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# About the Asser Institute

Established in 1965, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is an internationally renowned centre of expertise in the fields of public international law, private international law and European law.

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut conducts fundamental and independent policy-oriented research and organises critical and constructive reflection on international and European legal developments, at the interface of academia, legal practice and governance.

The institute actively disseminates its knowledge through publications, training programmes, conferences and free events.





## City of peace and justice

Located in The Hague, the ‘international city of peace and justice’, the T.M.C. Asser Instituut is an established location where critical and constructive reflection on international and European legal developments takes place. In the vicinity of many international institutions, diplomatic missions and government ministries, the institute exercises strong convening power and attracts legal experts from around the world.

The T.M.C. Asser Instituut strives for excellence in its research and academic education and always has a keen eye for its societal responsibility. In the coming years, it will continue to fulfil the following roles:

- The Institute is a vanguard institute for the University of Amsterdam (UvA) in The Hague, in particular for the UvA Law School (and the Amsterdam Center for International Law (ACIL)).
- The Institute will actively promote the collaboration with and between Dutch law schools; and is a facilitator for all Dutch law schools that wish to collaborate in research networks, projects and/or in knowledge dissemination activities.



# Our annual training programmes

Our annual training programmes in international law range from short workshops to comprehensive, in-depth courses. They are tailored for postgraduate students and capacity-building training for professionals such as judges, prosecutors, and legislators. We also offer training for civil servants, diplomats, lawyers, PhD researchers, students and more.



**SPRING ACADEMY**  
**Explore the digitalisation of sustainability due diligence**

*07-10 April 2025*

Discover how AI, blockchain, and big data are revolutionising sustainability due diligence in this engaging course, combining expert insights and hands-on workshops to drive responsible business practices.

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**SHORT COURSE**  
**International law and the governance of AI-driven military technologies**

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Gain a deep understanding of AI-driven military technologies, their risks, legal frameworks, and governance efforts in this insightful two-day course, designed for policymakers, legal experts, and diplomats.

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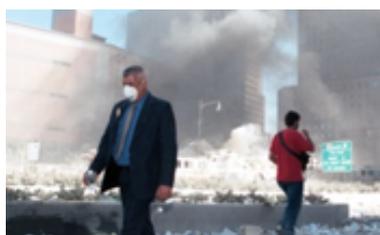


**ONLINE SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
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Explore how human rights shape the world of sport in this immersive course, where top academics and professionals share practical knowledge on governance, gender, and dispute resolution.

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**SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
**International criminal law and international legal & comparative approaches to counter-terrorism**

*07-10 April 2025*

Dive into the complexities of international criminal law and counter-terrorism in this renowned programme, designed for students and early-career professionals seeking hands-on legal insights.

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**SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
**Terrorism, counter-terrorism and the rule of law**

*25-30 August 2025*

Explore the intersection of counter-terrorism, human rights, and the rule of law in this immersive programme featuring expert-led discussions, case studies, and exclusive institutional visits.

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**SUMMER PROGRAMME**  
**Disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD)**

*13-17 October 2025*

Gain a comprehensive understanding of the legal, technical, and policy challenges in WMD non-proliferation and disarmament through expert lectures, interactive discussions, and study visits.

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Intensive course  
that inspires you to  
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to address global  
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and sustainably

SPRING ACADEMY

# Explore the digitalisation of sustainability due diligence

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## SPRING ACADEMY

# Explore the digitalisation of sustainability due diligence

As large European companies face legal requirements to carry out sustainability due diligence, the question of how this new form of transnational governance is implemented has become increasingly critical. Many organisations are turning to digital solutions like AI, blockchain, data mining, and survey tools to embed sustainability into their operations and mitigate risks of adverse human rights or environmental impacts.

In 2024, the academic coordinators of the spring academy, Dr Antoine Duval and Dr Klaas Eller, initiated the interdisciplinary **DigiChain project** with the support of the University of Amsterdam and the Asser Institute. The project brings together researchers from different UvA faculties to explore the **digital turn** in sustainability due diligence.

