

Asser Today

Newsletter of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut

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The Hague, The Netherlands

Headlines

➤ T.M.C. Asser Instituut Summer Programmes The Hague 2012

During the coming months, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut will host no less than four unique summer schools in The Hague, “the Legal Capital of the World”. The programmes cover a diverse range of topics including international criminal law, counter-terrorism, disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and trade law. Registration for these programmes is now open to students, graduates, professionals and other interested parties. . [<more info>](#)

Research and Projects

➤ Launch ‘International Crimes Database & Web-Environment’

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut will launch the ‘International Crimes Database & Web-Environment’, medio 2012. This project, requested and subsidized by the Dutch Ministry of Security and Justice, aims to disseminate comprehensive information on international crimes and their prosecution, in an efficient and accessible manner to the widest possible audience. The online database, an earlier version of which was hosted on The Hague Justice Portal, allows you to access domestic case law that deals with international criminal law from countries all over the world. [<more info>](#)

➤ Latest publications by Asser Researchers:

- Karen Jones, Corporate Codes, IFAs and Multinational Corporate Social Responsibility 10 years after the UN Global Compact, Bulletin of Comparative Labour Relations (BCLR), Vol. 80, 2012, pp. 135-149.
- V. Lazic, ‘The Commission’s Proposal to Amend the Arbitration Exception in the EC Jurisdiction Regulation: How “Much Ado About Nothing” can end up in a “Comedy of Errors” and in Anti-suit Injunctions Brussels-style, Journal of International Arbitration 29, no. 1, February (2012) pp. 19-48.

Recent Events

➤ 10 February 2012, Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2012 National Rounds



On February 10, 2012 the 4th Dutch round of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition took place at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in The Hague. The team of Utrecht University won and will participate in the International Rounds at the end of March/beginning of April in Washington DC, USA.



New Events

➤ Sports Fraud Roundtable Seminar 26 April 2012

Asser International Sports Law Centre (ISLC) is preparing a roundtable seminar to focus on the issue of sports fraud. This is a subject that continues to gain attention not only in the local news but also within the European Union and elsewhere in the world. It is a problem that threatens the integrity of sports and one for which limited solutions exist.

Asser ISLC will engage key speakers and participants in the sports law community to examine this issue and discuss the approaches being taken to develop a solution. NOVA points will be available for this seminar. If you would like to be included on the e-mailing list for this upcoming seminar, please contact sportslaw@asser.nl. As soon as more information on the seminar becomes available it will be posted at www.asser.nl/events.aspx

➤ 'Legal Approximation and Application of EU Law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?'

Ghent University, in cooperation with CLEER, is organising a one-day conference devoted to 'Legal Approximation and Application of EU Law in the Eastern Neighbourhood of the European Union: Towards a Common Regulatory Space?' The conference will be held at the Convention Centre 'Het Pand', Onderbergen 1, Ghent (Belgium) on Tuesday 19 June 2012. Speakers include Prof. Peter van Elsuwege, Prof. Marc Maresceau, Prof. Roman Petrov, Prof. Christophe Hillion, Dr. Adam Lazowski, Dr. Gaga Gabrichidze, Dr. Paul Kalinichenko, Prof. Dimitry Kochenov and Prof. Steven Blockmans.

As soon as more information on this conference becomes available it will be posted at www.asser.nl/events.aspx

Events Calendar

May 10-11

[CLEER Conference "One year after the Arab Spring: The European Union's relations with the Southern-Mediterranean region", Seville, Spain](#)

25 May

[CLEER Workshop "Human Rights and EU Crisis Management Operations: A Duty to Respect and to Protect?", The Hague](#)

May 30

[HILAC Lecture by Dieter Fleck: "New Perspectives on the Law of Non-International Armed Conflict", The Hague, The Netherlands](#)

June 4 - 30

[Summer Law Program on International Criminal Law, with the War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law. The Hague, The Netherlands](#)

August 27-31

[Advanced Summer Programme on Countering Terrorism in the post 9/11 world, The Hague, The Netherlands](#)

September 3 - 7

[Third Annual Summer Programme on WMD Disarmament & Non-Proliferation, The Hague, The Netherlands](#)

September 17 - 21

[Advanced WTO Training Programme: Recent Trends and Emerging Issues, The Hague, The Netherlands](#)

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Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise

THE HAGUE FORUM
FOR JUDICIAL EXPERTISE

Upcoming Events:

- **November 2012: 5-Day course on International Law for judges and other professionals in the justice sector**

This course is intended 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 thereof. As soon as more information comes available it will be posted at www.asser.nl and www.hfje.nl

- **More information on the Hague Forum for Judicial Expertise at www.hfje.nl**

The International Centre for Counter-Terrorism

ICCT International Centre for
Counter-Terrorism - The Hague

Upcoming Activities:

- **27-31 August 2012: Summer Programme “Countering Terrorism in the post 9/11 World”**

This unique course will be delivered by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut and the ICCT- The Hague for the second time this year. [<more info>](#)

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- **Commentary on the NDAA 2012 and its Controversial Counter-Terrorism Provisions**

On 31 December 2011, US President Obama signed the ‘National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012’ (NDAA 2012). When signing it into law, President Obama admitted he had reservations about its contents. Whilst there are numerous provisions of the NDAA 2012 that could be critically commented upon, ICCT – The Hague Research Fellow Dr. Christophe Paulussen, in the latest ICCT Commentary, specifically reviews Sections 1021 and 1022 – probably the act’s most controversial counter-terrorism provisions. [<read more>](#)

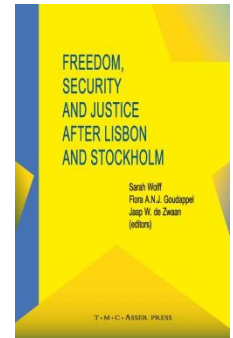
- **More information on the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism and its activities at www.icct.nl**

Asser Press



- **Book presentation “Freedom, Security and Justice after Lisbon and Stockholm”**

On 20th January T.M.C. Asser Press, in collaboration with the Clingendael Institute and the Erasmus University School of Law hosted a book presentation of the title “for Freedom, Security and Justice after Lisbon and Stockholm” (ISBN 978-90-6704-317-5), edited by Sarah Wolff, Flora A.N.J. Goudappel, Jaap W. de Zwaan. The venue was at ProDemos, Huis voor democratie en rechtsstaat in The Hague.



The keynote speech, delivered by Ernst Hirsch Ballin, Professor at Tilburg and Amsterdam University and former Minister of Justice, was followed by a Panel discussion with three of the book contributors: Marlèn Dane (Ministry of Security and Justice & Leiden University), Monica den Boer (Police Academy) and Helena Raulus (Erasmus School of Law). The Panel discussion was chaired by Jaap de Zwaan (Erasmus School of Law)

For more information about the book please [click here](#).

- **T.M.C. Asser Press selected by European Court of Justice to publish its 60th Anniversary Book**

T.M.C. Asser Press, in partnership with Springer, has been selected (via a public tendering procedure) to publish “The European Court of Justice’s Case-law and its Role in the Process of European Integration”. This commemorative book will be edited by Judges Rosas and Levits and Advocate-General Bot to mark the 60th anniversary of the Court of Justice of the European Union. More than 30 leading experts, among them several (former) judges, will contribute to this book, which will be presented on December 8 2012 to the Court in Luxembourg.

- **For recent and forthcoming publications of T.M.C. Asser Press please visit www.asserpress.nl**

Vacancies at the T.M.C. Asser Instituut

- **Call for interns International Crimes Database Project**

The IHL/ICL Section of the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is looking for interns for the International Crimes Database project. [<more info>](#)

- **Traineeships International Law [<more info>](#)**

Other

➤ Change of EP Elections Policy

Recently, the Ministry of the Interior of The Netherlands informed the Dutch Parliament that it would change its policy on the moment of publication of results of the elections for the European Parliament. In her letter of 8 February 2012 Minister Spies stated that The Netherlands will in the future release these results only after ballot-boxes in all EU member states have been closed, and no longer at the end of the day EP elections are held in The Netherlands. In this way, The Netherlands falls into the fold of the general European rule. The decision is also in line with recommendations made by the T.M.C. Asser Instituut in 2008 in an EU-wide research project carried out for the European

Commission on how Member States implemented the so-called Election Act. One of the study's key findings, on the irregular way of implementing EU rules on publishing EP election results, was further scrutinised in an article by Leendert Erkelens, published in the May 2009 issue of SEW. In her letter to the Dutch Parliament, Minister Spies explained that thanks to the modification of its publication policy of EP election results The Netherlands would be spared from an infringement procedure initiated by the Commission.

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