**Headlines**

- **Asser wins two MTEC tenders**
  The T.M.C. Asser Instituut will once again develop and deliver two MTEC training programmes in the Autumn of 2011: MTEC Administration of Justice & MTEC Legislation. The MATRA Training programmes for European Cooperation are organised under the auspices of the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will be executed by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut on behalf of NL EVP Internationaal. The objectives of the programmes are to train senior civil servants (legal experts and policy makers) in those areas relevant for their country’s relationship with the European Union. The training programmes are also intended to stimulate and help develop good relationships between the participants and with the relevant Dutch departments. Each programme will register a maximum of 50 participants from the eligible countries, namely Croatia, Turkey, Macedonia, Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and Russia. [more info below]

- **Inaugural lecture by Prof. Dr. Rob Siekmann**
  On June 10, Prof. Dr. Robert Siekmann held his inaugural lecture “Wat is Sportrecht”. With this lecture he accepted the Chair of International and European Sports Law at the Erasmus University of Rotterdam.

To listen to the interview given by Prof. Dr. Siekmann gave to Radio 1 prior to his lecture, please follow [this link](http://www.asser.nl). [more info]

- **Research School Human Rights Accredited**
  The Research School Quality Assurance Committee (ECOS) of the Royal Dutch Academy of Sciences has decided to re-accredit the School of Human Rights Research for another six years. ECOS is of the view that the education program for junior researchers and the research cooperation within the School more than meet the applicable international quality standards.

The School of Human Rights is an inter-university alliance of universities and research institutes – a joint effort of the School of Law and the Faculty of the Humanities of Utrecht University, and the Faculties of Law of Maastricht University, Erasmus University Rotterdam, Tilburg University and Leiden University. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut also participates in the Research School. The Netherlands Institute of Human Rights (SIM) of the Faculty of Law at Utrecht University is entrusted with the administration of the School and hosts the secretariat and management of the School. [full article]

**Research and Projects**

- **Latest publications by Asser Researchers:**
Legal Advice

- **Legal Advisory Service**
The Legal Advisory Service of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut regularly provides (tailor-made) legal advice on Private International Law issues to lawyers, notaries and legal counselors.  

Recent Events

- **18 April 2011: Training for Lebanese Judges and Lawyers**

  On 18 April 2011, the TMC Asser Instituut organized a seminar for 40 Lebanese judges and lawyers in cooperation with the Lebanese NGO Justice without Frontiers (Lebanon) and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. The training aimed to provide participants with information about international criminal law and the role of the relevant international institutions with a seat in The Hague. Two lectures were given by Hanna Brollowski, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, at the Steigenberger Kurhaus followed by field visits to the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the International Court of Justice, the International Criminal Court and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. The event was the second of this kind. It was carried out successfully and similar events are expected for the future.

- **6 April 2011: How to find EU information**

  On 6 April the Asser Institute's information specialists Elisabeth Gorkovoi and Victorine Verkruysen have given a one day course on How to find EU information (Vinden van EU informatie). The course, aimed at a Dutch audience, will be repeated on 16 November.  

- **23 - 27 May: Visit from Vietnamese Competition Authority (VCA), department Consumer Protection**

  A group civil servants from the Vietnamese Competition Authority (VCA), department Consumer Protection, came to The Hague during the week of 23-27 May 2011. The purpose of the visit was to enhance the investigation skills of the VCA and to provide information about the enforcement of Dutch Consumer Protection Law. The project is funded by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs via Agentschap.nl.

- **15 June 2011: Definition of Terrorism Lecture by Prof. Michael P. Scharf**

  Prof. Scharf: John Deaver Drinko -- Baker & Hostetler Professor of Law Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center US Director of the Canada-US Law Institute Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He gave a lecture on the Definition of Terrorism and the STL’s Appellate Judgement.

New Events

- **28 June 2011: The EU as a Polity in International Law**

  Peace Palace, The Hague  
  Tuesday 28 June, 2011. 16.00-19.00 hours
The conference will be chaired by Professor Steven Blockmans - Chairman (T.M.C. Asser Institutuut The Hague, University of Leuven)

30 June 2011: Seminar with Prof. Tim McCormack on "International Criminal Court and Terrorist Offences"

Prof. Tim McCormack is a Professor of Law at the Melbourne Law School and the Special Adviser on International Humanitarian Law to the prosecutor of the International Criminal Court in The Hague. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the University of Tasmania Law School. On the occasion of this Seminar, Prof McCormack will discuss whether terrorist offences can be considered as falling within the jurisdiction of the ICC, even though the Rome Statute does not expressly refer to this type of crime or, in the absence of amendments to the Rome Statute, whether terrorist offences can only be prosecuted through the creation of ad hoc tribunals.

