Advanced Summer Programme

Countering Terrorism in the Post 9/11 World: Legal Challenges and Dilemmas

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Countering Terrorism: Legal Challenges and Dilemmas

More than a decade after 9/11, the international community is still fighting al Qaeda – the use of drones has become a common tool in terrorism hot spots, while leaks by Edward Snowden have revealed extensive spying activities in the US, Europe and beyond. This Summer Programme will focus primarily on issues related to rule of law: questions such as the scope and limitations of armed conflict, the interplay between international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as well as the use of drones, the role of intelligence, the police and prosecutors in counter-terrorism, on both the domestic level and the level of the international tribunals. The Programme will provide the legal background underlying pertinent questions that counter-terrorism (CT) professionals regularly face.

Programme

This advanced Summer Programme is organised by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in cooperation with the International Centre for Counter Terrorism – The Hague (ICCT) for the fourth time.

The objective of this unique Summer Programme is to provide participants with an overview of the topics outlined above, exploring the theoretical and more practical questions of the legality of many CT strategies. The programme aims to provoke critical thinking about such issues as:

- Defining Terrorism under International and Domestic Laws;
- The War Paradigm vs the Law Enforcement Paradigm;
- The Role of International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law in Countering Terrorism;
- Targeted Killings and the Use of Drones in Countering Terrorism: Legal, Moral, Technical and Efficiency Issues;
- The Role of Intelligence and the Police in Countering Terrorism;
- The Protection and Use of Witnesses in Terrorism Cases;
- Trying Terrorists at the Domestic and International Level;
The programme will be delivered by a team of international and national leading experts working in the field of counter-terrorism. Last year’s speakers included Prof. Dr. Richard English (University of St Andrews), Dr. Guido Acquaviva (Special Tribunal for Lebanon), Mr. Maajid Nawaz (Quilliam Foundation), Mr. Alexander van Dam (Dutch Senior Public Prosecutor) and Mr. Richard Barrett (former coordinator of the UN al Qaeda/Taliban Monitoring Team). In addition, study trips were organized to the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and Eurojust.

“The study visits were highly beneficial and added great value to my knowledge, perspective and understanding.”

Participant of the Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism 2013

Target Audience

The programme is tailored towards CT professionals with an academic background in areas such as law, security studies, international relations, conflict studies or other related fields who want to expand their knowledge of the underlying legal tenets and dilemmas in CT. It should be noted that a legal background for this course, however, is desirable but not required. The programme is also open for advanced graduate students who wish to pursue a career in CT.

“The Summer Programme gave me a 360° perspective on the issue of countering terrorism.”

Participant of the Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism 2013
Organisers

T.M.C. Asser Instituut

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague is a distinctive, inter-university research institute specialised in International and European law and a leading and authoritative provider of executive education to students and professionals operating in the judicial sector.

The Institute initiates, develops and provides education - tailor-made programmes and summer programmes – to students and professionals working in the judicial sector.

Each programme has a high degree of flexibility and competence, taking advantage of our academic integration and our extensive network of excellent and renowned speakers and teaching staff.

Working with partners from complementary fields we are successful in creating truly unique and highly relevant programmes on a variety of subjects and levels for a diverse range of participants including among others students, judges, prosecutors, legislators, civil servants, diplomats and lawyers.

Located in the heart of the international justice community, within walking distance of such international organisations as the ICTY, the OPCW, and the Peace Palace (which houses the International Court of Justice and the Permanent Court of Arbitration), the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is the perfect host for organising Summer Programmes in international law.

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague is an independent think tank and knowledge hub that focuses on information creation, collation and dissemination pertaining to the preventative and international legal aspects of counter-terrorism.

ICCT’s work focuses on themes at the intersection of preventing and countering violent extremism and human rights and rule of law related aspects of counter-terrorism. As such, the centre works on, for instance, de- and counter-radicalisation, the rehabilitation and reintegration of violent extremist offenders, the promotion of civil society actors and victims’ voices in countering violent extremism, preventing and countering incitement to terrorism, and effective rule of law based approaches in terrorism court cases.

ICCT – The Hague connects academics, policymakers, civil society actors and practitioners from different fields by providing a platform for productive collaboration, practical analysis, and exchange of experiences and expertise, with the ultimate aim of identifying innovative, effective, and comprehensive approaches to preventing and countering terrorism.
Practical Information

Registration *
You can register by completing the online application form at: www.asser.nl/CounteringTerrorism

The deadline for application is: 14 July 2014

Fees
€ 1,695

This fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, water/tea/coffee and lunch during workings days, a reception and an opening dinner.

The fee does not cover (international) travel costs, domestic travel to and from airports etc., (hotel) accommodation, insurance or other expenses. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague.

Contact
For more information or questions please contact educationtraining@asser.nl

* Please read the Registration Information & Conditions carefully before registration
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Enrolment

1. You may register via the website by submitting the completed online registration form at www.asser.nl/counteringterrorism.
2. Each participant should use a separate form.
3. The deadline for registration is 14 July 2014.
4. Upon receipt of the completed registration form, a confirmation letter and payment details will be sent to you by email.
5. Your registration is complete once the online registration form has been submitted and the payment has been received.
6. The registration form constitutes a legally binding agreement. By submitting the completed registration form the registrant declares to be in accordance with the requirements and provisions described therein.
7. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held responsible for the non-arrival of registration information. If you have not received confirmation of your registration within 7 working days of submitting, please contact educationtraining@asser.nl.
8. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut reserves the right to withhold registration.

Fees and Payment Conditions

1. Fees for the week long programme are €1695 -
2. The fee includes lectures, study materials, study visits, refreshments and lunch during working days, a reception and an opening dinner.
3. The balance due must be made, and received in full, four weeks prior to the commencement of the Summer Programme (28 July, 2014).
4. Participants are responsible for the cost of all international travel, accommodation, evening meals (approximately €30 per day), and if applicable, any visa charges and medical insurance. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut can provide prospective participants with a list of suitable hotels in The Hague (€70-120 per day).

Cancellation Policy

1. Cancellations will only be accepted when your request for cancellation is submitted by e-mail to educationtraining@asser.nl.
2. If you cancel less than two weeks prior to the starting date of the Summer Programme, please note that a €200 processing fee will be charged. The remaining fees paid will be refunded.
3. No refunds will be made on the registrations not cancelled within the allotted time.
4. The T.M.C Asser Instituut reserves the right to cancel the Summer Programme. In the event that such action is necessary, registrants will be informed at least four weeks in advance of the starting date of the programme.
5. In the event that the T.M.C. Asser Instituut cancels the Summer Programme, the full sum paid will be reimbursed.

Visa

1. If you require a visa to visit the Netherlands, you are strongly advised to apply for your visa at least eight weeks prior to your departure to the Netherlands. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut does not arrange visas but will assist visa applicants where appropriate.

Liability

1. The T.M.C. Asser Instituut cannot be held liable for personal injuries or for loss and/or damage to the personal belongings of participants either during or as a result of their participation in the programme.