Built on **our research in this area**, we organise a **four-day training programme** to equip you with the skills to address the complexities of digitalisation within the transnational governance of value chains. In this course, you will learn about:

- **Day 1:** The theory of sustainability due diligence, its reliance on digital tools, and the risks of adopting such tools
- **Day 2:** Digital tools for mapping and tracing value chains, and their role in due diligence
- **Day 3:** How AI can help identify and evaluate risks
- **Day 4:** How digital tools can facilitate meaningful stakeholder engagement

### Who should attend?

This intensive course is designed for professionals, researchers, and anyone interested in leveraging digitalisation to address global challenges ethically and sustainably.

**After successful completion of this programme, you will receive a professional certificate from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.**



**Venue:** Asser Institute

**Date:** 07 - 10 April 2025

**Fee:** Regular €1495 | Students & NGOs €750 | Individual training days €495 per day

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Explores associated risks & benefits of military AI, and many regimes of international law relevant to their governance

SHORT COURSE

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## SHORT COURSE

# International law and the governance of AI-driven military technologies

Artificial Intelligence is revolutionising military operations with significant promise for military operations. However, they also pose substantial risks, particularly with regard to compliance with international law.

To address these risks, numerous government efforts seeking to establish prohibitions, limits, and requirements for the use of AI in military operations have significantly emerged. Yet, a lack of an informed understanding of these technologies and how international legal frameworks apply to their development and use is an obstacle to the advancement of governance efforts.

In collaboration with the **Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**, we are co-organising a **two-day training programme** to contribute to the progress of governance efforts and other initiatives around AI-driven military technologies, aiming to help policymakers and experts advance constructive debates.

### **This short course provides insights and an informed understanding of:**

- AI-driven military technologies, including AWS and AI-DSS
- Recent and upcoming developments in AI in the military domain
- AI-related concepts, such as predictability, explainability, and traceability
- Knowledge of the different regimes of international law that play a role in the governance of AI-driven military technologies

### **Who should attend?**

This short course is designed for policymakers, legal advisors, diplomats and other individuals involved or interested in the development, use, governance and adjudication of AI-enabled military technologies.

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**Venue:** Asser Institute

**Date:** 22-23 May 2025

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ONLINE SUMMER PROGRAMME

# International sport and human rights

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## International sport and human rights

Since 2022, T.M.C. Asser Instituut, in collaboration with the **Centre for Sport and Human Rights**, has organised a yearly summer course on the intersection of sport and human rights. This 4th edition brings together experts within the field of sport and human rights with professionals working in the world of sport and related fields. We will explore contemporary human rights challenges and opportunities in sports, such as the topic of mega-sporting events and human rights, dispute settlement of human rights cases within the world of sports, and more. Through interactive sessions and productive exchanges, we will discuss what the world of responsible sport looks like.

The topics covered will include an introduction to sport and human rights, sports governance, mega-sporting events, gender in sports, remedies for sport-related human rights issues, and e-sports, all in relation to human rights. (\*)

### What will you gain?

- Learn from experts, top academics and practitioners.
- Deepen your understanding of sport and human rights, including key principles and theories.
- Explore case studies and the latest developments in the field.
- Gain practical insights on applying human rights in sports, from daily activities to mega-events.
- Engage in discussions and network with leading professionals and academics.

### Who should attend?

This course is ideal for professionals in sports governance, policy, and administration, human rights practitioners, legal experts, academics, sports organisation representatives, journalists, and anyone interested in the intersection of sport and human rights.

**After successful completion of this programme, you will receive a professional certificate from the T.M.C. Asser Instituut.**

*(\*) This is a provisional agenda for the course.*



**Venue:** Asser Institute

**Date:** 21-28 May 2025

**Fee:** Students/NGOs €200 | Early bird €300 | Regular €400

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On international  
criminal law and  
the legal aspects  
of counter-  
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## SUMMER PROGRAMME

# International criminal law and international legal & comparative approaches to counter-terrorism

Our 19th Annual Summer Law Programme, co-organised with the **War Crimes Research Office of American University's Washington College of Law**, provides students and early-career professionals with a comprehensive overview of the latest developments in international criminal law and the legal aspects of counter-terrorism. Combining with study visits, this course brings together high-profile experts from international organisations and tribunals, as well as from leading law faculties and other organisations.

