



Research output and T.M.C. Asser Press publications

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Annex I

1. Research output and activities

1.1 Output

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1.1.10 Dissertation**Ban, M.**

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1.2 Activities**1.2.1 Presentations at external events¹****Belavusau, U.**

- Presentation on 'Citizenship, Memory and the EU Israel Relationship' at the workshop 'The EU's Relations with its Neighbours: Between Colonialism and Canada', European Papers Conference, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, 6 March 2020.
- Presentation on 'The MELA Declaration on Law and Historical Memory: Towards the Constitutionalisation of Memory Politics?' during the expert panel on 'Missing Persons and Memory Governance', jointly organised by the UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances and the Asser Institute, 24 September 2020 (online).
- Presentation on 'Legislative and judicial governance of LGBT rights in the European Union' at the transnational training workshop 'EU Fundamental Rights and Non-Discrimination: Effective Protection in Light of Article 21 of the Charter' (2-3 November 2020), University of Groningen, 3 November 2020 (online).

Boutin, B.

- Presentation on 'Military Use of AI', at a Roundtable, Data Science & Law Forum: Tools & Rules for Responsible AI, organised by Microsoft, Brussels, 3 March 2020.

¹ Presentations as keynote or invited speaker at external conferences/seminars/workshops/roundtables.

- Presentation on the Scope and Goals of the DILEMA Project at a NATO Workshop on 'Emerging and Disruptive Technologies – AI & Data', 8 April 2020.
- Presentation on 'The Duty of States to Ensure Respect for International Law by Private Companies: An Opportunity for Guiding Principles Regarding Security Technologies?', Expert Meeting on 'Addressing Gaps in the International Regulation of Warfare and Dual-Use Technologies: States, Private Sector, Non-State Armed Groups', organised by the Asser Institute and the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 11 November 2020.

Idriz, N.

- Presentation on 'Effective judicial protection in the external dimension of EU's migration and asylum policy' at the conference on 'Migration Deals and their Damaging Effects' (8-9 October), co-organised by the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES) and the Asser Institute, 8 October 2020 (online).

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' (5-6 March 2020), Prague (Czech Republic), 5 March 2020.
- 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' (5-6 March 2020), Prague (Czech Republic), 6 March 2020.
- Presentation on the Enforcement of Judgments under the Revised Regulation at

expert seminars 'New rules for international families – revised Brussels II ter regime', 25 & 26 November; 3 & 17 December 2020, 25 November 2020 (online).

- Invited presentation at 'A Dialog on International Arbitration v. Insolvency' organised by The Center for International Legal Studies Vienna (CILS) and Arbinsol Post Pandemic Series, 15 December 2020 (online).

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Presentation of a paper on 'Institutionalized Drone Programs: Rituals of Sovereignty', Edinburgh Law School, Edinburgh (Scotland), 14 January 2020.
- Presentation of a paper (co-authored with Prof. Nehal Bhuta) on 'Dangerous Proportions; Means and Ends in Non-Finite War' at European University Institute, International Law Working Group, 1 September 2020.
- Lecture 'Bigdata talk: talking and learning about the use of Big Data in security practice' (with D. Van Den Meerssche), Just Peace Month, 23 October 2020 (online).
- Presentation of a paper 'France: issues of form and substance in the national strategy of terrorist threat anticipation in cyberspace' at book launch event 'Countering cyber terrorism in a time of "war on words": Kryptonite for the protection of digital rights?', The Hague Programme for Cyber Norms, 29 October 2020.
- Presentation of a paper (co-authored with Prof. Nehal Bhuta) on 'Dangerous Proportions; Means and Ends in Non-Finite War' at Max Planck Institute, Theory Talks, 5 November 2020.
- Presentation on 'The State of International Law Applicable to Armed Drones and AI-enabled Weapons' at MFA/Asser expert meeting 'Addressing Gaps in the International Regulation of Warfare and Dual-Use Technologies: States, Private Sector, Non-State Armed Groups', 11 November 2020.

Paulussen, C.

- Presentation (Webinar) on 'Citizenship Stripping in the National Security Context', Institute on Statelessness and Inclusion, 19 March 2020.
- Speaker at the ICCT Live Briefing 'The Repatriation of Foreign Fighters and Their Families: Why Not?', 23 June 2020.
- Presentation on 'The prosecution of foreign fighters active within conflict zones in Iraq under international humanitarian law', Terrorism Prevention Branch/UN Office on Drugs and Crime, 'Workshop to the benefit of Iraq on investigating, prosecuting, trying and adjudicating crimes committed by ISIL', Beirut (Lebanon), 21 October 2020 (online).
- Presentation on "'Sexual terrorism': the nexus between terrorism, CRSV and human trafficking', CRSV Network NL, 19 November 2020 (online).

Plagis, M.

- Paper presentation on 'The meaning of development: from the African Charter to universalist ideals' presented at 'Law, Rights and Governance in Africa. A look to the future', workshop organised by Leiden African Studies Assembly and African Studies Centre Leiden, University of Leiden, 28 January 2020.
- Presentation on 'Shaping Human Rights in Africa: The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and its Influencers', Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2020, Denver (USA), 30 May 2020.

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Lecture 'Bigdataalk: talking and learning about the use of Big Data in security practice' (with Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi), Just Peace Month, 23 October 2020 (online).

1.2.2 Participation in external events²**Lazic, V.**

- Moderator at the UNCITRAL/Zagreb University Joint Conference 'Applicable Law in Cross-border Insolvency Proceedings', Zagreb (Croatia), 18-19 September 2020 (partly online).

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Invited to act as a judge at the Israel's National IHL Competition organised by the ICRC, 19-20 October 2020.
- Moderator at HILAC lecture on military necessity with Prof. Nobuo Hayashi (Swedish Defence University), 13 October 2020.
- Moderator at HILAC book launch on International humanitarian law and non-state actors with Ezequiel Heffes, Yasmin Naqvi, Marco Sassòli, and Tilman Rodenhäuser, 3 November 2020.

Nijman, J.E.

- Convener and moderator of 'Cities and Other Sub-National Entities: What Promise Do They Hold for International Law?', the Closing Plenary of the 2020 Virtual Annual Meeting of the ASIL, together with Penny Abeywardena (Major's Office of International Affairs, New York City), Helmut Aust (Freie Universität, Berlin), Robert Lewis-Lettington (UN Habitat, Nairobi), and Mauricio Rodas (United Cities and Local Governments, Former Mayor of Quito), 26 June 2020.

² Participation in external conferences/seminars/workshops/roundtables, including acting as chair, discussant.

- Co-chair (together with Helmut Aust), ILA Study Group on 'The Role of Cities in International Law', semi-open Working Session on 'City Reports', 4 September 2020 (online).
- Discussant of Henk Nellen's paper 'Maria van Reigersberch' in the Helsinki Authors' Workshop Series 'Portraits of Women in International Law: New Names and Forgotten Faces?' organised by Immi Tallgren, 5 November 2020 (online).
- Co-organiser and moderator of 'Urban Politics of Human Rights' Authors Seminar, organised jointly with Barbara Oomen et al, 13 November 2020 (online).
- Convenor and moderator of the Sixth T.M.C. Asser Lecture by Andrew Murray, 'Almost Human: Law and Human Agency in the Time of Artificial Intelligence', 26 November 2020 (online).

Paulussen, C.

- Participation in closed expert meeting organised by RUSI (Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies) on 'Foreign Terrorist Fighters and Detained Family Members', 11-12 November 2020 (online).
- Participation in closed expert meeting organised in relation to the Counter-Terror Pro LegEm Project of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, 11-12 November 2020 (online).

Plagis, M.

- Participation in the workshop: 'Law, Rights and Governance in Africa. A look to the future', Leiden African Studies Assembly and African Studies Centre Leiden, University of Leiden, 28-29 January 2020 (paper also presented)
- Participation in 'Africa: 60 years of Independence', African Studies Centre Leiden, University of Leiden, 30 January 2020.

Participation in expert Roundtable on 'Supporting the Mandate of the African Court' co-hosted with the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, 3 July 2020.

Chair of two panels at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting 2020 (virtual conference, Denver (USA)) on 'Access to Justice in Africa' (28 May 2020), 'Africanizing international law' (30 May 2020).

Participation in the closed session African Court Coalition, Webinar: Withdrawals by State Parties from Article 34(6) of the African Court Protocol, 10 July 2020.

1.2.3 Lectures³

Belavusau, U.

- Presentation on 'LGBT-free zones in Poland from the perspective of EU law' during a webinar for the European Law Students' Association, Tilburg, 24 April 2020.
- Guest-lecture on '20 years of EU anti-discrimination law: shortcomings and progress', at webinar for university professors and law lecturers 'Current reflections on EU anti-discrimination law' (25-26 May 2020), for the Academy of European Law (ERA), Trier (Germany), 25 May 2020.

Boutin, B.

- Lecture on 'State Responsibility in Relation to AI' at the Winter Academy on Artificial Intelligence and International Law, Asser Institute, The Hague, 22 January 2020.

³ Lectures as part of teaching activities, courses, trainings, etc. – both in and outside the Asser Institute.

Paulussen, C.

- Presentation on 'the international (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality to counter-terrorism professionals', *Leergang Terrorisme, Recht en Veiligheid*, Centre for Professional Learning, The Hague, 5 March 2020.
- Speaker at the Lebanon Lectures on 'Arrest and Surrender', 11 March 2020, The Hague.
- Presentation (together with Dr Anne-Marie de Brouwer and Dr Eefje de Volder) on 'Terrorism, Conflict-Related Sexual Violence and Human Trafficking: Boko Haram, Al-Shabaab and ISIS', Tenth Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism, The Hague, 25 August 2020.
- Presentation on 'the international (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality to counter-terrorism professionals', *Leergang Terrorisme en Contraterrorisme*, Centre for Professional Learning, The Hague, 25 September 2020.
- Presentation on 'The international (human rights) law and security aspects of non-repatriation and deprivation of nationality', Centre for Professional Learning, Leiden University, The Hague, 30 October 2020.

Plagis, M.

- 'Introduction to the African human rights system', Leiden University College, for Dr Narin Idriz, Introduction to Human Rights, 7 February 2020.
- 'The rights of minorities and indigenous people, course on International and Regional Human Rights', for Dr Narin Idriz, Leiden University College, 6 March 2020.
- 'The African human rights system & political backlash', Erasmus University College, for Phyllis Livaha, International Relations and Human Rights Law, 27 October 2020.

