

# Symposium in Honour of Prof. Dr. Horst Fischer

“The Future of International Humanitarian Law and the Role of (Young) IHL Professionals in Disseminating, Practicing and Ensuring Respect for IHL”

## Date & Location

24 May 2023, 16:00-19:00 hrs., Campus Wijnhaven Den Haag, Lecture Hall 3.46, Leiden University

## Tentative Program

Opening address by Prof. Carsten Stahn

On behalf of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies of Leiden Law School

### Panel A: Current Developments of IHL Against the Background of Modern Conflicts

**Intervention A.1:** The Return of International Armed Conflicts and the Implications for IHL  
Ms. Mireille Hector, LL.M., Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Intervention A.2 & A.3:** New Technologies and IHL  
Prof. Terry Gill, & Prof. Marten Zwanenburg, University of Amsterdam & Netherlands Defense Academy

**Intervention A.4:** The Role of IHL in the Ukraine/Russia Conflict  
Dr. Jeroen van den Boogaard, Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Intervention A.5:** Recent Trends in Armed Conflict and a Seemingly Lost Belief in the Purpose of IHL: Does IHL Still Have Impact on the Battlefield?  
Asst. Prof. Arjen Vermeer, LL.M., Netherlands Defence Academy

*Comments by Expert Panel and Q & A*  
*Coffee Break (20 min)*

### Panel B: Perspectives for the Dissemination, Implementation and Enforcement of IHL

**Intervention B.1:** The Role of Customary International Law for the Development of IHL  
Dr. Heike Spieker, Federal Office of Civil Protection and Disaster Assistance & German Red Cross

**Intervention B.2:** The Role of the ICRC Commentaries and the Development of IHL since 1949  
Prof. Liesbeth Lijnzaad, Judge at ITLOS & Endowed Professor at Maastricht University

**Intervention B.3:** The Role of International Criminal Justice Regarding the Enforcement of IHL  
Assoc. Prof. Robert Heinsch, Leiden University

**Intervention B.4:** The Importance of IHL Dissemination to Civilians, Especially for University Students  
Mr. Bernard Dougherty, LL.M, Lecturer, European-University Viadrina & German Red Cross

**Intervention B.5:** The Role IHL Clinics Could Play in the Development of IHL  
Prof. Giulio Bartolini, Roma Tre University & Prof. Pierre Thielboerger, IFHV, Bochum University

*Comments by Expert Panel and Q & A*  
*Concluding Remarks by Assoc. Prof. Robert Heinsch & Prof. Horst Fischer*

Reception