



**OPCW**

Organisation for the Prohibition  
of Chemical Weapons

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*Centre for International & European Law*



**Annual OPCW – Asser Training Programme  
on Disarmament and Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass  
Destruction**

The Hague, The Netherlands

Dates: 26 – 30 October 2026

**Day 1 – International Arms Control Law; Non-Proliferation**

Monday, 26 October

09:30 – 10:00	Registration
10:00 – 10:45	<b>Opening and Round of Introductions</b> Dr León Castellanos-Jankiewicz ( <i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i> ) <b>Keynote Address</b>
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	<b>International Arms Control Law</b> Simon Cleobury ( <i>Head of Arms Control and Disarmament Research and Policy Advice Department at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy</i> )
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:00	<b>The Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Treaties</b> Dr Sico van der Meer ( <i>Research Fellow at Netherlands Institute of International Relations Clingendael</i> )
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
15:30 – 17:00	<b>The Future of Nuclear Arms Control and Strategic Stability</b> Dr Oliver Meier ( <i>Policy &amp; Research Director, European Leadership Network</i> )
18:30	<b>Opening Dinner – TBD</b>

## Day 2 - Nuclear Weapons; Field Visit

Tuesday, 27 October

09:00-10:30	<b>Nuclear Safeguards</b> Ionut Suseanu ( <i>Head of the Non-Proliferation and Policy-Making Section, International Atomic Energy Agency</i> )
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 - 12:00	<b>Banning the tests: the International Legal Regime for Nuclear Testing</b> Dr Ana Sánchez-Cobaleda ( <i>Assistant Professor of International Law, University of Barcelona</i> )
12:00 - 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45 - 13:15	<i>Transport to the Technical University (TU) Delft Nuclear Research Reactor</i>
13:15 - 17:00	<b>Field Visit: TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor</b>
17:00 - 17:30	<i>Transport from TU-Delft Nuclear Research Reactor to the Asser Institute</i>

## Day 3 - Weapons Governance and Emerging Technologies

Wednesday, 28 October

09:00 - 10:30	<b>Export Control Regimes</b> Dr Sibylle Bauer ( <i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i> )
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:45 - 11:45	<b>Simulation Exercise on Export Controls Regimes</b> Dr Sibylle Bauer ( <i>Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI</i> )
11:45 - 12:45	<i>Lunch</i>
12:45- 14:15	<b>Weapons of Mass Destruction and Emerging Technologies</b> Dr James Revill ( <i>Programme Lead, Weapons of Mass Destruction and Other Strategic Weapons, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research UNIDIR</i> )
14:15 - 14:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
14:30 - 16:00	<b>The Biological Weapons Convention</b> Speaker of the United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs - <b>TBD</b>
16:00 - 16:30	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
16:30 - 18:00	<b>Biological Weapons' Misuse and Emerging Technologies</b> Dr Miranda Smith ( <i>Researcher, SIPRI</i> )

## Day 4 - Chemical Weapons; Field Visit

Thursday, 29 October

09:00 - 09:30	<i>Walk from Asser Institute to OPCW</i>
09:30 - 10:30	<b>OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention</b> OPCW Staff ( <i>TBD</i> )

10:30 – 11:30	<b>Chemical Weapons Demilitarisation: Achievements and Challenges</b> OPCW Staff (TBD)
11:30 – 11:45	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
11:45 – 12:45	<b>National Implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention: Challenges and Opportunities</b> OPCW Staff (TBD)
12:45 – 14:00	<b>Scientific and Technological Developments: Biological and Chemical Disarmament in a Technologically Evolving World</b> OPCW Staff (TBD)
14:00 – 14:45	<i>Travel to the OPCW Centre for Chemistry and Technology (ChemTech)</i>
14:45 – 17:00	<b>Guided Tour of the ChemTech Centre</b>
17:00 – 17:30	<i>Travel from the ChemTech Centre to the Asser Institute</i>

## **Day 5 - Current Challenges**

Friday, 30 October

09:00 – 09:45	<b>Conventional Weapons and Emerging Technologies</b> Dr. León Castellanos-Jankiewicz ( <i>Researcher, Asser Institute</i> )
09:45 – 10:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
10:00 – 11:30	<b>Non-Proliferation Case Study: The DPRK Nuclear Issue</b> Dr Edward Howell ( <i>Lecturer in International Relations, University of Oxford</i> )
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
12:00 – 13:30	<b>WMD Threats and Risks in the Middle East</b> Dr Abdolrasool Farzam Divsallar ( <i>Senior Researcher, United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research</i> )
13:30 – 14:00	<i>Programme Evaluation</i>
14:00 – 15:00	<i>Lunch</i>
15:00 – 16:00	<b>Public Panel Discussion: Topic TBD</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OPCW Staff (TBD)</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
16:00 – 17:00	<b>Closing Reception</b>