof. Robert Heinsch (Co-Rapporteur of the ILA Study Group on the conduct of hostilities and international humanitarian law); and Wieteke Theeuw (Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs); and Dr Hans Boddens Hosang (Netherlands Ministry of Defence).


Controversial perspectives in relation to different approaches to nuclear disarmament have been addressed during this evening lecture. After the presentations, the participants were invited to engage in the debate through an interactive Q&A session. Speakers were Daniel Rietiker (Senior Lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights and Lecturer of international law and human rights at Suffolk University Law School and Lausanne University) and Dieter Fleck (Honorary President of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War, Member of the Advisory Board of the Amsterdam Center for International Law, and Rapporteur of the Committee on Nuclear Weapons, Non-Proliferation and Contemporary International Law of the International Law Association).

2.3.3 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.
CLEER Presidency lecture: The Romanian Council Presidency’s experience in the external relations field
12 September 2019

The event looked back to the Romanian Presidency of the Council of the EU and in particular its external relations policy. Romania held the Presidency between 1 January and 30 June 2019. The rotating Presidency of the Council of the EU offers coordinating and representation opportunities for the incumbent Member State, the possibility to create ‘ownership’ of EU-related issues at home and gain political influence by leadership. The speakers were: H.E. Mrs Brândușa Ioana Predescu Ambassador of Romania in the Netherlands, Respondent speaker: Dr Joris Larik Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU and International Law at the University of Leiden and Member of the Advisory Board of CLEER. The event was chaired by Dr Eva Kassoti, Senior Researcher in International and EU Law and Academic Co-ordinator of CLEER.

Hague Courts Dialogue Series

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

The Role of Registrar of the International Court of Justice: Philippe Couvreur
10 July 2019

This lecture marked the departure of Philippe Couvreur as a Registrar from the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Philippe Couvreur touched upon his unique professional experiences spanning over nineteen years including the functions and responsibilities in his role as a Registrar. Couvreur explained his observations in the context of judicial proceedings between sovereign states, the contacts and relationships to be maintained with governments and their representatives throughout such proceed-

ings. The presentation was followed by a Q&A session moderated by Dr Catherine Brölmann, University of Amsterdam. This event was organised within the framework of the Municipality grant ‘Cultivating Trust in the International City of Peace and Justice’ and Le Club de Droit sponsored the reception.

Art and international justice: sounds, design, visuals
16 October 2019

This event explored the relationship between art and international justice from different angles: sounds, design and visuals. By bringing together lawyers, artists, musicians and architects, an (ex)change of perspectives and a dialogue about the mutual interests of these different disciplines was discussed. The programme included musical performances, presentations, a round-table and an exhibition with artworks. This event was co-organised by the ARTIJ Initiative and Asser Institute’s Imagining Justice research project.

Doing Business Right Talks

The ‘Doing Business Right’ (DBR) Talk series aims at discussing cutting-edge fundamental legal research connected to the regulation of transnational corporations. It hosts presentations by leading scholars on emerging legal topics. The DBR Talks bring together an audience of academics, practitioners and stakeholders in order to disseminate crucial findings among relevant audiences, to bridge the gap between theory and practice, and to initiate a conversation on the research of responsible business conduct.

International law in the vegetables department: the Swedish boycott of conflict tomatoes
20 February 2019

At this event, Prof. Pål Wrangle (Stockholm University, Stockholm Center for International Law and Justice) presented his paper on
Towards criminal liability of corporations for human rights violations: The Lundin case in Sweden
23 May 2019

The Lundin case has the potential of becoming a landmark trial because of the novelty and complexity of the legal issues that the court will have to decide upon. In particular, with regard to the assessment of the individual criminal liability of the executives of Lundin, the determination of the applicable standards of proof, the question whether a lack of due diligence is sufficient for a finding of guilt, and the limits and overlap of individual criminal liability of corporate directors on the one hand and corporate criminal liability of organisations on the other. The event featured three speakers, Egbert Wesselink (PAX), Dr Mark Taylor (University of Oslo, Amsterdam Center for International Law, Norwegian Ethics Information Commission), and Miriam Ingeson (Uppsala University). The speakers presented the various dimensions of the case and emphasized the more general context of the current legal developments with regard to the criminal liability of corporations (and their executives) for human rights violations.