Stolk, S.

- Lecture 'Imagining Global Justice: The Audio-Visual Representation of International Courts', Fulda Hochschule, Germany, 4 February 2020.
- Lecture 'Editing and Storytelling' in the course Documentary Film, International Law and World Politics, VU University Amsterdam, 9 April 2020.
- Lecture 'Authority and Responsibility' in the course Documentary Film, International Law and World Politics, VU University Amsterdam, 16 April 2020.
- Lecture, 'The International Legal Landscape in a Visual Age', in the course Media and War, International Institute for Social Studies, Erasmus University Rotterdam, 5 June 2020.

1.2.4 Media appearances**Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)**

- Repatriating the forgotten children of ISIS fighters: A matter of urgency, publication by Dr Romyana van Ark, Dr Faith Gordon, & Devyani Prabhat for Globalcit, 8 May 2020.
- Repatriation of Dutch children in Syria now unlikely – but it shouldn't be a political choice, article by Dr Romyana van Ark, Dr Faith Gordon, & Devyani Prabhat for The Conversation, 14 May 2020.
- DW Akademie, interview with Dr Romyana van Ark on Volodymyr Zelensky's reaction to the hostage situation in Lutsk (Russian Language version), 23 July 2020.
- DW Akademie, interview with Dr Romyana van Ark on Volodymyr Zelensky's reaction to the hostage situation in Lutsk (Ukrainian Language version), 22 July 2020.

Belavusau, U.

- Minister Blok, neem stevig stelling in de kwestie Belarus (en gebruik die naam), *Volk-skrant*, 14 August 2020.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Op-ed 'La Frontera Blindada contra Migrantes', *El Sol de México*, 25 March 2020.
- 'Los Derechos de los Refugiados ante COVID-19: Análisis de la Frontera México-Estados Unidos', podcast interview with Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz on recent US measures against migrants, 21 July 2020.
- [Asser in the media] Asser researcher León Castellanos-Jankiewicz: 'US measures against migrants undercut international refugee law', (21 July 2020).

Duval, A.

- 'Manchester City sanctionné : « Le Tribunal arbitral du sport pourrait considérer qu'il y a une inégalité avec le PSG »', interview in *Le Monde*, 17 February 2020.

Gordon, G.

- 'UN Court Orders Myanmar To Prevent Rohingya Genocide', quoted on JusticeInfo.net, 23 January 2020 (with D. Van Den Meerssche)
- 'UN court's emergency measures in Rohingya case', quoted in *Deccan Herald* article, AFP, 24 January 2020 (with D. Van Den Meerssche)
- E.Guinea, France brace for UN ruling in property dispute, quoted in Yahoo! News article on the ICJ ruling on France and Equatorial Guinea property dispute, 11 December 2020.
- E.Guinea, France brace for UN ruling in property dispute, quoted in *France 24* article

on the ICJ ruling on France and Equatorial Guinea property dispute, 11 December 2020.

- E.Guinea, France brace for UN ruling in property dispute, quoted in RFI article on the ICJ ruling on France and Equatorial Guinea property dispute, 11 December 2020.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

- European Variations as a Key Concept to Cooperation, a podcast interview with Ernst Hirsch Ballin on BRIDGE (Brexit Research and Interchange on Differentiated Governance in Europe), 9 April 2020.

Paulussen, C.

- Interview with Euractiv: V. Makszimov, 'Europe still reluctant to repatriate its foreign fighters and families', 5 February 2020.
- Prosecute ISIS members for war crimes not just terrorism charges, say European prosecutors, interview with Dr Christophe Paulussen for Syria Direct, 24 June 2020.
- Interview with AFP on the judgement by the Special Tribunal for Lebanon in the Ayyash et al. case ('Assassinat de Rafic Hariri: faibles résultats pour le tribunal international'), *Le Point International*, 19 August 2020.
- Interview with AFP on the Ayyash et al. case has been picked up by several news outlets, e.g. *France 24*.

Plagis, M.

- 'Regional courts and their sources: The practice of the African Court and the 'others'', *ACTHPR Monitor*, 4 February 2020.
- 'The Incredible Shrinking Court with Misha Plagis and Alice Banens', podcast interview on *Asymmetrical Haircuts*, 15 May 2020.

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- 'UN Court Orders Myanmar To Prevent Rohingya Genocide', JusticeInfo.net, 23 January 2020 (with G. Gordon)
- 'UN court's emergency measures in Rohingya case', quoted in Deccan Herald article, AFP, 24 January 2020 (with G. Gordon)
- 'Voer kritisch maatschappelijk debat over grenzen van digitale controle', Het Parool, 1 March 2020.

Duval, A.

- Presentation on 'Seamstress of Transnational Law: How the Court of Arbitration for Sport weaves the Lex Sportiva', Research lab, Asser Institute, 11 March 2020.

Duval, A. & Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Presentations on (respectively) 'Labour rights of migrant workers' and 'Virtual borders', Research lab, Asser Institute, 28 April 2020.

1.2.5 Internal presentations**Bo, M.**

- Presentation on 'Autonomy in Weapons and Targeting: the Responsibility Gap in the ICC Statute in light of the Mens Rea of the War Crime of Attacking Civilians', Research lab, Asser Institute, 28 October 2020.

Boutin, B.

- Presentation on 'Scope and Goals of the DILEMA project (Designing International Law and Ethics into Military Artificial Intelligence)', Research lab, Asser Institute, 16 September 2020.

Castellanos, L.

- Presentation on 'Escaping the State: Modern International Law as National Utopias', Research lab, Asser Institute, 11 November 2020.

Marcenko, M. & Roodenburg, L.

- Presentations on PhD research on (respectively) 'The Role of Urban Actors in the Transnational Processes of Assembling the Right to Housing' and 'Anticipating Friction – The role of human rights in urban debates on migration and diversity: The case of Amsterdam, Hong Kong and Buenos Aires', Research lab, Asser Institute, 7 October 2020.

Mignot-Mahdavi, A.

- Presentation on 'Clashing Ideas of the Global in the War on Terror: An Explanation for IHL Contemporary Challenges', Research lab, Asser Institute, 4 June 2020.

Plagis, M.

- Presentation on 'The Enigma of Article 7: A contextual approach on the genesis of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights', 13 May 2020.

Stolk, S. (& Vos, R.)

Presentation on 'International Law's Collected Stories', Research lab, Asser Institute, 17 June 2020.

Van Ark, R.

- Presentation on 'Children's Rights, Jurisdiction and Repatriations: The UNCRC imposes Responsibility on States', Research lab, Asser Institute, 25 November 2020.

1.2.6 Editorships**Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)**

- Case note Editor and Member of the Editorial Board, European Convention of Human Rights Law Review, Brill Publishing (as of 2019) (journal officially launched in 2020).

Belavusau, U.

- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on Memory Laws Symposium, containing 13 blog posts (2018)
- Member of the Scientific Board, European Papers – A Journal on Law and Integration (since 2016)

Boutin, B.

- Managing editor, Netherlands Yearbook of International Law (NYIL) (peer-reviewed journal), T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag (2017-November 2019)
- Member of the Editorial Board of OXIO (Oxford International Organizations), a data-

base of annotated documents pertaining to the law of international organisations (as of November 2019)

- Peer reviewer, Leiden Journal of International Law, Ethics and Information Technology (2016-2019)

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.,

- 'Historical Memory in Post-Communist Europe and the Rule of Law – First Part', 5(1) *European Papers – A Journal on Law and Integration* (2020): 95-174 (with Baranowska, G.)
- 'Historical Memory in Post-Communist Europe and the Rule of Law: Part Two', 5(3) *European Papers – A Journal on Law and Integration* (2020): 1171-1246 (with Baranowska, G.)

Duval, A.

- Editor-in-Chief, Asser International Sports Law Blog (as of 2014)
- Editor-in-Chief, Doing Business Right Blog (as of 2017)
- Editorial Board Member, Asser Press International Sports Law Book Series (as of 2016)
- Editorial Board Member, International Sports Law Journal (as of 2016)
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on FIFA and Human Rights, containing 8 blog posts (2019)
- Editorial Board Member, Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration
- Gordon, G.
- Editor and Board Member, Leiden Journal of International Law (2019)
- Peer reviewer for journals and publishers, including the London Review of International Law.
- Peer reviewer for the Swiss National Science Foundation re. grant scheme on digital transformation (2019).

- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on Constitutions of Value, containing 16 blog posts (2020)

Idriz, N.

- Editor-in-Chief, Global Europe Blog (with E. Kassoti) (as of 2019)
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on The Informalisation of the EU's External Action in the Field of Migration and Asylum, containing 8 blog posts (2020) (with E. Kassoti)

Kassoti, E.

- Editor in Chief, CLEER Papers (as of 2019)
- 'What's in a Name? The Psagot Judgment and Questions of Labelling of Settlement Products', special section in 4(3) *European Papers – A Journal on Law and Integration* (2019): 753-798 (with Salluzo, S.)
- Editor-in-Chief, Global Europe Blog (with N. Idriz) (2019)
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on The Informalisation of the EU's External Action in the Field of Migration and Asylum, containing 8 blog posts (2020) (with N. Idriz)

Lazic, V.

- Editorial Board Member, European Business Organisations Law Review (EBOR) (2016-2018)
- Editorial Board Member, Croatian Arbitration Yearbook (2016-2018)

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Senior Editor, European Journal of Legal Studies (2015-2019) (and Editor-in-Chief in 2017-2018)
- External editor, Revue québécoise de droit international (2017-2019)
- External editor, Leiden Journal of International Law (2019)

Nijman, J.E.

- Editorial Board Member, Grotiana Journal (peer-reviewed journal), Brill Publishers and Board Member of the Grotiana Foundation (since 2005) (2016-2019)
- Editor of the Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture book series, T.M.C. Asser Press (as of 2015).

Okoli, C.

- Editor to Conflictoflaws.net, leading blog post on private international law (since January 2020).

Paulussen, C.

- Editorial Board Member, Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (since 2012)
- Member Editorial Board (since 2011) and Editor-in-Chief (as of June 2018), Security and Human Rights Monitor (SHRM)
- Organiser and editor of the Asser-Verfassungsblog Joint Online Symposium on Courts and Counter-Terrorism, containing 9 blog posts (2018)
- Member of the Editorial Board, *Journal of Human Trafficking, Enslavement and Conflict-Related Sexual Violence* (since January 2020).