This unique, **month-long programme** will be divided into two parts:

### **Part one: International Criminal Law (26 May - 06 June, Fee €995)**

You will explore the past, present and future of international criminal law (ICL). ICL helps ensure accountability for the most serious crimes that profoundly impact individuals, communities, and entire societies.

### **Part two: International Legal & Comparative Approaches to Counter-Terrorism (09 - 20 June, Fee €995)**

Part two focuses on various international legal & comparative approaches to counter-terrorism. Starting with the definitions of terrorism, counter-terrorism, and their evolution since 9/11, this part will explore the *jus ad bellum* and *jus in bello* in counter-terrorism and the role of human rights law, including case studies on the use of armed drones and extraordinary renditions.

### **Who should attend?**

This programme is designed for students and early-career professionals passionate about pursuing a career in international criminal law and/or counter-terrorism.

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**Venue:** Asser Institute

**Date:** 26 May - 20 June 2025

**Fee:** Full programme €1895 | Half programme €995

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SUMMER PROGRAMME

# Terrorism, counter-terrorism and the rule of law

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## SUMMER PROGRAMME

# Terrorism, counter-terrorism and the rule of law

As global instability grows, terrorism and violent extremism remain persistent threats, with right-wing extremism on the rise. Terrorists and extremists are increasingly using digital technologies, AI, and cyberspace for recruitment and propaganda, with the internet playing a key role in radicalisation, especially among young people through social media, gaming, and virtual reality.

Governments are tightening security, blacklisting extremist groups, and expanding counterterrorism policies, while also focusing on early prevention to stop radicalisation before it turns violent. However, are these measures lawful, legitimate, and proportionate to their impact on the rule of law and human rights? What are the future threats and how can they be countered while respecting the rule of law and human rights?

In the 15th edition of this programme, you will gain deep insight into the current and emerging threats and international and domestic legal aspects of countering terrorism and violent extremism.

This programme gathers leading practitioners and academics in the field. Besides theoretical lectures, you will also engage in interactive sessions, in-person study visits, group discussions and panel presentations. You will also have the unique opportunity to network with fellow professionals in the field: based here in The Hague and further afield.

**Study visits:** Europol, Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).

### Who should attend?

This course is vital for policymakers, law enforcement, legal professionals, academics, NGOs, and journalists involved in counterterrorism, security policy, and human rights.

