



**ASSER**  
INSTITUTE



*Centre for International & European Law*

20TH ANNUAL SUMMER LAW PROGRAM

**2026**

**INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW  
AND INTERNATIONAL LEGAL &  
COMPARATIVE APPROACHES TO  
COUNTERTERRORISM**

May 26 – June 18



## WEEK 1

### Tuesday – May 26

- 12:00 – 12:45      **Orientation, Welcome to the Programme and Introduction to the Asser Institute**
- 13:00 – 15:05      **Introduction to International Criminal Law**  
*Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers*
- 18:00                **Opening Dinner (TBC)**

### Wednesday – May 27

- 09:00 – 11:05      **The Role of States in International Criminal Law**  
*Prof. Sergey Vasiliev Professor of International Law, Open University Netherlands*
- 11:15 – 13:20      **War Crimes**  
*Geoff Roberts Defence Counsel, Kosovo Specialist Chambers*
- 17:00                **Optional lecture: Benjamin Ferencz Lecture on the Birth of International Justice**  
*Prof. Gregory S. Gordon, Peking University School of Transnational Law*

### Thursday – May 28

- 09:00 – 11:05      **Crimes Against Humanity**  
*Katherine Marsden Office of the Prosecutor, UN IRMCT*
- 11:15 – 13:20      **Genocide**  
*Judge Guénaél Mettraux Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers*
- 14:20 – 16:50      **Study Visit: International Court of Justice (ICJ)**

### Friday – May 29

- 09:00 – 11:05      **Individual and Command Responsibility**  
*Christine Keller Legal Officer, UN IRMCT*
- 11:15 – 14:00      **Study Visit: International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals (TBC)**
- 14:30 – 16:35      **Review (only for credit-seeking students)**

### Saturday – May 30

- 09:30 – 12:00      **Day trip to Amsterdam**





## WEEK 2

### Monday - June 1

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**

**Gregory Townsend** *Consultant, UN Team of Experts on Rule of Law & Sexual Violence in Conflict; former Sr. Legal Officer, ICTY & Prof. of Practice, Brandeis University*

14:20 – 16:25

#### **Career Panel**

### Tuesday – June 2

09:00 – 11:05

**International Criminal Court Part 1: Jurisdiction, applicable law, relationship with the UNSC, current situations/cases and major issues/current challenges facing the Court today**  
TBC

11:15 – 13:20

**International Criminal Court Part 2: Admissibility issues (including complementarity, gravity and interests of justice) and international cooperation**

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

### Wednesday – June 3

09:00 – 11:05

#### **Immunities and Amnesties**

**Dr Rosanne van Alebeek** *Associate Professor of International Law, University of Amsterdam*

11:15 – 13:20

#### **Court Defense Issues**

**Marie O'Leary** *Acting Principal Counsel, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Defence, International Criminal Court*

### Thursday – June 4

11:15 – 13:20

#### **Domestic prosecution of international crimes**

**Mark Roorda** *Military Expert, Public Prosecutor's Office, the Netherlands*

13:45 – 16:30

#### **Study Visit: International Criminal Court (ICC)**



**Friday – June 5**

09:00 – 11:05

**Victim Participation and Reparations before the International Criminal Court**

**Paolina Massidda** *Principal Counsel, Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims,  
International Criminal Court*

11:30 – 14:30

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

15:00 – 17:05

**Review (only for credit-seeking students)**



## WEEK 3

### Monday – June 8

- 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, Leiden University*
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Study Visit: The Hague Court of Appeal**
- 18:00 **Optional lecture: Ecocide**

### Tuesday – June 9

- 09:00 – 11:05 **The Role of States in Terrorism and Counterterrorism**  
*Dr Bibi van Ginkel Professor of Applied Sciences (Lector) on Legal Aspects of Cyber Security at The Hague University of Applied Sciences*
- 11:30 – 14:00 **Study Visit: International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)**
- 18:00 **Optional lecture: Mega Sporting Events, Law and Order: the 2026 World Cup**

### Wednesday – June 10

- 09:00 – 11:05 **Jus ad Bellum in Counterterrorism**  
*Prof. Tom Ruys Professor of International Law, Ghent University*
- 11:15 – 13:20 **Jus in Bello in Counterterrorism**  
*Prof. Marten Zwanenburg Professor of Military Law, University of Amsterdam*

### Thursday – June 11

- 09:00 – 11:05 **Counterterrorism in the Law Enforcement Paradigm**  
*Dr Jessica Dorsey Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University*
- 11:15 – 13:20 **Interplay Between Jus ad Bellum, Jus in Bello and Human Rights Law: The Use Of Drones**  
*Dr Jessica Dorsey Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University*
- 14:00 – 15:00 **Working in The Hague**

### Friday – June 12

- 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, Leiden University; Director, Human Rights in Practice*



11:15 – 13:20

**Right-wing violent extremism**

Dr Bàrbara Molas *Senior Analyst, RAND Europe*

13:30 – 15:35

**Review (only for credit-seeking students)**



## WEEK 4

### Monday – June 15

09:00 – 11:05 **The Crime-Terrorism Nexus**  
**Dr Brian Phillips** *Reader, University of Essex*

### Tuesday – June 16

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*

14:15 – 17:00 **Study Visit: Eurojust**

### Wednesday – June 17

09:00 – 11:05 **Trying Terrorism Domestically: *The Dutch Example***  
TBC

11:15 – 13:20 **Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Foreign Terrorist Fighters**  
**Fleur de Braaf** *Counter-Radicalisation and Extremism Team, The Hague Municipality*

### Thursday – June 18

09:00 – 11:05 **Countering Terrorism Through (Non-)Repatriation and Citizenship Stripping:  
International Legal Norms and Security Aspects**  
**Dr Christophe Paulussen** *Senior researcher international law, Asser Institute*

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

18:00 **Closing Dinner**