Plagis, M.

- Associate Editor of The ACtHPR Monitor (since 2018)

Rooij, M.J. de

- Editor, Netherlands journal of private international law (*Nederlands Internationaal Privaatrecht* – NIPR) (as of 2016)
- Contributor, Documentary part, Netherlands journal of private international law (NIPR) (as of 2016)

Stolk, S.

- Editor, Leiden Journal of International Law, International Legal Theory section (2019)
- Editor, New Perspectives: interdisciplinary journal of Central & East European Politics and International Relations (since 2018)
- Editor, 'Elementair Internationaal Recht 2019/Elementary International Law 2019, The Hague, T.M.C. Asser Press (2019)
- Peer reviewer for London Review of International Law and International Political Sociology (2019)
- Co-founder/editor International Legal Sightseeing blog (since 2017)

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Managing editor, Netherlands Yearbook of International Law (NYIL) (peer-reviewed journal), T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag (as of November 2019)
- Rapporteur, OXIO (Oxford International Organizations), a database of annotated documents pertaining to the law of international organisations (as of 2017)

1.2.7 Memberships

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

- Member, SLSA (Socio-Legal Studies Association) (since 2019)
- Member, International Society of Public Law (since 2019)

Bo, M.

- Member, Steering Committee of Antonio Cassese Initiative (since 2018)
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2019)

Boutin, B.

- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2016)

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2009)
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL) (since 2009)
- Associate Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales (COMEXI) (since 2015)
- Academic Coordinator, Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (since 2019)
- Postdoctoral Researcher, Project on Memory Laws in European and Comparative Perspective (MELA), funded by the Humanities in the European Research Area (HERA) grant (2018-2019)

Duval, A.

- Member, Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht*, KNVIR), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA) (since 2018)
- Member, Global Business Human Rights Scholars Association (since 2019)

Gordon, G.

- Member, Legal Action Committee of the Global Legal Action Network (since 2019)
- Alternate member, ILA Committee on Submarine Cables and Pipelines Under International Law (since 2019)

Idriz, N.

- Member, Treasury committee of the Netherlands Association for European Law (NVER) (as of 2018)
- Member, UACES (University Association for Contemporary European Studies) (as of 2018)
- Member, Working Group on 'Migration & Borders' of the NNHRR (as of 2019)
- Member, Human Rights Committee of the Advisory Council on International Affairs (*Adviesraad Internationale Vraagstukken*, AIV) (as of 2019)

Kassoti, E.

- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2019)
- Member, Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht*, KNVIR), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA) (since 2019)

- Member, University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) (since 2019)

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Project collaboration, ERC advanced project the Individualisation of War (since 2016)
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2016)
- Observer member, European Forum on Armed Drones (since 2016)
- Member, Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht*, KNVIR), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA) (since 2019)

Nijman, J.E.

- 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) (2017)
- Board Member, Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging Voor Internationaal Recht*, KNVIR), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA)
- Member, Vossius Center for History of Humanities and Sciences, University of Amsterdam
- Board Member, Grotiana Foundation (since 2016)
- Member, European Society of International Law (since 2016)
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL) (since 2016)
- Member, Steering Committee of the Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) (since 2019)
- Member, Management Board of International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)

- International Gender Champion, as part of the International Gender Champions Leadership network (since 2019)
- Member, Supervisory Board of PAX for Peace (*Stichting Vredesbeweging Pax Nederland*) (2019)
- Board Member (Chair), Vera Gottschalk-Frank Foundation and in that capacity Member of Selection and Evaluation Committee of the Arminius Fellowship at the Scaliger Institute (Leiden University) (since 2015)

Okoli, C.

- Member of the Nigerian Group of Private International Law ("PIL") (since November 2020).

Paulussen, C.

- Member, Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (*Koninklijke Nederlandse Vereniging voor Internationaal Recht*, KNVIR), i.e. the Dutch branch of the International Law Association (ILA) (since 2008)
- Member, Executive Board Royal Netherlands Society of International Law (since 2013)
- 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 Research Group 'Constitutional Responses to Terrorism' of the International Association of Constitutional Law (IACL) (since 2018)
- Member, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (since 2012)
- Member, European Society of International Law (ESIL) (since 2012)
- Member, Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) (2019)

Plagis, M.

- Member, Law and Development Research Network (LDRN) (2019)
- Member, Law and Society Association (LSA) (2019)
- Member, LSA Collaborative Research Network (CRN) 13 (Africa) and 22 (South Asia) (2019)
- Member, Netherlands Network for Human Rights Research (NNHRR) (2019)

Stolk, S.

- Member, European International Studies Association (since 2016)
- Member, International Studies Association (2017)

1.2.8 External positions

Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)

- Senior Programme Coordinator and Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (as of 2018)

Bo, M.

- Postdoc (four-year position) on research project on 'autonomous weapon systems and war crimes', Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva (Switzerland) (as of July 2018).

Boutin, B.

- Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (2015-2018)

Lazic, V.

- Associate Professor of International Commercial Arbitration and Private International Law, Molengraaff Institute for Private Law, Utrecht University
- Professor of European International Civil Procedure, University of Rijeka
- Short-term expert, assessments about the level of compliance of the Private International Law Act and Law on international cooperation in civil matters with the EU law and international best practices and standards concerning the judicial cooperation in civil matters.

Mignot-Mahdavi, R.

- Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (since September 2019)

Nijman, J.E.

- Professor of History and Theory of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Amsterdam.
- Senior Research Fellow at the Amsterdam Center for International Law.

Paulussen, C.

- Research Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (since 2011)

Stolk, S.

- Research Fellow Centre for the Politics of Transnational Law (CePTL) (since 2015)
- Honorary Research Fellow Critical Approaches to International Criminal Law Unit, University of Liverpool (since 2016)

1.2.9 Various**Ark, R. van (née Grozdanova)**

- Organiser and Presenter 'Counter-terrorism and the Law: a Forever and Anywhere War', Asser Live Webinar, The Hague, 18 May 2020.
- Presentation on 'The Role of States in Terrorism and Counterterrorism', Fourteenth Annual Washington College of Law Summer Programme, The Hague, 8 June 2020.
- Presentation on 'The EU and post Brexit (In) Security: The Future of EU Arrest Warrants, Regional Counter-Terrorism Cooperation and Europol', Tenth Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism, The Hague, 26 August 2020.
- Academic Lead and Moderator for the Tenth Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism, The Hague, 24-28 August 2020.
- Selected as one of the team experts on behalf of ICCT as part of the successful Radicalisation Awareness network (RAN) tender award through the European Commission.

Belavusau, U.

- Visiting Professor at the Harry Radzinger Law School at the IDC Herzliya (Israel) and guest lecturing a course on EU anti-discrimination law, January-February 2020.

Boutin, B.

- Co-organisation of an Expert Roundtable on 'Trading Emerging Technologies: Security and Human Rights Perspectives', together with Utrecht University, 15 September 2020.
- Organisation of an Expert Meeting on 'Addressing Gaps in the International Regulation of Warfare and Dual-Use Technologies: States, Private Sector, Non-State

Armed Groups', commissioned by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 11 November 2020.

- Organisation of DILEMA Lecture on 'Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Weapon Systems, and Accidents in War', with Dr Rebecca Crootof, 1 December 2020.
- Organisation of DILEMA Expert Meeting on 'Recent Developments and Current Debates on Military Applications of Artificial Intelligence & International Law', 8 December 2020.

Castellanos-Jankiewicz, L.

- Supervision of 6 Master theses in International Law, UvA, February – March 2020.

Gordon, G.

- Teaching of the course 'Theories and Approaches to War and Collective Security' and 'Fencing the International Use of Force', VU Amsterdam, September 2019-August 2020.

Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H.

- 'Post Brexit Europe Podcast' with Hirsch Ballin, E.M.H. on BRIDGE Network, 9 April 2020.

Idriz, N.

- Teaching 'International and Regional Human Rights' at Leiden University College The Hague (LUC) (with E. Kassoti), February – March 2020.
- Five lectures in the course 'Regulating EU External Trade' in the Advanced LLM programme in European and International Business Law, Leiden Law School, April-May 2020.

- Supervision of two master students in writing their theses, Advanced LLM Programme of European and International Business Law, Leiden University, January-August 2020.
- Participation in the MATRA project led by IDSCS on Judicial Culture in the Western Balkans (North Macedonia) (as of October 2020).
- Co-organisation (with E. Kassoti) of the Asser-ACES Conference on 'Migration Deals and their Damaging Effects' (and chair of two panels), 8-9 October 2020.
- Teaching 'The Union in the World', in the LLM programme of European Law, Leiden University, November-December 2020.

Kassoti, E.

- Teaching 'Human Rights' at Leiden University College The Hague (LUC) (with N. Idriz), February – March 2020.
- Participation in the MATRA project led by IDSCS on Judicial Culture in the Western Balkans (North Macedonia) (as of October 2020).
- Co-organisation (with N. Idriz) of the Asser-ACES Conference on 'Migration Deals and their Damaging Effects' (and chair of two panels), 8-9 October 2020.

Lazic, V.

- Judge at the PAX Moot Court Competition (27-29 March 2020), a specialised student court competition focusing on private international law, organised online, as part of the JUDGTRUST Project, and welcome speech on behalf of the Asser Institute as a coordinator of the JUDGTRUST Project (recorded and uploaded on the PAX website), both 27 May 2020.

Okoli, C.

- Judge at the PAX Moot Court Competition (27-29 March 2020), a specialised student court competition focusing on private international law, organised online, as part of the JUDGTRUST Project.

Nijman, J.E.

- Participation in commissioned project for the municipality of Amsterdam, resulting in a report entitled 'Verkenning "Overzicht en Inzicht in internationale trends, ontwikkelingen en respons over scheidslijnen, polarisatie en conflict"', September-December 2020 (with Lisa Roodenburg).

Roodenburg, L.

- Participation in commissioned project for the municipality of Amsterdam, resulting in a report entitled 'Verkenning "Overzicht en Inzicht in internationale trends, ontwikkelingen en respons over scheidslijnen, polarisatie en conflict"', September-December 2020 (with Janne Nijman).