7 & 8 November 2011: EUROPOL & EUROJUST: Their role in EU Police and Judicial Cooperation

Preparations are underway to deliver the third training programme on the roles of both Europol and Eurojust in EU Police and Judicial Cooperation. Recent discussions on the programme structure and content between the Project Leader, Claudio Matera and representatives from both Europol and Eurojust ensure that this unique programme will cover the most contemporary and relevant issues delivering ‘must have’ information to professionals of the EU Member States involved with police and judicial cooperation.

30 August 2011: 4th Annual International Conference Nuclear Dilemma’s: present and beyond

The T.M.C. Asser Institutuut together with the Netherlands Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of Kazakhstan, will organize the 4th Annual International Conference Nuclear Dilemmas: Present and Beyond, to take place on Tuesday 30th August, 2011 at the Peace Palace in The Hague. Keynote speakers are the Mr. Uri Rosenthal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of The Netherlands and Mr. Kanat Saudabayev, Secretary of State of Kazakhstan. The International day against Nuclear Testing (August 29th) was declared during the 64th session of the U.N General Assembly, through the unanimous adoption of resolution 64/35 on Dec. 2, 2009.

The conference will take place during the 2nd Annual Summer Programme on Disarmament and Non-proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction, from 29 August to 3 September 2011. This summer programme is the result of a unique collaboration between the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and T.M.C. Asser Institutuut. Participants in the training programme will also attend the conference.

7 – 18 November 2011: MATRA Training for European Cooperation (MTEC): Administration of Justice

The objective of this training programme is to provide the necessary knowledge and to transmit the necessary skills to policy advisors, members of the judiciary and other civil servants working for the administration of justice in order for them to lead and inspire the modernisation of the judicial systems of their home countries building from the Dutch experience.


The primary objective of the course is to train senior civil servants (legal experts and policy makers) in the various basic principles of the legislative process and in those areas of relevance for dealing with the EU acquis such that the course participants are equipped with knowledge, insights and practical skills that will enable them to develop their legal order and legislative processes back home in line with the best practices from the Netherlands and the EU. A secondary (dual) objective is to raise awareness about the specificities and commonalities of neighbouring countries’ legislation and legislative processes and to advance interaction (promote networking) among the participants and between them and their Dutch counterparts, such that the effect is to stimulate and strengthen the legislative cooperation and information sharing with and between the participating countries.

22 & 29 September: In company training Ministry of Transport, Public Works and Water Management on Treaty Law

The training will be provided to the maritime section of the Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, tailored to relevant practical areas. Accordingly, it will be centered around treaty law, but also cover issues such as soft law and extend to both EU law and public international law.
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**Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise**

**Upcoming Events:**
- **14-18 November 2011:** 5-Day course on International Law for judges and other professionals in the justice sector
  This course is open for registration for English speaking judges or other professionals in the field, such as prosecutors, ministry officials and lawyers, who may be confronted with aspects of international law in their daily work and wish to strengthen their theoretical and practical knowledge of international law.
  <more info>

**Latest events:**
- **Sri Lanka**
  From 4 to 8 April a Hague Forum course on international law for Sri Lankan judges will took place at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague. The course was sponsored by the Dutch Embassy in Colombo and the Dutch Council for the Judiciary. The training focused on international law and international human rights law and international criminal law. The course also provided participants with some practical tools to assist them in carrying out their tasks in Sri Lanka.

- **Jordan**
  From 12 to 20 April 2011 a Hague Forum course on International law for 20 judges from Jordan took place at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague. Finance was provided by the Dutch Embassy in Amman. The course focused on international law and international human rights law. The course also had a special focus on the International Criminal Court, since Jordan is one of the few countries in the region to have signed the Rome Statute.

**More information on the Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise at [www.hfje.nl](http://www.hfje.nl)**

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**The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism**

**Upcoming Activities:**
- **Seminar Special Tribunal for Lebanon and Terrorism**
  Event | 15 June 2011

- **Seminar International Criminal Court and Terrorist Offences**
  Event | 30 June 2011

- **Roundtable Preventive Counter-Terrorism Measures & Non-Discrimination in the EU**
  Event | 8 July 2011

- **Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in the Post- 9/11 World**
  Event | 22-26 August 2011

- **More information on the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism and its activities at [www.icct.nl](http://www.icct.nl)**

**Asser Press**

- **Bookpresentation 9 May 2011:** “Inleiding Humanitair Oorlogsrecht”, written by the Dutch Red Cross
  In Humanity House in The Hague Chief of Defence General Peter van Uhm received the first copy from the hands of former Chief of Defence and now Dutch Red Cross board member Dick Berlijn.

