



International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
‘Société Internationale de Droit Militaire et de Droit de la Guerre’

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

Opening drink hosted at the bar of the Grand Hotel Casselbergh

Wednesday 16 September 2026

08:30 – 09:15	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	<u>Opening of the Conference</u>
09:45 – 10:30	Group photo & Coffee/Tea
10:30 – 12:15	<u>Session 1 – The Non-Intervention Principle in Today's World</u>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch buffet
14:00 – 17:15	<u>Social-cultural Programme in Bruges</u>

Details will be provided by email

Thursday 17 September 2026

08:30 – 09:00	<u>Keynote speech – What Compass for Europe in Times of Geopolitical Rivalry?</u>
09:00 – 10:30	<u>Session 2 – Current International Law Debates in the Cyber Domain</u>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee/Tea
11:00 – 12:30	<u>Session 3 – Dealing with the Shadow Fleet in accordance with International and National Law</u>
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch buffet
13:40 – 15:20	<u>Session 4 – Total Defence from an International Humanitarian Law Perspective</u>
15:20 – 16:00	Coffee/Tea
16:00 – 17:30	<u>Session 5 – Rights & Protection of Local Staff in International Missions</u>

Free evening

Friday 18 September 2026

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

Supporting Partner

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