Paulussen, C.

- Organiser of the SCL 'The Global Prosecution of Core Crimes under International Law', Asser Institute, 10 February 2020.
- Member of the online *Camera Justitia* Jury, Movies that Matter Festival 2020, February 2020.
- Welcomed 15 ELSA students from Oslo, Norway, to the Asser Institute (together with Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi, León Castellanos-Jankiewicz and Eve Dima), 5 March 2020.

- Speaker and co-organiser of the event 'Nationality deprivation in the era of Rohingya genocide and ISIS fighters', Asser Institute, 19 March 2020, The Hague.
- Organiser and moderator of the (first online) Research Seminar with Dr Natasha Stamenkovikj: 'The Truth in Times of Transitional Justice: The Council of Europe and the Former Yugoslavia', 7 May 2020.
- Organiser of the 9th (and first online) PhD Day of the IHCL Platform, 18 May 2020.
- Co-organiser of the 14th (and first online) 'Summer Programme on international criminal law & international legal & comparative approaches to counter-terrorism' with Washington College of Law, The Hague, 26 May-18 June 2020.
- Presenter during the Networking Panel, Summer Programme with Washington College of Law, 29 May 2020.
- Organiser and moderator of the (first online) SCL lecture 'Challenges to Prosecuting Paramilitaries: Insights from the former Yugoslavia and Syria', 3 June 2020.
- Organiser of the (online) Research Seminar with Dr Balázs Bodó: 'Mediated trust: a theoretical framework to address the trustworthiness of technological trust mediators', 11 June 2020.
- Co-organiser and moderator of the webinar 'A Decade of Review: The UN's Ombudsperson to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee', 15 June 2020 (event also mentioned in the 'Nineteenth report of the Ombudsperson addressed to the President of the Security Council of the United Nations', 7 August 2020).
- Speaker at the book launch 'Human dignity and human security in times of terrorism', 17 June 2020.
- Co-organiser of the (first online) Spring Meeting of the Royal Netherlands Society of International Law, 'The WTO Before, During and After Corona', 24 June 2020.

- Presenter during the webinar 'Careers in International Law', International and Transitional Justice Resource Center, Lebanon, 29 June 2020.
- Co-organiser of the closed expert meeting 'Rome Statute at 40', Amnesty International and Asser Institute, The Hague, 23-25 November 2020 (online).
- Co-organiser and moderator of the SCL lecture 'The STL Judgement in the Ayyash et al. case: Justice for Lebanon?', Asser Institute, The Hague, 2 December 2020 (online).
- Co-organiser and moderator of the SCL lecture 'Sexual terrorism', Asser Institute, The Hague, 10 December 2020 (online).

Okoli, C.

- Publication of an introduction of book 'Private International Law in Nigeria' to book symposium on Afronomicslaw.org (14-18 December 2020) and conflictoflaws.net (14 December 2020).

Plagis, M.

- Organised and edited the series of posts on regional courts and human rights jurisdiction on the ACtHPR Monitor (W. Hamilton Byrne and M. Lolle Christensen, *The ECHR vis-à-vis the African Court of Human and Peoples Rights* (3 March 2020); M. Leonardo, *What lessons can be learned from the Inter-American system of human rights protection?* (3 March 2020); A. Koagne Zouapet, *The Court of Justice of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS)* (17 February 2020); M. Tsighe, *The East African Court of Justice: Jurisdiction, Case Law and Recent Developments* (17 February 2020); Opening piece on African Court (4 February 2020)

Stolk, S.

- Teaching of the course 'Volkenrecht' together with Dimitri Van Den Meerssche, VU Amsterdam, September 2019-January 2020.
- Organiser of 'Global Justice Cinema', workshop on documentary film and world politics, co-hosted by the Asser Institute and Movies that Matter, 24-26 March 2020 (*cancelled due to Covid-19 policies*).
- Coordinator Camera Justitia programme at the Movies that Matter Festival, January-March 2020.

Van Den Meerssche, D.

- Teaching of the course 'Volkenrecht' together with Sofia Stolk, VU Amsterdam, September 2019-August 2020.

2. Projects

2.1 Ongoing projects

The Global City: Challenges, Trust and the Role of Law

1 September 2016-31 August 2021

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 Janne Nijman, who received a grant from the Gieskes Strijbis Fonds for this research project. Read more [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 hosted 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 Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

Regulation Bla: a standard for free circulation of judgments and mutual trust in the EU (JUDGTRUST)

1 November 2018-30 April 2021

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 Bla). 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. Research is conducted by the Asser Institute (Vesna Lazic, senior researcher and project leader and Chukwuma Okoli, researcher), in cooperation with Universität Hamburg, University of Antwerp and Internationaal Juridisch Instituut. The project is funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union (2014-2020). Visit the [JUDGTRUST website](#) for more information.

Promoting a Strategic Approach to EU Sport Diplomacy (EUSD)

1 January 2019-31 December 2021

The aim of this project is to undertake primary research and stage a series of Multiplier Sport Events (MSEs) to support EU priorities in the area of sport diplomacy. The project 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. The project is led by Edge Hill University (represented by Professor Richard Parrish). Project partners (in addition to the Asser Institute) are: the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium), the University of Rijeka (Croatia), the Universidad Carlos III Madrid (Spain), Ecole Supérieure des Sciences Commerciales d'Angers Association (France), and the Macedonian NGO TAKT (Together Advancing Common Trust). Associate partner is the Enlarged Partial Agreement on Sport (EPAS) from the Council of Europe. Participating Asser researcher is Antoine Duval. The project receives financial support under the EU's Erasmus+ Programme (Collaborative Partnerships).

Cities and International Law: collecting empirical evidence

2019 -

The [International Law Association \(ILA\) Study Group on 'The Role of Cities in International Law'](#) began its work at the 2018 biannual ILA conference in Sydney, at which a panel discussion on the theme of 'Cities at the Frontiers of International Law and Global Governance' was organised. The study group is co-chaired by Janne Nijman (Asser Institute), and Helmut Aust (Freie Universität, Berlin). The study group's rapporteurs are Jolene Lin (National University of Singapore), and Annie-Anouch Beaudouin (Université Nice Sophia Antipolis).

In 2019, the study group launched the city reporting project. The 'city reports' will shed light on city practices, in particular of local governments, in relation to international law, on cities' engagement with other cities, international organizations and/or global governance mechanisms. In the fall of 2019, the study group circulated an ongoing call for contributions, to collect empirical insights at an ongoing basis and work towards a better overview of the relation between cities and international law. The study group is collecting the 'city reports' with the aim to include them as annexes to the official Report of the ILA study group. In a second step, the chairpersons of the study group consider curating a collection of city reports based on the ILA reporting process with a view to publication with a leading university press. Read more on the ['Global City' website](#).

The city reporting project is linked to the research project 'The Global City: Challenges, Trust and the Role of Law (2016-2021). Asser researchers Miha Marcenko and Lisa Roodenburg participate.

2.2 New projects

Strengthening Ukraine's Capacity to Investigate and Prosecute International Crimes

1 July 2020-30 June 2024

The objective of this project is to strengthen the capacity of the newly created War Crimes Unit, enhance the expertise of the judiciary and empower CSOs and defence and victim lawyers in Ukraine to more adequately investigate, prosecute, adjudicate and monitor international crimes. This support is extremely timely, as Ukraine is about to ratify the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court and suffers from a lack of capacity to deal with international crimes, engendered by amongst others the recent reorganisation of the Ukrainian prosecution service.

The project will ensure that this reform process is informed by best (Dutch) practices and expertise to end impunity, and that the main stakeholders, including civil society, are supported to understand and fulfil their own roles in ensuring respect for international law and providing redress and truth to the victims. In the long-term, the project will contribute to an overall increased respect for the rule of law and greater trust by the Ukrainian population in its government. Moreover, it aims to contribute to regional cooperation and for the country to become more resilient towards (pro-)Russian disinformation and geopolitical aims in the Eastern Partnership region.

This project is a joint initiative of the Asser Institute and Global Rights Compliance. It is funded by the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs under the MATRA (*MAatschap-pelijke TRAnsformatie: social transformation*) Programme and supported by the Netherlands Ministry of Justice and Security. Visit the [MATRA-Ukraine project website](#).

Designing International Law and Ethics into Military Artificial Intelligence

1 September 2020-31 December 2024

This project explores the conditions and modalities that would allow for the leveraging of the potential benefits of AI technologies in the military, while abiding by the rule of law and ethical values. It seeks to ensure that technologies developed to assist in decision-making do not in reality substitute for critical judgement by human agents, and thereby remain under human control. An interdisciplinary research team will work in dialogue and together with partners to address the ethical, legal, and technical dimensions of the project. First, research will be conducted on the foundational nature of the pivotal notion of human agency, so as to unpack the fundamental reasons why human control over military technologies must be guaranteed. Second, the project will identify where the role of human agents must be maintained, in particular to ensure legal compliance and accountability. It will map out which forms and degrees of human control and supervision should be exercised at which stages and over which categories of military functions and activities. Third, the project will analyse how to technically ensure that military technologies are designed and deployed within the ethical and legal boundaries identified.

Throughout the project, research findings will provide solid input for policy and regulation of military technologies involving AI. In particular, the research team will translate results into policy recommendations for national and international institutions, as well as technical standards and testing protocols for compliance and regulation.

Project leader is Berenice Boutin. The project is funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) Platform for Responsible Innovation (NWO-MVI). Visit the [DILEMA project website](#).

Bridging the Gap between Formal Processes and Informal Practices that Shape Judicial Culture in the Western Balkan

1 October 2020-30 September 2022

The underlying objective of this project is to complement the European Commission's process of vertical judicial Europeanisation with an internal, horizontal, initiative that would combine an academic and practical approach in detecting and noting the main shortcomings of our judicial culture, and through consultations with international and regional experts, outline recommendations for future steps in the Europeanisation of judicial culture. Taking into consideration that changes in judicial culture occur incrementally and, above all, through education and training process, the recommendations resulting from this project will be aimed to be incorporated in the process of judicial training. Therefore, the judicial institutions (academies for judges and prosecutors, judicial councils), government institutions dealing with EU integration of the Western Balkan countries, the general and expert public, as well as the European Commission (DG NEAR, DG JUST) are the targets of this project.

