



Workshop VU Amsterdam in The National Maritime Museum

Maritime Conflict Resolution, Diplomacy and International Law, 1100-1700

Friday 1 April 2016

Venue: Het scheepvaartmuseum, Kattenburgerplein 1, Amsterdam

Conference room: VOORONDER

Maritime conflict resolution, particularly as manifested in the law of maritime warfare, has long played an important role in the history of diplomacy and international law. What significance did maritime conflict resolution have in shaping the standards of international law in medieval and early modern Europe? How did diplomacy figure into the processes of maritime conflict resolution? This workshop aims to shed light on these questions from two distinct yet related perspectives: that of the aggressor and the victim on the one hand, and that of the political entities to which they belonged on the other.

How did victims of maritime conflicts claim and obtain damages or demand compensation or reparation? To what extent could they rely on their own polities or the polities of their aggressors? What sort of efforts did public authorities make to protect their subjects or citizens beyond the boundaries of their jurisdiction? How prepared were they to provide opportunities for redress to foreign victims of maritime violence committed by their own subjects and citizens? How did different political authorities and polities negotiate disputes of maritime diplomacy which transcended jurisdictional boundaries (particularly those involving reprisals and piracy), and what strategies, arrangements and agreements did they employ in attempting to achieve resolution of those conflicts?

Addressing these questions calls for a reappraisal of the presumed boundaries between that traditionally known as private and public international law. Doing so will unveil connections and entanglements between private parties and public authorities, demonstrating the importance of both for the development of maritime conflict resolution. As a result, this workshop aims to offer new insights and enrich our understanding of the role of maritime conflict resolution and legal practice within the wider context of maritime diplomacy.

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Programme

13.00-13.15 Room open: coffee and tea

13.15-13.30 Welcome by Louis Sicking, VU Amsterdam

13.30-14.00 Daphne Penna, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen

Piracy in Byzantine Waters. Resolving a Maritime Conflict Between Byzantines and Genoese at the End of the Twelfth Century

14.00-14.30 Ian Grohse, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

Thalassocratic Diplomacy in the North Atlantic. Norwegian-Scottish Relations ca. 1100-1470

14.30-15.00 Louis Sicking and Jurriaan Wink, Universiteit Leiden

Reprisal and Diplomacy: the Case of Holland and Zeeland around 1400

15.00-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-16.00 Shavana Musa, Universiteit Tilburg

Reparation for the War Victim: The Role of Admiralty Courts in the Early Modern Period

16.00-16.30 Hielke van Nieuwenhuize, Ernst-Moritz-Arndt-Universität Greifswald

A Dutch Claim of Jurisdiction over Prizes captured by their Swedish Allies and its Possible Legal Repercussions: the Case of the Confiscated Danish Prizes in 1644

16.30-17.00 Final discussion and conclusions

Drinks

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