



THE ‘SILENT LEGES INTER ARMA?’ CONFERENCE IX

By the *Belgian Group* under the Auspices of the
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAMME

Ref.: ISMLLW 1261 N E 1 a

Grand Hotel Casselbergh, Bruges
15-18 September 2026



Tuesday 15 September 2026

	Arrival of the participants
14:00 – 17:00	Registration
14:00 – 15:15	Meeting of the Managing Board of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (separate invitations sent to the MB members)
15:30 – 17:00	Meeting of the Board of Directors of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (separate invitations sent to the BOD members)
18:00 – 19:30	Official welcome & opening drink hosted (Venue TBD)

Wednesday 16 September 2026

- 08:30 – 09:15 Registration
- 09:30 – 10:00 Opening of the Conference
- Keynote speech – What Compass for Europe in Times of Geopolitical Rivalry?
- 10:00 – 10:45 Group photo & Coffee/Tea
- 10:45 – 12:30 Session 1 – The Non-Intervention Principle in Today’s World
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet
- 14:00 – 17:15 Social-cultural Programme in Bruges
- Details will be provided by email

Thursday 17 September 2026

- 08:30 – 10:30 Session 2 – Total Defence from an International Humanitarian Law Perspective
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee/Tea
- 11:00– 12:30 Session 3 – Current International Law Debates in the Cyber Domain
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch buffet
- 13:40 – 15:20 Session 4 – Dealing with the Shadow Fleet in accordance with International and National Law
- 15:20 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea
- 16:00 – 17:30 Session 5 – Rights & Protection of Local Staff in International Missions
- Free evening

Friday 18 September 2026

- 08:30 – 10:00 Session 6 – International Humanitarian Law Preparedness in Peacetime
- 10:00 – 10:30 Coffee/Tea
- 10:30 – 12:00 Session 7 – Humanitarian Access in Non-International Armed Conflicts
- 12:00 – 12:25 Special Presentation – The Impact of Armed Conflict on Gender Issues and How This May play a Role in IHL Interpretation
- 12:25 – 12:50 Special Presentation – From Electromagnetic Interference to Electromagnetic Warfare (TBC)
- 12:50 – 13:00 Closing ceremony

Supporting Partner

Netherlands Defence Academy