The project is coordinated by the Institute for Democracy "Societas Civilis" Skopje (IDSCS) from North Macedonia, in cooperation with the Asser Institute, the Judicial Research Center (CEPRIS) from Serbia, and the Albanian Legal and Territorial Research Initiative (ALTRI). It is supported by the Dutch Fund for Regional Partnership (NFRP)/Matra. The project will be carried out and have impact in Skopje (North Macedonia), Belgrade (Serbia) and Tirana (Albania). Participating Asser researchers are Narin Idriz and Eva Kassoti.

Private International Law in Motion (PAX)

1 November 2020-30 October 2022

The PAX project has been set up as a follow-up to the JUDGTRUST project. It attempts to achieve a twofold objective: raise awareness about EU private international law among the educational community and ensure training in EU private international law for the judiciary. The JUDGTRUST project focuses on the Brussels I bis Regulation and aims to ensure its correct and consistent application. One of its components was the launch of a Moot Court Competition to increase students' awareness of its reach and significance. The first EU sponsored Moot Court Competition took place in 2019. The PAX community now includes a large group of students, legal professionals and academics from a wide array of universities. This project seeks to build further upon these first successes and hopes to consolidate these, but also to contribute to ongoing judicial training programmes on civil judicial cooperation in the EU (for instance, in cooperation with the EJTN and in support of other judicial networks).

The Asser Institute is among the 7 partners in the project, which is coordinated by Antwerp University. Participating Asser researchers are Vesna Lazic and Chukwuma Okoli. The project is funded by the Justice Programme of the European Union (2014-2020) (JUST-AG-2019). Visit the [PAX project website](#).

The European Model for Sport and the EU

1 November 2020-31 December 2020

This project was commissioned by the *Comité National Olympique et Sportif Français* (CNOSF). Asser researcher Antoine Duval provided a research paper on the definition of the European sports model. It is based on an extensive literature review and desk research conducted

on policy documents released by relevant European organisations including European Commission and European Parliament.

Radicalisation Awareness Network

1 November 2020-31 October 2025

Since 2012, ICCT has participated in the Radicalisation Awareness Network (RAN) of the European Commission. In 2020, the contract was renewed to provide 'technical support to prevent and counter radicalisation'. Project leader of the consortium is CIVIPOL (France). The RAN project is an 'umbrella network' that provides a platform for practitioners to gather and share best practices in countering radicalisation leading to violent extremism. The overall objective of this project is the enhancement of the capabilities of Member States, national, regional and local authorities and priority third countries in effectively tackling radicalisation, in particular by offering networking opportunities, targeted and needs driven services and research and analysis. The Asser Institute will act as a subcontractor together with ICCT/Clingendael. Asser researchers Christophe Paulussen and Romyana van Ark take part.

3. Knowledge dissemination

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, events from 19 March onwards took place via online platforms.

3.1 Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture

In 2015, on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary (1965-2015), the Asser Institute launched the Annual T.M.C. Asser Lecture on the development of international law. The Lecture was 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.

[Almost Human: Law and Human Agency in the Time of Artificial Intelligence](#)
26 November 2020

Prof. Andrew Murray (London School of Economics and Political Science)

In this 6th Annual Lecture, Prof. Andrew Murray, a leading thinker on information technology and regulation, discussed the challenges that Artificial Intelligence and Big Data pose for human agency and the rule of law. Artificial intelligence (AI) is all around us: from the smartphones in our hands to drone strikes thousands of miles away. While this technology has many benefits such as simplifying complex data and making daily tasks easier, it also has dangerous implications. How and why does the rise of AI threaten the rule of law and what kind of

regulatory frameworks are needed to manage this omnipresent technology? Andrew Murray addressed these questions and more. The Annual Lecture was held in an online format hosted from the Fokker Terminal Studios and over five hundred people from all over the world watched the lecture. The Lecture was moderated by Prof. Dr Janne Nijman and Dr Berenice Boutin.

On 25 November 2020, an interview by Dimitri Van Den Meerssche with Prof. Murray appeared on *Opinio Juris*, '[The Time has Come for International Regulation on Artificial Intelligence](#)'. An interview also appeared in *NRC Handelsblad*, '[Hoogleraar Andrew Murray: kunstmatige intelligentie kan fantastisch zijn, maar pakt wel ons brein af](#)'.

3.2 Conferences, workshops, seminars

[Due Diligence and the Extraterritorial Application of Human Rights](#)
17 January 2020

During this conference, Prof. Samantha Besson addressed various strands of the developing practice of international human rights law that are currently showing signs of a loosening of the notion of 'jurisdiction' as a ground for the application of human rights. The professor identified and assessed what the proposed criteria of jurisdiction could be in those cases (besides causation), before examining how the proposed duties and their grounds actually relate to the standard of due diligence

in general and specific international law. The conference was delivered under the auspice of the 'Global Europe' project which is led by Asser researchers Dr Eva Kassoti and Dr Narin Idriz.

Roundtable on Artificial Intelligence and Diversity

21 January 2020

This public event provided its participants with an interesting insight into the field of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and discussed issues of diversity and the social impact of AI on the tech sector and whether it is possible to build fair algorithms. Leading international expert on cybersecurity, Prof. Solange Ghernaouti, delivered a keynote lecture followed by a roundtable discussion. Panellists included: Irakli Beridze (UNICRI Centre for AI & Robotics), Dr Haroon Sheikh (WRR; VU University), Dr Tanya Krupiy (Tilburg University), and Eve Logunova (Women in AI Ambassador Netherlands). This panel discussed questions of big data and machine learning that are changing the nature of how we live and work. A Q&A session revolving around decisions based on randomised algorithms, and the criticism for exhibiting discriminatory behaviour was part of the roundtable. The discussion was moderated by Asser researcher Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi. This event was organised in partnership with the Embassy of Switzerland in the Netherlands, the International Gender Champions, Den Haag Hub, and UNICRI Centre for Artificial Intelligence and Robotics.

Book launch European Yearbook of Constitutional Law 2019 – Judicial Power: Safeguards and Limits in a Democratic Society

5 February 2020

This event celebrated the publication of the inaugural volume of the European Yearbook of Constitutional Law (EYCL), entitled 'Judicial

Power: Safeguards and Limits in a Democratic Society'. The volume examines the safeguards and limits of judicial power in a variety of constitutional systems, both at the national and supranational level. This event was opened by Geert Vervaeke, dean of Tilburg Law School. Co-editor Ernst Hirsch Ballin introduced the EYCL series, while co-editor Gerhard van der Schyff introduced the topic of the first volume. Kees Sterk, Vice President of the Dutch Council for the Judiciary and President of the European Network of Councils for the Judiciary, delivered the keynote speech in which he discussed the topic of the book, focusing in particular on how threats to judicial independence can best be addressed. The keynote speech was followed by a roundtable with experts in the field, moderated by co-editor Maarten Stremler, and a general Q&A session with the audience.

Mega-Sporting Events and Human Rights: What role can EU sports diplomacy play?

5 March 2020

The upcoming 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar and its links to human rights violations has been the subject of many debates in the media and beyond. In particular, the respect of migrant workers' labour rights was at the forefront of much public criticism directed against FIFA. This Multiplier Sporting Event, organised in the framework of the transnational project on 'Promoting a Strategic Approach to EU Sports Diplomacy' funded by the Erasmus+ Programme, aimed to trigger discussions on the role of an EU sports diplomacy in strengthening respect for human rights in the context of Mega-Sporting Events (MSE) both at home and abroad. It featured two roundtables focusing on the one hand on the diplomatic power and capacity of Sport Governing Bodies (SGBs) to fend for human rights during MSEs and on the other on the EU's integration of human rights considerations linked to MSEs in its own sports diplomacy. The first panel ('Leveraging the Diplomatic Power of the SGBs for Human

Rights') was chaired by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval, and the second panel ('A Human Rights Dimension for the EU's Sports Diplomacy?') was chaired by Carmen Perez from Universidad Carlos III de Madrid.

Nationality Deprivation in the Era of Rohingya Genocide and ISIS fighters

19 March 2020

This webinar marked the launch of an international Year of Action Against Citizenship Stripping, by introducing the Principles on Deprivation of Nationality as a National Security Measure. The online event was moderated by Laura Waas (Co-Director of ISI). Tineke Strik (Member of the European Parliament) and Asser researcher Dr Christophe Paulussen discussed the state practice to deprive nationality as a national security measure and unpacked questions related to motivations, legality and effectiveness of such measures.

Asser's Counter-Terrorism Brief on: A 'Forever and Anywhere War'?

18 May 2020

In the session 'Counterterrorism – a Forever and Anywhere War?' Asser counter-terrorism researchers Dr Romyana van Ark and Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi explored the ever-growing overlaps between time and space of war and peace in the context of counter-terrorism. One of the questions discussed was whether law facilitates such overlaps. Other issues that were addressed included how current counter-terrorism and national security practices at home and abroad tend to revolve around the objective of anticipating threats and identifying dangerous individuals before hostile or criminal acts have taken place. Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi explored how the United States (for years supported by the UK) and France are involved in a forever 'war' against terrorist networks making the temporal and

geographical scopes of these wars increasingly indefinite. Dr Romyana van Ark investigated the impact of a 'forever and anywhere war' and in particular the blurring of temporality lines within domestic counter-terrorism practices. She also focused on selected aspects of UK's current counter-terrorism practices with emphasis on ones that have entrenched the 'othering' of certain individuals and amplified enmity towards their communities.

A Decade of Review: The UN's Ombudsperson to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee

15 June 2020

The UN Ombudsperson to the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions Committee and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) organised a panel discussion on the UN Ombudsperson's Office and its review procedures. Ten years ago, the Security Council established the Office of the Ombudsperson. Since then, individuals and entities designated on the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Sanctions List have had the opportunity to have their listing reviewed by an independent and impartial Ombudsperson who recommends either retention or delisting after consulting with all relevant parties, including with the petitioner. The panel discussed, inter alia, how the Security Council came to the unanimous decision to establish the Office of the Ombudsperson, the unique 'jurisprudence' that has emerged, and what this means for petitioners. The discussion also provided context on the post of Ombudsperson, operating in the highly politicised environment of counter-terrorism policy-making.

