



THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BATTLEFIELD

- A Critical Look at the Legal Paradigms and Rules in Countering Terrorism –

10 & 11 January 2013, The Hague

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday 10 January 2013:

09:30 – 10:00 Registration/Coffee and Tea

10:00 – 10:15 Opening remarks and announcements/introduction

10:15 – 11:00 **Panel I: *Whenever War?: Temporal Limitations of Armed Conflict***

This panel will address the temporal limitations to contemporary armed conflicts, i.e., the moments at which an armed conflict begins and ends. The threshold of application of IHL will also be explored in this context.

11:00 – 11:45 Discussion

11:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15 **Panel II: *Wherever War?: Geographic Limitations of Armed Conflict***

Where can a war be fought? Where is the battlefield in an armed conflict (i.e., does it have a territorial scope tied to a nation state or a geographic region)? Is an armed conflict related to a “hot battlefield” or does the conflict follow the participants wherever they may go? These and other related questions will be discussed.

14:15 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee/Tea Break

15:30 – 16:15 **Panel III: *IHL and Human Rights Law: menu à la carte?***

The extraterritorial applicability of certain human rights treaties, principles of non-derogation, and ideas about whether IHL is the *lex specialis* and therefore always controls within an armed conflict or if there can be concurrent application of IHRL in certain situations or times where IHRL controls in an *in bello* framework will be the themes of this panel.

16:15 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Summary and Announcements

Friday 11 January 2013:

09:30 – 10:00 Registration/Coffee and Tea

10:00 – 10:15 Opening remarks and announcements/introduction

10:15 – 11:00 **Panel IV: *A case study on targeted killings and drones***

After the first day's theoretical approach, this panel will look at a specific and concrete case study on targeted killings and drones. Experts will discuss matters inherent to conflicts with non-state actors where states blur the lines between armed conflict and self-defense in using force, especially against individuals.

11:00 – 11:45 Discussion

11:45 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:15 **Panel V: *Law Enforcement Approach in Counterterrorism***

Here, experts will discuss the framework and particular examples of when law enforcement has been comprehensively successful in apprehending, detaining, questioning and judicially trying terrorist suspects.

14:15 – 15:00 Discussion

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee/Tea Break

15:30 – 16:15 **Panel VI: *The Way Forward: The Need for a New Framework for Counterterrorism?***

Influenced and informed by all previous panels, this last session will give the experts a forum to reflect on the conference's discussions and contributions in order to develop a way forward regarding approaches to counterterrorism in the future.

16:15 – 17:00 Discussion

17:00 – 17:15 Summary and Closing Remarks

17:15 – 19:00 Reception