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Centre for International & European Law



19TH ANNUAL SUMMER LAW PROGRAM

2025

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND
INTERNATIONAL LEGAL & COMPARATIVE
APPROACHES TO COUNTERTERRORISM

May 26 – June 19



WEEK 1

Monday – May 26

- 12:30 – 13:15 **Orientation and Welcome to the Programme and introduction to the Asser Institute**
- 13:30 – 15:35 **Introduction to International Criminal Law**
Judge Kimberly Prost Judge, International Criminal Court (ICC)
- 16:00 – 18:00 **Study Visit: International Court of Justice (ICJ)**
- 18:00 Opening Dinner – TBD

Tuesday – May 27

- 09:00 – 11:05 **The Role of States in International Criminal Law**
Dr Robert Heinsch Associate Professor of Public International Law, Leiden University
- 11:15 – 13:20 **War Crimes**
Dr Katharine Fortin Associate Professor of Public International Law and Human Rights, Utrecht University

Wednesday – May 28

- 09:00 – 11:05 **Crimes Against Humanity**
Laurel Baig Senior Appeals Counsel, Officer of the Prosecutor International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT)
- 11:15 – 14:00 **Study Visit: International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (IRMCT)**
- 14:30 – 16:35 **Review (only for credit-seeking students)**

Thursday – May 29

- All day Accession day

Friday – May 30

- All day Accession day II



WEEK 2

Monday - June 2

09:00 – 11:05

Genocide

Judge Guénaél Mettraux Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC)

11:15 – 13:20

Individual and Command Responsibility

Christine Keller Legal Officer, IRMCT

Tuesday – June 3

09:00 – 11:05

Ad Hoc International Criminal Tribunals for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and Rwanda (ICTR)

Elena Martin Salgado Legal Officer, IRMCT The Hague
and

Takeh Sendze Legal Officer, IRMCT Arusha

11:15 – 13:20

Hybrid Tribunals

Dr Gregory Townsend Lecturer, the Hague University of Applied Sciences, and Professor of Practice, Brandeis University (formerly with MICT, Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL), Special Court for Sierra Leone (SCSL), ICTY, United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK) & ICTR)

14:00 – 16:30

Study Visit: Kosovo Specialist Chambers & Specialist Prosecutor's Office (KSC and SPO)

Wednesday – June 4

09:00 – 11:05

International Criminal Court (ICC) Part 1: Jurisdiction; applicable law; relationship with UNSC (referral and deferral power); current situations/cases and major issues/current challenges facing the Court today.

Judge Joanna Korner Judge, ICC

11:15 – 13:20

International Criminal Court (ICC) Part 2: Admissibility and prosecutorial issues (including complementarity, gravity, and interests of justice)

Dr Rod Rastan Legal Adviser, Office of the Prosecutor ICC

14:00 – 16:30

Study Visit: International Criminal Court (ICC)

Thursday – June 5

09:00 – 11:05

Immunities and Amnesties

Dr Rosanne van Alebeek Associate Professor of International Law, Department of International and European Law and Research Fellow at the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL)

12:00 – 13:20

Career Panel (Only for Credit-Seeking Students)



13:30 – 15:35 **Court Defense Issues**
Annie O'Reilly Defence Co-Counsel, KSC

Friday – June 6

09:00 – 11:05 **Victim Participation and Reparations before the International Criminal Court**
Paolina Massidda Principal Counsel, The independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims
ICC

11:15 – 13:20 **Universal Jurisdiction and Prosecuting International Crimes Domestically**
Mark Roorda Senior Advisor on Prosecution of International Crimes, EUAM Ukraine

13:30 – 15:35 **Review (only for credit-seeking students)**

Saturday – June 7

09:30 – 12:00 Day trip to Amsterdam



WEEK 3

Monday – June 9

All day Whit Monday

Tuesday – June 10

09:00 – 09:30 **Orientation and Welcome: International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counterterrorism**

09:30 – 11:35 **Introduction to Terrorism, Counterterrorism, and Emerging Trends**
Dr Thomas Renard Director of International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT)

11:45 – 13:50 **The Role of States in Terrorism and Counterterrorism**
Prof. Kimberley Trapp Professor of Public International Law, University College London

14:30 – 17:00 **Study Visit: International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)**

Wednesday – June 11

09:00 – 11:05 **Jus ad Bellum in Counterterrorism**
Prof. Tom Ruys Professor of Public International Law, University of Ghent

11:15 – 13:20 **Jus in Bello in Counterterrorism**
Prof. Marten Zwanenburg Professor of Military Law, University of Amsterdam

13:30 – 14:30 **Working in The Hague**

Thursday – June 12

09:00 – 11:05 **Counterterrorism in the Law Enforcement Paradigm**
Dr Anne Charbord Lecturer, Sciences-PO-PSIA

11:15 – 13:20 **Right-wing violent extremism**
Dr Bàrbara Molas Senior Analyst, RAND Europe

14:00 – 16:30 **Study Visit: Eurojust**

Friday – June 13

09:00 – 11:05 **Case study: Extraordinary Renditions in Counterterrorism and its Human Rights Ramifications**
Prof. Helen Duffy Professor of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights at Leiden University, Director at Human Rights in Practice

11:15 – 13:20 **Trying Terrorism Domestically: *The Dutch Example***
Wieger Veldhuis Advocate General, Public Prosecutor's Office, the Netherlands

13:30 – 15:35 **Review (only for credit-seeking students)**



WEEK 4

Monday – June 16

09:00 – 11:05

Interplay Between Jus ad Bellum, Jus in Bello and Human Rights Law: The Use Of Drones

Jessica Dorsey Assistant Professor of International and European Law at Utrecht University School of Law, Associate Fellow at the ICCT

15:00 – 17:05

The Role of Intelligence in Counterterrorism

Bruce MacKay J.D. Visiting Research Fellow, Asser Institute

Tuesday – June 17

09:00 – 11:05

Countering Terrorism at the International Level and Battlefield Evidence

Dr Bibi van Ginkel Research Fellow at ICCT, Owner/founder The GloCal Connection


11:20 – 14:30

Study Visit: The Hague Court of Appeal

Wednesday – June 18

09:00 – 11:05

Countering Terrorism at the Regional Level – (African Approaches)

 **Allan Ngari** Africa Advocacy Director at Human Rights Watch

11:15 – 13:20

International Prosecution of Terrorism

Dr Nidal Nabil Jurdi International Cooperation Advisor, ICC

Thursday – June 19

11:15 – 13:20

Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters & Citizenship Stripping as a Counterterrorism Measure

Fleur de Braaf Counter-Radicalisation and Extremism Team of The Hague Municipality

13:30 – 15:35

Review (only for credit-seeking students)

18:30

Closing Dinner – TBD