Human Dignity and Human Security in Times of Terrorism

17 June 2020

The Asser Institute and T.M.C. Asser Press celebrated the book launch of *Human Dignity*

and Human Security in Times of Terrorism, edited by Asser researcher and ICCT research fellow Dr Christophe Paulussen and Prof. Martin Scheinin, Professor of International Law and Human Rights in the Department of Law of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence. The event gathered some of the authors to share their findings and discuss them with the audience. Furthermore, Dr Romyana Van Ark, Prof. Helen Duffy, Sangita Jaghai and Dr Laura van Waas presented their remarks. The book launch was moderated by Asser researcher Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi.

Trading Emerging Technologies: Security and Human Rights Perspectives

15 September 2020

The Asser Institute and Utrecht University jointly organised an online expert roundtable on the topic of 'Trading Emerging Technologies: Security and Human Rights Perspectives'. The objective of the roundtable was to understand and compare the underlying narrative and justification used by the US, EU, and other European states in regulating (or attempting to regulate) the trade of advanced digital technology and other emerging technologies. It elaborated on the comparison and synergy of security versus human rights narratives.

Missing Persons and Memory Governance

24 September 2020

The Asser Institute and UN Working Group on Enforced or Involuntary Disappearances co-hosted an online expert panel on 'Missing persons and Memory Governance'. The online panel was part of the MELA-project, and discussed memory laws in the context of enforced disappearance. The main topics of the event were the right to truth and combatting state-sponsored narratives of enforced disappearances. The panel was chaired Asser researcher Dr Rebecca Mignot Mahdavi.

Migration Deals and their Damaging Effects

8-9 October 2020

This interdisciplinary conference focused on the implications of the increasing use of informal (non-binding) instruments in the field of migration. The conference examined issues raised by the prevalent use of migration deals and informal arrangements between the EU and third countries in an effort to manage migration flows. The event was organised in close collaboration with the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies and moderated by Asser researchers Dr Narin Idriz and Dr Eva Kassoti.

Bigdataalk: Talking and Learning about the Use of Big Data in Security Practices

23 October 2020

This online lecture and virtual tour delved into how Big Data is used to prevent terrorism, and how it could be used in the future. The event provided participants a concrete understanding of current and future surveillance practices. It guided participants through interactive activities to find out how big data in counter-terrorism is being used, and what the legal constraints are. The event was organised as part of Just Peace Month in The Hague, an adaptation of the Just Peace Festival and The Hague International Open Day, in light of the Covid-19 pandemic. It was led by Asser researchers Rebecca Mignot-Mahdavi and Dr Dimitri van den Meerssche.

The Rome Statute at 40

23-25 November 2020

Amnesty International and the Asser Institute jointly organised a three-day closed online expert meeting on the Rome Statute assessing its twenty years existence. While many events were organised to mark the twentieth anniversary of the Rome Statute, it is equally important

to take a look at the future of the International Criminal Court and the Rome Statute system in the more distant future and consider what this will look like at the fortieth anniversary of the Rome Statute in 2038. The need to critically assess how or if, over the next twenty years and beyond, the Rome Statute's objectives of ending impunity by holding individuals accountable for international crimes and offering redress to victims can be better realised has led to the proposal for the Rome Statute at 40 expert meeting. It comprised three sessions, divided over three days, addressing: traditional stakeholder engagement and impact on the ICC; the perspective of the post-Rome generation; and the Rome Statute system. These thematic areas were viewed through the lens of considering, in particular, the role and impact of NGOs and academic circles in engaging with the ICC.

[Fighting Global Deforestation through Due Diligence: Towards an EU Regulation on Forest and Ecosystem Risk Commodities?](#)

4 November 2020

This event discussed the EU Parliament's new initiative to tackle deforestation. It examined the initiative's substance, possible implications for fighting deforestation across the globe, and possible means for enforcement and their challenges, as well as its impact on EU obligations under international (trade) law. The lecture was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval.

[Launch of Forum of Legal Actors](#)

9 December 2020

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, UNESCO, Free Press Unlimited and the Asser Institute jointly launched the Forum of Legal Actors during the online World Press Freedom Conference (WPFC). The initiative should help to create a network of legal actors

to support and defend the right to freedom of expression and the safety of journalists. In the coming years, the Forum will bring together judges, public prosecutors, lawyers and representatives from judicial institutes from all over the globe to strengthen the role of legal actors in the defence of the universal right of freedom of expression. The inaugural edition of the Forum at the WPFC 2020 assembled expert participants in the legal field, joining in from South-America, Africa, Asia and Europe. First, the expert participants focused on the role of regional and national courts in protecting freedom of expression. The second session deliberated on capacity building at the national and regional level. The Forum operated under the Chatham House Rule to help facilitate a free exchange. Findings and conclusions of both sessions, however, have been summarised and reported upon in the publicly accessible online WPFC session on 'Strengthening Investigations and Prosecutions to end Impunity for Crimes against Journalists', on 10 December led by UNESCO.

3.3 Research seminars

[The Politics of Regulating History Denial in Transnational Memory Space: Current Discourse in Korea on Legislating Punitive Law against the Distortion of History](#)

20 February 2020

Dr Soyoung Lee (Jeju National University, Korea) delivered an analysis of the political effects of juridification of distortion of history within the social discourse in Korea. She addressed three research questions in her presentation – the implication of enacting punitive clauses; the way Auschwitzlüge is dealt with in public discourse in Korea; and whether regulating history denial would be truly effective.

The Truth in Times of Transitional Justice: The Council of Europe and the Former Yugoslavia

7 May 2020

Dr Natasha Stamenkovikj presented her PhD thesis which analysed the development and the scope of the right to the truth within international norms and within the Council of Europe's policies on post-conflict transition in the former Yugoslavia. It delineated the extent to which the Council has addressed the right to the truth in its policies as to honour the contemporary regulation of this right in international norms and practices.

Mediated Trust: A Theoretical Framework to Address the Trustworthiness of Technological Trust Mediators

11 June 2020

Dr Balázs Bodó presented his paper addressing the global crisis of trust due to globalisation and digitisation. His presentation outlined the current crisis of trust, the challenges technological modes of trust production generate, the nature of the institutional change, and the policies which can produce trustworthy technological trust mediators.

Heroes and Hierarchies: The Celebration and Censure of Victimhood in Transitional Justice

1 October 2020

Dr Cheryl Lawther presented her paper based on fieldwork in Northern Ireland. The paper deconstructed the creation of hierarchies of victimhood. It drew on three overlapping themes: hierarchies of 'good' and 'bad' victims; hierarchies and heroes for the cause; and hierarchies and 'the silence of social opprobrium'.

ART THOU PIL? Reflections on the Fragmentation of International Lawyers

3 December 2020

Dr Jason Beckett presented his paper where he argued that Public International Law is a conflictual mass of discrete communities, each with its own standards for norm-recognition, interpretation, and competent legal argument. He reflected on the simple existence of these chaotically co-existing communities in Public International Law, particularly in light of its lack of material existence or effect.

Petróleos de Venezuela S.A and 1MDB – Two Case Studies to Illustrate the State of Transnational Anti-Money-Laundering Efforts

7 December 2020

Dr Lys Kulamadayil, SNSF Post-Doctoral Research Fellow at the Amsterdam Center for International Law presented her paper discussing the recent legal proceedings in Switzerland, Malaysia and USA relating to grand theft from the state-owned companies of Malaysia and Venezuela. The presentation discussed the effectiveness of anti-money-laundering banking regulations' implementation and oversight along with the need for corporate liability and the place attributed to anti-money-laundering offenders in domestic legal systems.

3.4 Lectures

3.4.1 SCL lectures

The Supranational Criminal Law (SCL) Lecture 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).

Book launch: The Global Prosecution of Core Crimes under International Law

10 February 2020

This panel discussion celebrated the launch of the book *The Global Prosecution of Core Crimes under International Law*, authored by Dr Christopher Soler and published by T.M.C. Asser Press/Springer Verlag. The event revolved around the following topics: the extra-ordinary dynamics of system criminality; the relevant jurisprudence relating to State cooperation and dicta concerning the grounds for refusal of surrender to the International Criminal Court; the case-law of criminal courts, human rights courts and State practice in connection with grounds for refusal of extradition to another State purporting to exert jurisdiction over a core crime; the obligation to extradite or prosecute (*aut dedere aut judicare*) under international law; and the structuring of a supranational legal framework which sows the seeds for a global criminal justice system designed to defeat impunity by virtue of the proliferation of judicial panels and partnerships, and other nascent initiatives.

Challenges to Prosecuting Paramilitaries: Insights from the former Yugoslavia and Syria

3 June 2020

Paramilitaries and irregular armed forces are, and have been, ubiquitous in conflicts worldwide: from Latin America in the 1970s and 1980s, to the former Yugoslavia in the 1990s, to the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda in the past few decades and, more recently, in Iraq, Syria and Ukraine. This panel aimed to discuss, from an interdisciplinary perspective,

the nature and purpose of paramilitaries using examples from the former Yugoslavia and Syria, and the legal, investigative and evidentiary challenges in prosecuting perpetrators, both paramilitary members and those who command and control them. Three interesting presentations were delivered during this lecture: 1. Serbian Paramilitaries: Insights from the ICTY by Dr Iva Vukušić, Visiting Research Fellow at Department of War Studies, King's College London; 2. The rise of Kataib al-Baath (al-Baath Legions) at Aleppo University after 2011 by Ali Aljasem, MA, Researcher at the History Department, Utrecht University; and 3. Establishing the liability of paramilitary members for atrocity crimes – problems and potentialities by Dr Matthew Gillett, Director, Peace and Justice Initiative and Trial Lawyer, Office of the Prosecutor at the ICC.

The STL Judgement in the Ayyash et al. case: Justice for Lebanon?

2 December 2020

This panel discussed the Ayyash judgment and its potential for achieving justice in more detail and was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Christophe Paulussen. On 18 August 2020, the Trial Chamber of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon issued its long-awaited verdict in the case of Ayyash et al. The Trial Chamber found one defendant, Salim Jamil Ayyash, “guilty beyond reasonable doubt” for his role in perpetrating a 2005 explosion in Lebanon which killed 22 people, including former prime minister Rafic Hariri. The three other defendants were acquitted of all charges. The judgment also concluded that “Syria and Hezbollah may have had motives to eliminate Mr Hariri, and some of his political allies”, but that “[t]here is no evidence that the Hezbollah leadership had any involvement in Mr Hariri’s murder and [...] no direct evidence of Syrian involvement in it”. On the one hand, the responses to the judgment have been critical, with commentators wondering whether

the length and costs of the trial justified this outcome. On the other, the complexity of conducting these kinds of prosecutions was highlighted, as well as the fact that the judgment offers an independent and detailed account of what really happened some 15 years ago.

