

LACMO International Research Network Launch Conference

Rise and Fall of ISIS

Dates: 26-27 September

Venue: Royal Institute of the Tropics (KIT) Maurits Room, Mauritskade 63, Amsterdam- [Google Maps](#)

Hosted by the Amsterdam Center for International Law, Research Group Law of Armed Conflict and Military Operations and the Faculty of Military Sciences, Netherlands Defence Academy

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 25 September, 17:00 – 19:00: ‘Icebreaker’ informal reception in the Park Restaurant of the Arena Hotel 's-Gravesandestraat 51, 1092 AA Amsterdam - [Google maps](#)

Wednesday 26 September Royal Institute of the Tropics, Maurits Room

8:30-8:45: Welcome and Opening and Round of Introduction - **Prof. Terry Gill**

8:45- 9:45: Guest Key Note Speaker **Dr Robert Johnson** (Pembroke College Oxford, Director Changing Character of War Program at Oxford)*, *Background to the Conflict: What is/was ISIS, what were its goals and how did its ideology and aims shape the conflict?*

9:45-10:00: Coffee Break

10:00-11:15: Workshop 1** - *International intervention in the Iraq and Syrian Civil Wars: Strategic diplomacy and proxy warfare. Aims of outside participants and the relationship between broader strategic aims and the course of the conflict in Iraq and Syria*

Chair: **Prof. Terry Gill** (UvA/NLDA)

Speakers: **Prof. Frans Osinga** (Department of War Studies , Netherlands Defence Academy (NLDA)), **Wystse van den Berg** (Department War Studies, NLDA)

11: 15-12:15: Workshop 2 - *Operation Inherent Resolve and the law relating to self-defence, Russian and Iranian Intervention in Syria and Turkish intervention against Syrian Kurds and the international law on the use of force*

Chair: **Prof. Paul Ducheine** (Cyber Warfare and Law of Cyber Operations NLDA/UvA)

Speakers: **Prof. Terry Gill**, **Dr Kinga Tibori Szabo** (Senior Research Fellow UvA)

Commentator: **Prof. Lt. Col. Shane Reeves** (US Military Academy Legal Advisor in Operation *Inherent Resolve*)

12:15-13:00: Lunch Break



- 13:00-14:45: Workshop 3 - *Air Power: uses, effectiveness and limitations in the campaign against ISIS; Law of targeting and its application in the aerial campaign against ISIS*
Chair: **Prof. Mike Schmitt** (US Naval War College)
Speakers: **Dr Ben Lambeth** (formerly Rand Corporation and US Air University, currently senior non-resident fellow CSBA on US/Coalition Air Strategy), *The Air War against ISIS How a Flawed Start Needlessly Prolonged the Three-Year Campaign*; **Major Nick** and **Prof. Lt. Col. Shane Reeves**
- 14:45-15:00: Coffee/Tea Break
- 15:00- 16:15: Workshop 4 - *Conflict Spillover: ISIS (inspired) terrorism in Europe; responses and applicable law*
Chair: **Prof. Eric Myjer** (Emeritus Professor Conflict & Security Law UU)
Speakers: **Dr Christophe Paulussen** (TMC Asser Institute, member LACMO Research Group), *Emergency Responses to ISIS Inspired Terrorism*; **Prof. Jan Wouters** (University of Leuven), Thomas van Poucke (University of Leuven), *EU Approach to Counter Terrorism*
- 16:15-17:30 Workshop 5 - *Intelligence, Information and Influence in the Operations by and against ISIS*
Chair: **Prof. Frans Osinga**
Speakers: **Prof. Bas Rietjens** (Intelligence and Security studies NLDA); **Prof. Paul Ducheine**
- 17:3 Closing
- 18:45 Meet in Arena Hotel to walk to restaurant “*Mama Makan*’ Indonesian restaurant in Hyatt Regency Hotel, Spinozastraat 61, Amsterdam - [Google maps](#)
- 19:00- 21:45: Dinner

Thursday 27 September Royal Institute of the Tropics, Maurits room

- 9:00-10:15: **Workshop 6 - Which Law?; UN Security Council Resolutions as Alternative Legal Regime on Counter Terrorism; Application of International Human Rights Law to ISIS governance in the ‘Caliphate’; Detention and Human Rights Law**
Chair: **Prof. Terry Gill**
Speakers: **Prof. Naz Modirzadeh** (Harvard Law School, PILAC); **Dr Katharine Fortin** (UU/Member of LACMO Research Group); **Dr Federica Favuzza** (University of Milan)
- 10:15-10:30: Coffee break



10:30-12:00 Closing Roundtable - *What is the Impact of ISIS In and Outside the Middle East and What Next?*

Chair: **Prof. Terry Gill**

Speakers: **Prof. Jann Kleffner** (Swedish National Defence University) and others

Possible Topics: *Impact of ISIS on region and further afield, Post-ISIS strategic situation in the region, ISIS copycats and "sleeper cells": is it really over?, When and where does the legal claim of self-defence and the applicability of the law of armed conflict cease?, Future of Iraq and Syria*

12:00-12:15: Closing Remarks - **Prof. Terry Gill**

12:15-13:00: Farewell Lunch

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* Presentation of approximately 40 minutes followed by discussion

** Workshops will have 1-2 speakers who set out the main issues and positions for approx. 15-20 minutes each, followed by discussion