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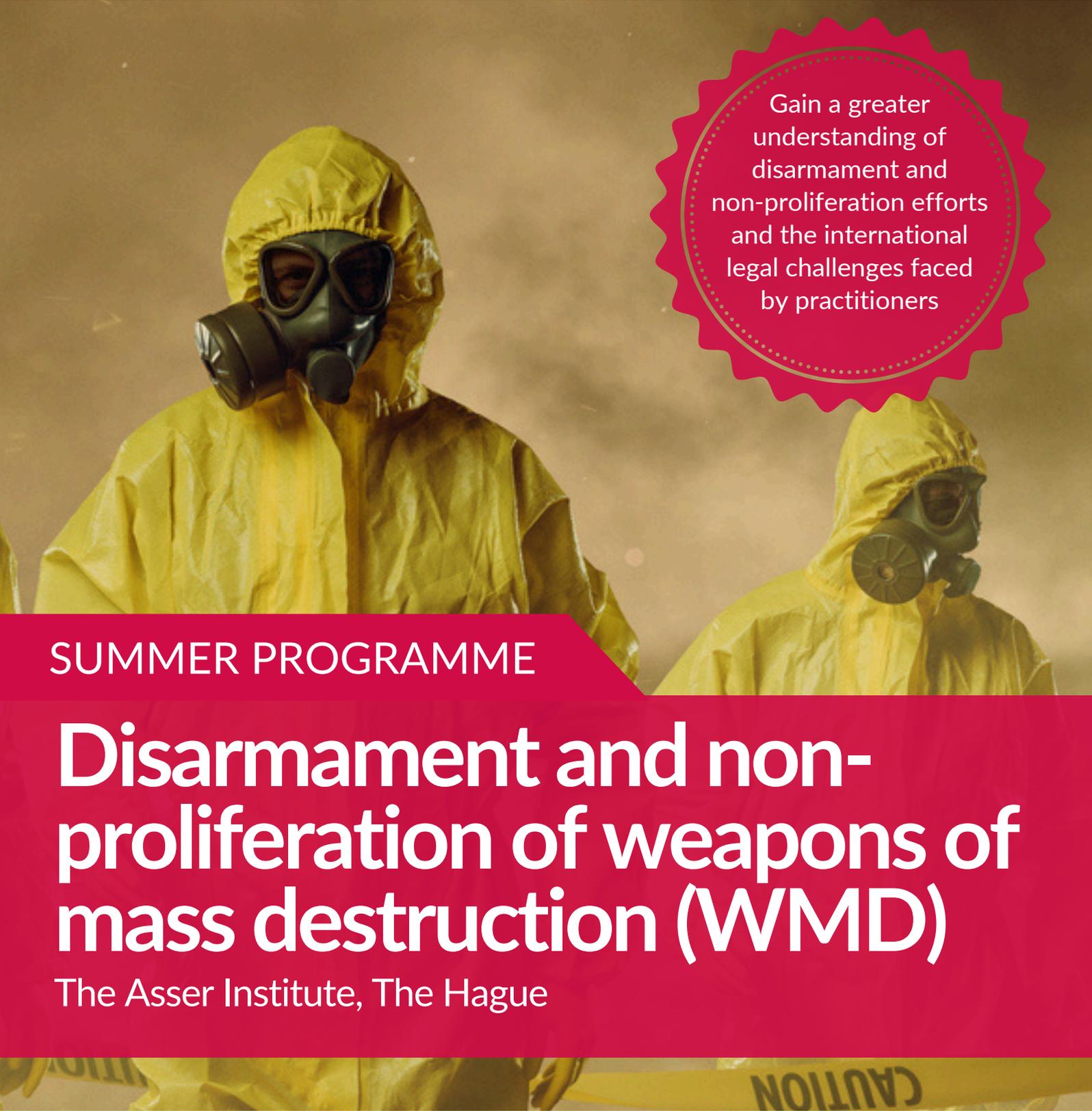
**Date:** 25-30 August 2025

**Fee:** Student fee: €1395 | Early bird €1695 | Regular €1895

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Gain a greater understanding of disarmament and non-proliferation efforts and the international legal challenges faced by practitioners

SUMMER PROGRAMME

# Disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD)

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## SUMMER PROGRAMME

# Disarmament and non-proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD)

The proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) – including nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons – continues to pose significant threats to global security. These risks have reached a level not seen since the Cold War, increasing the urgency for action. In response, there is an increasing demand for professionals who possess legal, technical, and policy expertise to address the complex challenges of non-proliferation and disarmament. This training programme aims to meet this demand by equipping participants with the knowledge and skills necessary to confront these pressing challenges.

Co-organised with the **Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW)**, this programme is especially timely given the escalating nuclear threat, the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, and the rise of emerging technologies like drones and hypersonic missiles. These developments underscore the urgent need to strengthen global non-proliferation norms, making this training more crucial than ever.

In addition to lectures and critical discussions on key issues related to the control of WMD, the programme offers a comprehensive exploration of the diplomatic, legal, and technical aspects of disarmament and non-proliferation. It also provides valuable opportunities for participants to network with experts in the field and connect with fellow professionals.

**Study visits:** Nuclear Reactor Institute Delft, OPCW ChemTech Centre and headquarters

### Who should attend?

The programme is aimed at early- to mid-career professionals from governments, including national export control bodies, authorities overseeing WMD treaties, and nuclear agencies, as well as those from NGOs, think tanks, and research centres focusing on WMD issues. Newly arrived diplomats in The Hague are particularly encouraged to apply.

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**Date:** 13-17 October 2025

**Fee:** €1895

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