



**ASSER**  
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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)**

### 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
- 18:00      Opening Dinner – La Lanterna (Dagelijkse Groenmarkt 36, 2513 AL Den Haag)

### 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

11:00 – 13:05

#### Genocide

**Judge Guénaél Mettraux** Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers (KSC)

13:30 – 15:35

#### 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 2: admissibility issues (including complementarity, gravity, and interests of justice) and international cooperation

**Dr Rod Rastan**, Chief, Judicial Cooperation Support Section, Registry ICC

11:15 – 13:20

#### 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

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 and Counterterrorism**

**Prof. Bart Schuurman** Professor of Terrorism and Political Violence at the Institute of Security and Global Affairs, Leiden University

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**

**Taylor Kate Woodcock** Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

**Dr. Daniela Heerdt** Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

**Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz** Senior Researcher, T.M.C. Asser Instituut

### 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

13:45 – 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

11:15 – 13:20 **The Role of Intelligence in Counterterrorism**  
**Bruce MacKay** 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 – The MENA Region**  
**Dr Nidal Nabil Jurdi** International Cooperation Advisor, ICC

11:15 – 13:20 **International Prosecution of Terrorism**  
**Dr Nidal Nabil Jurdi** International Cooperation Advisor, ICC

### Thursday – June 19

09:00 – 11:05 **Countering Terrorism Through (Non-)Repatriation and Citizenship Stripping: International Legal Norms and Security Aspects**  
**Dr Christophe Paulussen** Acting Academic Director and Academic programme coordinator IHL/ICL, Asser Institute

11:15 – 13:20 **Review (only for credit-seeking students)**

18:30 **Closing Dinner – Dok28 (Dr. Lelykade 28, 2583 CM Den Haag)**