Sexual Terrorism

10 December 2020

The SCL lecture organised jointly with IMPACT: Center against Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence in Conflict, explored the concept of 'sexual terrorism' – the use of human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence as a tactic of terrorism – as well as the advantages and disadvantages of labelling and prosecuting human trafficking and conflict-related sexual violence as terrorism. After that, the lecture zoomed in on the situation in Nigeria, to see how this discussion plays out in reality and what can be done to engender real change on the ground. After the Q&A, the lecture concluded with a reflection from the UN Team of Experts on rule of law and sexual violence in conflict. The lecture was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Christophe Paulussen.

3.4.2 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.

How the Syrian Conflict has Changed International Law

10 June 2020

For about a decade, Syria has been engulfed in a civil war marked by the expansion of ISIS beyond Iraqi borders, tremendous displacements of populations, and repeated uses of chemical weapons against the civilian population. In this HILAC lecture, Prof. Michael Scharf, Prof. Milena Sterio and Prof. Paul R. Williams explored the history of the conflict in Syria and demonstrated how, and to what extent it has affected international law. The speakers explored instances of use of force against ISIS and the allied strikes against the Syrian chemical weapons facilities. They showed how Syria became a "laboratory for the rapid creation of new international law" since 2011. Concepts of accelerated formation of customary international law and the specific ways the Syria conflict has led to development of new norms and principles were at the heart of the discussion.

Military necessity and the law of armed conflict

13 October 2020

Through real-life examples and careful analysis, this online lecture challenged received wisdom on the subject. Among other thought-provoking reflections, Professor Hayashi explained why International humanitarian law (IHL) has no reason to restrict or prohibit militarily unnecessary conduct based on its non-necessity alone. By combining international law, jurisprudence, military history, strategic studies, and moral philosophy, Professor Hayashi invited the audience to explore a broad range of issues through the prism of military necessity. How does rational fighting relate to ethical fighting? How does IHL incorporate contrasting values that shape its rules? How do law and theory adapt themselves to war's evolutions?

International Humanitarian Law and Non-State Actors

3 November 2020

In recent times, international armed conflicts have declined in frequency, while non-international armed conflicts have increased and are now consistently in the majority. International humanitarian law (IHL) has long recognised the roles that multiple non-state actors play through interactions among themselves and with States on a daily basis and for a myriad of different reasons. Ezequiel Heffes, Marcos D. Kotlik and Manuel J. Ventura explored some of these interactions in their co-edited volume *International Humanitarian Law and Non-State Actors* (Asser Press). In the presence of the editors and some of the book's authors, this HILAC lecture was an occasion to celebrate the publication of their book. One discussed real-life challenges presented by non-state actors in conflict settings, and how (and to what extent) we can address them to affect the resolution of practical and theoretical problems in the realm of IHL. The HILAC lecture was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Rebecca Mignot Mahdavi.

3.4.3 Hague Courts Dialogue lectures

Curtailing the Surveillance State? A Panel Discussion on the SyRI Case Judgment

6 February 2020

On Wednesday, 5 February, the District Court in The Hague announced its judgment in the SyRI Case. The case concerns the Dutch government's use of large-scale, data-driven surveillance techniques to detect welfare fraud, and the court ruled the system as prohibited due to the violation of human rights law. The SyRI (System Risk Indication) process produces 'risk alerts' by applying algorithmic risk models

to a wide variety of public databases where private information on individuals is stored. This raised numerous concerns from the perspective of the human right to privacy and social security. The Asser Institute organised a panel discussion on this landmark case. Panellists included the lawyers involved in the SyRI case, leading scholars specialised in the legal and political questions concerning the use of Artificial Intelligence by the state, and prominent public commentators on the social impact of technological transformation. While the panel started with a discussion on the SyRI judgment, it extended beyond the specific legal issues raised in this controversy to a broader discussion on public authority, digital transformation and the enhancement of trust through law. The event was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Dimitri Van Den Meerssche.

3.4.4 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.

The Autonomy of the EU Legal Order

4 February 2020

Christina Eckes is Professor of European law at the University of Amsterdam and director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Law and Governance (ACELG). In her lecture hosted at the Asser Institute, she argued that the Court's autonomy conception is best understood as a claim to jurisdictional sovereignty, which is legal conceptual and must necessarily be absolute. She further demonstrated how, through

this lens, the Court's decisions, while resulting in a problematic outcome, should be seen as building coherently on the Court's previous case law. The lecture was organised together with Asser researcher Dr Eva Kassoti, who is the academic coordinator of CLEER.

The Finnish Council Presidency's Experience in the External Relations Field 3 March 2020

Finland held the Presidency of the Council of the EU from July to December 2019. Ambassador of Finland to the Netherlands, H.E. Ms Päivi Kaukoranta spoke at the CLEER presidency lecture about Finland's experience during the presidency term. 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, gain political influence by leadership, and create a positive image to the outside world. The event was organised in cooperation with the Embassy of Finland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and chaired by Asser researcher Dr Eva Kassoti.

3.4.5 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.

Kiobel in The Hague: Holding Shell Accountable in the Dutch Courts

16 October 2020

The online discussion focused on the *Kiobel v. Shell* case, currently before Dutch courts in the Hague. It retraced the trajectory followed by the case in reaching The Hague, explained the arguments raised by both parties in the proceedings, and assessed the potential relevance of the future ruling for the wider debate on corporate accountability/liability for human rights violations. The discussion was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval.

Corporate (ir)responsibility made in Germany

27 November 2020

The online roundtable discussion deliberated on Germany's approach to corporate (ir)responsibility for human rights and environmental violations in their supply chains. This event analysed the evolution of the business and human rights policy discussion in Germany and its influence on the wider European debates on mandatory human rights due diligence EU legislation. Germany is the EU's economic powerhouse and a trading giant, hence its position on the (ir)responsibility of corporations for human rights risks and harms throughout their supply chains has major consequences for the EU and beyond. The online roundtable was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval.

3.4.6 DILEMA lectures

The DILEMA (Designing International Law and Ethics into Military AI) lecture series invites academics and other experts working on legal, ethical, and technical perspectives on military artificial intelligence (AI) to present their work and share reflections with researchers, students and professionals. This lecture series

encompasses a variety of topics including technical perspectives on military applications of AI, philosophical enquires into human control and human agency over technologies, analyses of international law in relation to (military) AI, including international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and interdisciplinary contributions related to these topics. The project is funded by the Dutch Research Council (NWO) under the research programme 'Responsible Innovation. Designing for Public Values in a Digital World'.

AI, Autonomous Weapon Systems, and Accidents in War

1 December 2020

On Tuesday 1 December 2020, Dr Rebecca Crootoft (University of Richmond School of Law) delivered the inaugural lecture of the DILEMA Lecture Series on the topic of 'Artificial Intelligence, Autonomous Weapon Systems, and Accidents in War'. Artificial Intelligence, autonomous weapon systems, cyberoperations, and other new military technologies are challenging core legal assumptions by facilitating previously rare actions, blurring established legal categories, and exposing the limits of existing regulatory institutions. Dr Crootoft discussed how, while long recognised as a moral and strategic problem, the accountability gap for accidents in war is becoming more salient as a host of technological advances simultaneously increase the sources of error and misdirect responsibility for their consequences. But there is a silver lining: by throwing these issues into sharper relief, new technologies highlight the need for mechanisms to hold states accountable for undesired harms. The event was moderated by Asser researcher Dr Berenice Boutin.

3.4.7 Zoom in webinars on Transnational Sports Law

In 2020, the Asser International Sports Law Centre headed by Dr Antoine Duval introduced, in collaboration with Dr Marjolaine Viret, a new series of zoom webinars on transnational sports law: 'Zoom In'.

Blake Leeper v. IAAF

4 December 2020

This first discussion zoomed in on the recent arbitral award delivered by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in the Blake Leeper v. International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) case. To reflect on the key aspects of the decision and its implications, scholars with different disciplinary backgrounds were invited to join the online discussion.

3.4.8 Lecture and Workshop Series on Method, Methodology and Critique in International Law

The Asser Institute launched a new workshop series which explores various new ways of 'doing' international legal scholarship. This includes a focus on the opportunities, pitfalls and politics of varying methodological approaches, their embedded epistemological, sociological or philosophical commitments as well as the particular technical crafts they demand. Researchers participating in the workshops will not only gain a better grasp of how to position themselves in an increasingly complex methodological landscape. They will also enhance their understanding of what is at stake in the various 'turns' that are continuously performed in international law (such as the 'turn' to practice, history, discourse, political economy, critical sociology, materiality, geog-

raphy or aesthetics to name but a few). The workshop series is funded by the Municipality of The Hague.

Introducing the Asser workshop series on Method, Methodology and Critique in International Law

16 December 2020

The Asser Institute kicked-off a new workshop series on 'Method, Methodology and Critique in International Law'. This first lecture in the twelve-part series introduced the workshop and set out the stakes of methodological reflection. The workshop series is led by Asser researcher Dr Dimitri Van Den Meerssche and this first workshop introduced Prof. Wouter Werner as a speaker.

aspects of AI, and alternated theoretical and more practical perspectives. The interactive training featured over 20 sessions by high-level speakers such as Susie Alegre (Doughty Street Chambers), Dr Daniele Amoroso (University of Cagliari; ICRAC), Irakli Beridze (Centre on Artificial Intelligence and Robotics, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI)), Dr Marta Bo (Asser Institute; IHEID), Dr Jeroen van den Boogaard (Netherlands Defence Academy; University of Amsterdam), Professor Jan Broersen (Utrecht University), Dr Thilo Hagendorff (University of Tübingen), Steven Hill (North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)). The academy was coordinated by Asser researcher Dr Berenice Boutin.

