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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
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Friday – May 30

All day	Accession day II
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WEEK 2

Monday - June 2

11:00 – 13:05

Genocide

Judge Guénaël 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
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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 Jurdì International Cooperation Advisor, ICC
11:15 – 13:20	International Prosecution of Terrorism Dr Nidal Nabil Jurdì 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)