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[Short course] Countering hybrid threats - Enhancing (Inter)national security and resilience

Wednesday 2 December 2026 – Countering Hybrid Threats

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening and Introductions**
Dr Rumyana van Ark (Senior Researcher, Asser Institute/University of Amsterdam)

10:15 – 11:30 **The (Inter)national Security Landscape: Understanding and Responding to Hybrid Threats**
Dr Kacper Rekawek (Senior Research Fellow, International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT))

11:30– 11:45 *Coffee and tea break*

11:45 – 13:00 **Session 1A – Cybersecurity Governance in Practice: International Law and Malicious Cyber Activities**
Maria Tolppa (NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence)

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:15 **Session 1B: Preventing and Mitigating (Non-)Military Threats**
Markus Iven (HCSS Research Fellow; Major (reserve) German Military Delegation to NATO)

15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee and tea break*

15:30 – 16:45 **Session 1C: Countering Hybrid Threats: Enhancing Defences and Building Long-term Resilience** (interactive roundtable discussion and participant reflection)
Digital and Hybrid Threats Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (the Netherlands)

Thursday 3 December 2026 – Enhancing Resilience

10:00 – 10:15 **Recap of Day 1**
Dr Rumyana van Ark (Senior Researcher, Asser Institute/University of Amsterdam)

10:15– 11:30 **Enhancing the Resilience of Critical Infrastructure: Digital (Border) Security Management**
Dr Rumyana van Ark

11:30– 11:45 *Coffee and tea break*

11:45 – 13:00 **Session 2A – National Cybersecurity Governance: Strengthening Resilience / Mitigation against Malicious Cyber Activities by Design**
Dr Cristina del Real (Assistant Professor, Leiden University)

13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch*

14:00 – 15:15 **Session 2B: Enhancing the Resilience of Critical Infrastructure: Anticipating Innovation, Emerging and Disruptive Technologies**
Dr Taylor Woodcock (Researcher, Asser Institute/University of Amsterdam)

15:15 – 15:30 *Coffee and tea break*

15:30 – 16:45 **Session 2C: Multilateral Responses to Hybrid Threats: Role of NATO**
(interactive discussion and participant reflection)

Prof. Machiko Kanetake (University of Amsterdam)
Moderator: Dr Rumyana van Ark

16:45 – 17:00 *Programme evaluation*

17:00 – 18:00 **Reception**

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* *Please note that this programme is subject to change.*