[Winter Academy] Doing Business Right: Due Diligence as Master Key to Responsible Business Conduct

27-31 January 2020

Building on the 2019 Doing Business Right (DBR) Winter Academy, which focused on the United Nations Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, the 2020 edition dove deeper into 'the pillar of the second pillar': human rights due diligence. This training week retraced the genealogy of the concept, investigated its theoretical underpinnings, and provided the participants with a comprehensive understanding of its practical operation through specific case studies conducted by experienced practitioners. Through a blending of theory and practice, the participants were equipped with the necessary knowledge and know-how to engage with the growing practice of due diligence in their daily work at NGOs, corporations, administrations or in academia. This particular Winter Academy featured high-level speakers such as Radu Mares (Lund University), Manon Wolfkamp (MVO Platform), Elsa Savourey (Herbert Smith Freehills) and Leonard Feld (European University Institute). The participants were provided with an interesting opportunity to visit The Centre

3.5 Training and educational programmes

3.5.1 Summer schools and winter academies

[Winter Academy] Artificial Intelligence and International Law

20-24 January 2020

Over the course of a week, the participants gained the latest insights into current and future issues raised by Artificial Intelligence (AI) 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. The Winter Academy included lectures that addressed both technical and legal

for Research on Multinational Corporations (SOMO). The programme was coordinated by Asser researcher Dr Antoine Duval.

[Summer Law Programme] International Criminal Law & International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism

26 May-18 June 2020

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. The fourteenth edition released in an online format reached twenty selected students from top US law colleges and universities in which they exchanged views with internationally renowned legal practitioners and scholars. In the first two weeks the participants explored the past, present and future of international criminal law (ICL). The programme provided a comprehensive overview of international crimes, criminal responsibility, immunities and amnesties. It also covered practical matters in ICL, such as victim participation and defence issues. To ensure a comprehensive understanding of (legal aspects of) counter-terrorism, the participants learnt how the international, regional and national levels tackle the issues of terrorism and foreign fighters through (international) prosecution. Other topics were the role of intelligence in court, countering violent extremism, and rehabilitation and reintegration. Prominent speakers were among others Judge Fausto Pocar, Judge ad hoc of the International Court of Justice, Daryl Mundis, Registrar, Special Tribunal for Lebanon and Prof. Terry Gill, Professor of Military Law, University of Amsterdam. The programme was coordinated by Dr Christophe Paulussen.

[Summer Workshop] International Public Interest Advocacy

1-3 July 2020

During this three-day online workshop on 'International Public Interest Advocacy', the participants gained insights on the latest practices from leading practitioners and experts and got exposed to new actions and ways of advocating for public interests internationally including strategic litigation. In addition, everyone was introduced to the latest innovations in law and technology for public interests around the world. The event was a great way to develop one's network in a workshop that challenged all the participants to think differently about the issues of the day and what we can do about them. The workshop brought together leaders in practice, including advocates, activists, academics and members of international NGOs, who discussed questions of legal techniques, different approaches to handling a cause, and practical issues like how to sustain a firm or a start-up.

[Advanced Summer Programme] Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and the Rule of Law

24-28 August 2020

This year marked the tenth anniversary of the Advanced Summer Programme on Terrorism, Counter-Terrorism and the Rule of the Law. Over the course of a week, the participants explored international and domestic legal aspects of counter-terrorism. The advanced training included sessions by top speakers in the field, such as Prof. Richard English, Prof. Jan Wouters, Daniel Kipfer-Fasciti, Prof. Isabelle Duyvesteyn and Dr Devyani Prabhat. Furthermore, the participants had the opportunity to (virtually) visit Eurojust and Europol. The online training course was coordinated by Asser researcher Dr Rumyana van Ark.

[Training Programme] Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction

28 September-2 October

The eleventh training programme on disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, co-organised with the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW), was hosted in a virtual format. During this intensive online training programme, participants received a comprehensive overview of non-proliferation and disarmament efforts regarding Weapons of Mass Destruction. They learnt from renowned experts and practitioners and engaged in active discussions about relevant topics and debates. Participants were also provided with opportunities to expand their network and connect with experts in the field, as well as their fellow participants. The programme was coordinated by Dr Fredrik Voûte.

3.5.2 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 (online) lectures take place during the academic year, starting in October or November. In December 2020, the STL handed over the programme to the Asser Institute and the International and Transitional Justice Resource Centre (ITJRC), which was founded by a group of Lebanese professors involved in the programme.

Comparative law: Criminal proceedings in international jurisdictions and in Lebanon

27 January 2020

Judge Ralph Riachi (Vice President, STL)

General principles: Rights of the Accused

29 January 2020

Dorothee le Fraper du Hellen (Head of DO, STL)

General principles: Role of Victims

5 February 2020

Reina Sfeir (Outreach Officer, STL)

Jurisdiction, Admissibility and Complementarity

12 February 2020

Eleni Chaitidou (Legal Officer, Kosovo Specialist Chambers)

General principles: Modes of Liability – Individual criminal responsibility (including JCE, co-perpetration, etc.)

19 February 2020

Alexis Demirdjian (Trial Lawyer, ICC)

General principles: Modes of Liability (continued) – Command responsibility / responsibility of a superior

26 February 2020

Lachezar Yanev (Assistant Professor of international Criminal, Law Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

International Criminal Proceedings (Pretrial)

11 March 2020

- Investigations (excluding Arrest and Surrender)
- Arrest and Surrender

Investigations: Gregory Townsend (Professor of the Practice Brandeis University, formerly with MICT, STL, SCSL, ICTY, UNMIK & ICTR).

Arrest and surrender: Christophe Paulussen (Senior Researcher, the Asser Institute)

International Criminal Proceedings (Judgment, Appeal and Sentencing)

1 April 2020

Judge David Re (Trial Chamber Specialist, STL)

Prosecutions at the International Level: Types of Evidence Used in International Criminal Proceedings

8 April 2020

Local speaker

Universal Jurisdiction and Possible Future Developments in International Criminal Law

22 April 2020

Mirjam Ekkart (Legal Staff Adviser on International Crimes, District Court of The Hague)

Contempt Proceedings in International Criminal Jurisdictions

29 April 2020

Olga Kavran (Head of Outreach and Legacy, STL) and Reina Sfeir (Outreach Officer, STL)

3.5.3 ICL-TCL training programme

Since 2018, the Asser Institute, together with the Antonio Cassese Initiative and International Nuremberg Principles Academy, 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 2018-2019 marked the beginning of increased cooperation between the two organisations, which aims to set up a permanent training centre for judges and prosecutors in The Hague, offering a bi-annual programme, supported by e-learning, in the fields of ICL, TCL and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The first training course consisted of a one-week face-to-face training in The Hague (February 2018), e-streaming sessions, and a follow-up training in The Hague in March 2019.

In 2020, a second cycle of trainings for 19 selected judges and prosecutors kicked off with an in-person training in Arusha (Tanzania), from 24 to 28 February 2020. Participants came from the following francophone African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroun, CAR, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Congo, DRC, Mali, Niger, and Togo. A follow-up online training and e-streaming sessions will take place in the first half of 2021.

The organiser of the ICL-TCL Training Programme is Asser Researcher Dr Marta Bo.

Annex II

T.M.C. Asser Press Publications

The Institute's publishing house T.M.C. Asser Press promotes and disseminates some of the best legal thinking in the fields of international and European law from across the world. T.M.C. Asser Press, together with members of the Law Faculties of Dutch and foreign universities and staff members of international organisations based in The Hague as well as abroad, offers a platform for academic cooperation through the publication of books, e-books and journals.

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Despite the challenges presented by the COVID-19 crisis, T.M.C. Asser Press performed well in 2020, publishing twenty-three new book titles and five journals numbering a total of eighteen issues.

Periodicals and Yearbooks

Netherlands International Law Review – Volume 67, 2020

Editor-in-Chief: P. Vlas
ISSN 0165-070X; 3 issues p.a.
Online ISSN 1741-6191

European Business Organization Law Review (EBOR) – Volume 21, 2020

Editor-in-Chief: R. Kulms
ISSN 1566-7529; 4 issues p.a.
Online ISSN 1741-6205

Hague Journal on the Rule of Law – Volume 12, 2020

Editor-in-Chief: R. Janse
ISSN 1876-4045; 3 issues p.a.
Online ISSN 1876-4053

International Sports Law Journal – Volume 20, 2020

Editor-in-Chief: J. Lindholm
ISSN 1567-7559; 4 issues p.a.
Online ISSN 2213-5154

Nederlands Internationaal Privaatrecht – NIPR – Volume 38, 2020

Editors-in-chief:
K. de Visser and M. ten Wolde
ISSN 0167-7594; 4 issues p.a.
NIPR Online: <https://www.nipr-online.eu/>

Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law (YIHL) – Volume 22, 2019

Editors: Terry Gill, Robin Geiss, Heike Krieger and Christophe Paulussen
ISBN 978-94-6265-398-6
ISSN 1389-1359
Online ISSN 1574-096X

Netherlands Yearbook of International Law (NYIL) – Volume 50, 2019 – Yearbooks in International Law: History, Function and Future

Volume Editors: Otto Spijkers, Wouter G. Werner, Ramses A. Wessel
ISBN 978-94-6265-402-0
ISSN 0167-6768
Online ISSN 1574-0951

NL Arms Netherlands Annual Review of Military Studies 2020 – Deterrence in the 21st Century – Insights from Theory and Practice

Editors: Frans Osinga and Tim Sweijts
ISBN 978-94-6265-418-1
ISSN 1387-8050
Online ISSN 2452-235X

Yearbook of International Sports Arbitration 2017

Editors: Antoine Duval and Antonio Rigozzi
ISBN 978-94-6265-318-4
ISSN 2522-8501
Online ISSN 2522-851X

International Criminal Justice Series

Histories Written by International Criminal Courts and Tribunals – Developing a Responsible History Framework

ICJ Series Volume 26
Author: Aldo Zammit Borda
ISBN 978-94-6265-426-6

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Author: Marian Yankson-Mensah
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Author: Christoph Schmon
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Authors: Bart van der Sloot, Mara Paun and Ronald Leenes
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What Market, What Society, What Union? – The Treaty of Amsterdam and the European Thought of Francisco Lucas Pires

Editors: Martinho Lucas Pires and Francisco Pereira Coutinho
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Contemporary Russian Federalism – Delimitation of Jurisdictional Subjects and Powers

Author: Gulnara R. Shaikhutdinova
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EU External Action in International Economic Law – Recent Trends and Developments

Editors: Mads Andenas, Luca Pantaleo, Matthew Happold and Cristina Contartese
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