The transparency of the global dimension of EU law
20 September 2019

The launch of Global Europe provided an in-depth look into the ongoing obscurity of the EU’s external practices and relations. In her talk, Prof. Elaine Fahey emphasized that there

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The Global Europe project is part of a broader research strand of ‘Advancing Public Interests in International and European Law’ of the Asser Institute. The project is based on three pillars. First, it seeks to explore the internal and external factors that may challenge the EU’s capacity to exercise value-based global leadership on a number of crucial issues. Second, it aims to critically reflect on whether the external projection of the EU as a virtuous normative power comports with its practice on the ground. Third, it addresses the descriptive, conceptual and normative challenges that complement the ever-expanding global reach of EU law. Ultimately, the project deals with questions of trust pertaining to the EU as an international legal actor.

Human rights and the immunity of international financial institutions - reflections on the landmark US Supreme Court decision in Jam v. IFC
24 April 2019

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Rule of law challenges and prospects in Albania and North Macedonia
1 October 2019

This lecture took place at the Europe House where the rule of law in the context of Albania and North Macedonia was discussed. The speakers were, Gent Ibrahimi (High Council of Prosecutors of Albania), Dr Denis Preshova (Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje) and Marc Jorna (Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations of the European Commission). They discussed the current rule of law challenges the EU and Western Balkan countries are currently facing as well as identified the potential implications of these challenges for the future enlargement of the EU. In addition to discussing the existing challenges, the speakers also took stock of the current achievements in the area of rule of law in their respective countries. The event was moderated by Dr Narin Idriz, researcher at the Asser Institute, and Dr Darinka Piqani, Assistant Professor at Leiden University and board member of the Dutch Albanian Foundation. This event was organised in close collaboration with the Dutch Albanian Foundation.
3. Projects

3.1 New projects

Promoting a Strategic Approach to EU Sport Diplomacy (EUSD)
1 January 2019 – 31 December 2020

This project is led by Edge Hill University with the Asser Institute among other as a partner. The aim of the project is to undertake primary research and stage a series of Multiplier Sport Events (MSE) to support EU priorities in the area of sport diplomacy. It will help the EU adopt a strategic approach to sport diplomacy and provide evidence of instances where sport can help amplify key EU diplomatic messages and help forge better diplomatic relations with third countries. For example, the project examines how sport diplomacy projects in third states can play a role in encouraging social inclusion and equal opportunities in sport, combating violence, racism, discrimination and intolerance, improving good governance in sport and encouraging participation in sport and promoting voluntary activity in sport. In turn, these initiatives can help promote the image of the EU in third states and therefore help the EU secure external relations objectives at a time when the current international relations climate, characterised by considerable uncertainty and even hostility, poses challenges for organisations such as the EU. Sport will not solve all these problems, but given its universal appeal, it can help lessen tensions and promote the image and values of the EU abroad. This project receives financial support under the Erasmus+ programme (Collaborative partnerships) of the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency (EACA) delegated by the European Commission.

3.2 Ongoing projects

International Crimes Database (ICD)
1 January 2012 –

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 defence 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

1 New projects that started in 2019.
2 Ongoing projects that started before 2019.
together, in an innovative and fruitful way, the missions of both the 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.

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

This research project examined memory laws throughout Europe and the world. It proposed 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. Three Asser researchers (Uladzislau Belavusau, León Castellanos-Jankiewicz and Marina Ban) worked 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 was 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. The project website can be found here.

**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.

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

This project aimed 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 analysed 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 focused on the policies of first tier suppliers /manufacturers (direct link to the main company/bank), and – where
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 was to explore the conceptual and policy implications of the increasing autonomy of military technologies for State responsibility under international law. It sought 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 engaged 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 combined a strong component of desk research with a number of meetings and consultations with academics, experts, and stakeholders. The output included publications on this topic, and policy recommendations on the way to regulate these new technologies. This project was carried out by Asser researcher Dr Berenice Boutin and was funded by the Gerda Henkel Stiftung.

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

This project identifies best practices and provides 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 BIa). 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 evaluates 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.
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