



a conference on

INTERNATIONAL IMMUNITIES: LAW IN A STATE OF FLUX?

Ghent, 15-16 December 2016



Thursday 15 December

09.15-09.45 am ■ Registration and coffee

09.45-10.05 am ■ Welcome address

10.05-12.15 PM

JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITIES

Panel Chair: Prof. Frank Maes (Ghent University)

10.05-10.25 am ■ Jurisdiction – what's in a name?

Prof. Nicolas Angelet (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

10.25-10.45 am ■ Jurisdictional immunity of States - the restrictive doctrine

Dr. Alexander Orakhelashvili (University of Birmingham)

10.45-11.05 am ■ The jurisdictional immunity of international organizations - fundamentals, challenges

Prof. Niels Blokker (Leiden University)

11.05-11.25 am ■ Immunities of special missions

Sir Michael Wood (International Law Commission/20 Essex Street)

11.25-11.45 am ■ Judicial review of qualifications made by host States and international organizations

Dr. Philippa Webb (King's College London)

11.45-12.15 pm ■ Q&A/debate

12.15-01.50 pm ■ Lunch break

01.50-03.50 PM

IMMUNITY FROM EXECUTION

Panel Chair: Prof. An Cliquet (Ghent University)

01.50-02.10 pm ■ The material scope of State immunity from execution

Prof. Jean-Marc Thouvenin (Université Paris Ouest)

02.10-02.30 pm ■ Immunity from execution and State enterprises

Prof. Patrick Wautelet (Université de Liège)

02.30-02.50 pm ■ Immunity from execution and embassy bank accounts

Prof. Cedric Ryngaert (University of Utrecht)

02.50-03.10 pm ■ Immunity from execution - procedural aspects

Prof. Mathias Audit (University Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne/Steering Legal)

03.10-03.30 pm ■ Waivers and immunity from execution

Prof. Frédéric Dopagne (Université Catholique de Louvain/Kelley Drye & Warren LLP)

03.30-03.50 pm ■ Q&A/debate

03.50-04.10 pm ■ Coffee break

04.10-05.30 PM

ROUNDTABLE ON THE INTERNATIONAL LAW COMMISSION'S WORK ON THE IMMUNITIES OF FOREIGN OFFICIALS

Panel Chair: Paul Rietjens

(Director General for Legal Affairs, Foreign Affairs Belgium)

Keynote: Concepción Escobar Hernández

(International Law Commission)

Respondents

- Prof. Pierre d'Argent (Université Catholique de Louvain)

- Prof. Chimène Keitner (UC Hastings)

- Prof. Muriel Ubéda Saillard (Université Lille 2)

05.15-05.30 pm ■ Q&A/debate

05.30-06.00 pm ■ Immunities at the movies

Prof. Anne Lagerwall (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

06.00-07.00 pm ■ Reception (Pand)

08.00 pm ■ Conference dinner (Pand) (speakers and organizers)

Friday 16 December

09.45-10.15 am ■ Registration and coffee

10.15-12.00 PM

IMMUNITIES IN THE INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ORDER

Panel Chair: Prof. Jan Wouters (KU Leuven)

10.15-10.35 am ■ Immunities and human rights

Prof. Rosa Freedman (University of Reading)

10.35-10.55 am ■ Immunities and recognition

Dr. Tom Grant (University of Cambridge)

10.55-11.15 am ■ Immunities and the terrorism exception – a U.S. perspective

Prof. David Stewart (Georgetown/former Assistant Legal Adviser US Department of State)

11.15-11.35 am ■ Immunities and targeted sanctions

Prof. Tom Ruys (Ghent University)

11.35-12.00 pm ■ Q&A/Debate

12.00 – 1.30 pm ■ Lunch break

01.30-02.50 PM

IMMUNITIES OF THE ARMED FORCES / IMMUNITIES IN ARMED CONFLICT

Panel Chair: Frederik Naert (Legal Service Council EU/KU Leuven)

01.30-01.50 pm

■ **The immunities of visiting forces**

Dr. Aurel Sari (University of Exeter)

01.50-02.10 pm

■ **Immunities in international military operations**

Lt.-Col. Chris De Cock (Senior Legal Adviser at Belgian Ministry of Defense - DG Legal Support and Mediation)

02.10-02.30 pm

■ **Immunities for private military / security companies**

Prof. Vaios Koutroulis (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

02.30-02.50 pm

■ **Q&A/debate**

02.50-03.10 pm

■ **Coffeebreak**

03.10-03.50 pm

■ **Keynote lecture: Immunities and the International Criminal Court**

Judge Christine Van den Wyngaert (International Criminal Court)

03.50-04.10 pm

■ **Closing address**

Prof. Tom Ruys (Ghent University)

PRACTICAL INFORMATION:

VENUE: Conference Centre Het Pand,
Onderbergen 1, 9000 Ghent, Belgium
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* The registration fee includes participation at the conference, conference material, coffee breaks, lunches and reception.

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