- **The Role of Social Services of General Interest (SSGIs) in EU Law: New Challenges and Tensions**
  12-13 May 2011, University of Copenhagen, Denmark
  During this two-day international conference on the role of social services of general interest (SSGIs) in EU law T.M.C. Asser Press, represented by its publisher Philip van Tongeren, successfully launched its new Legal Issues for Services of General Interest Series (J.van de Gronden, U. Neergaard, M. Krajewski, E. Szyszczak, Eds.) with the presentation of its first two volumes: Health Care and EU Law and Developments in Services of General Interest. There was much interest and praise for this Series.
For recent and forthcoming publications of T.M.C. Asser Press please visit www.asserpress.nl

Vacancies at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- Traineeships International Law <more info>

Other

- New Event Manager per 15 June 2011 Daphne Kapel
  After working for several years in Brussels as a policy advisor for a Dutch Member of the European Parliament, Daphne Kapel started on June 15th as the new Event Manager of the Institute. Prior to her career in Brussels she was a marketing-sales assistant for a Norwegian computer company. Daphne Kapel has studied Communication Management at InterCollege Business School in The Hague.

- New Sports Law Coordinator per 30 May 2011 Karen L. Jones
  Karen L. Jones, JD, MA, has a business, Policies Etc Management & Mediation Services, and for five (5) years has co-chaired and helped found a Legal Clinic in Chicago. She has extensive corporate experience in program development/evaluation, contracts negotiation, vendor management and compliance, and has implemented several programs across the United States and globally. Karen has conducted seminars and presented papers at professional conferences domestically and internationally. She has taught and developed curriculum for several corporate and university courses. In the Fall of 2010, she was a visiting scholar in the Labour Law Institute at University of Leuven, Belgium.

Karen has a master's in sociology, juris doctorate (law), and holds certificates in International Business Law and mediation. She hopes to complete a PhD over the next few years and looks forward to learning about Dutch culture and working with everyone at Asser.

- New Senior Researcher IHL/ ICL per June 1st 2011 Christophe Paulussen
  Christophe Paulussen (1979) was born in Maastricht where he also attended high school (gymnasium alpha). After a year of French (language) courses at the Université Marc Bloch (Strasbourg) and the Université Catholique de l'Ouest (Angers), he went to Tilburg to study law. After a propedeuse Dutch law, a doctoraal International and European Law (in which context he also did an internship at the Asser Institute under the supervision of Avril McDonald) and a research master, he started working as a PhD candidate at the Department of European and International Public Law of Tilburg University in 2005. On 24 September 2010, Christophe defended his PhD thesis Male captus bene detentus? Surrendering suspects to the International Criminal Court in Tilburg, after which he became an assistant professor at the same university.

- Visiting Research position at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut by Drs. L. Erkelens extended
  Drs. Leendert Erkelens has extended his stay as Asser Visiting Researcher for 12 months. Leendert Erkelens started his professional career as a researcher at the Criminological Institute of Groningen State University. The main part of his career he served in different departments of the Dutch Ministry of Justice. Drug policy was among his areas of responsibility. Finally he was attached to the Dutch Permanent Representation to the EU in Brussels responsible for EU criminal law dossiers. At the T.M.C. Asser Instituut, Erkelens has contributed to the formulation of different research projects, among which a proposal on the prevention of corruption and fraud committed by legal entities, which has been submitted to the European Commission for funding. Erkelens recently co-authored an article with Steven Blockmans on the ministerial obligation to care under the Dutch Opium Act (forthcoming) and is currently finalizing a publication with the same co-author on the institutional dynamics of establishing the European External Action Service. In the context of CLEER he will conduct research on the EU anti-piracy mission EU NAVFOR Atalanta, off the coast of Somalia, more in particular the judicial volet of arresting and prosecuting suspects of piracy.

- Prof. Dr. Rob Siekmann selected Mr. van de week by Mr. Magazine <full article>

- 22 June 2011: Röling Lecture by Prof. Nico Schrijver organized by the Peace Palace Library <more info>

- In Memoriam: Dr. Avril Jane McDonald (5 July 1965 - 13 April 2010) <full article>
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