



XIth Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

Stockholm, Sweden 28-31 March 2017

Hosted by Swedish Defence University

PROGRAM

“Contemporary Challenges for Legal Advisors in International Military Operations”

TUESDAY 28 March

- Arrival of the Participants.
- 14.00h-16.30h Registration at Swedish Defence University.
- 17.30h-19.00h Official Opening + Reception, Swedish Defence University.
Romulo Enmark PhD, Vice Chancellor of the Swedish Defence University;
Brigadier-General (Ret) Jan Peter Spijk, LL.M MA, President
International Society for Military Law and the Law of War.

WEDNESDAY 29 March

Session 1 & 2 :

- 09.30h-10.30h Keynote Speech by Mr. Jan Salestrand, State Secretary at the Swedish Ministry of Defence, Former Chief of Defence Staff.
- 10.30h-11.00h Coffee break
- 11.00h-11.10h **Introduction 1st Working Session.**
Chair: Jann Kleffner, Professor of International Law and Head of the International Law Centre, Swedish Defence University
Theme: Use of Force in Contemporary Military Operations.
- 11.10h-11.40h Legal framework for use of force in training and advisory missions:
the case of Syria and Iraq.
Speaker: Michael W. Meier, Special Assistant for Law of War Matters,
Office of the Judge Advocate General, International and Operational
Law Department of the Army, U.S.A.
- 11.40h-12.10h Self-Defence v Becoming a Party to an Armed Conflict.
Speaker: Brigadier-General Darren Stewart, OBE,
Head Operational Law, Army Headquarters, U.K.



- 12.10h-12.30h Questions and Answers, followed by Panel discussion
- 12.30h-13.30h Lunch
- 13.30h-13.40h **Introduction 2nd Working Session**
Chair: Cecilia Tengroth, Legal Advisor, Swedish Red Cross
Theme: Gender and military operations.
- 13.40h-14.10h Legal framework relating to gender and gender implications of implementing law applicable in military operations.
Speaker: Sally Longworth, PhD candidate, Stockholm University.
- 14.10h-14.40h Gender implications in recent conflicts: the NATO perspective
Speaker: Lieutenant Colonel John Moore, Legal Adviser /Gender Adviser, NATO Joint Warfare Center, Stavanger, Norway.
- 14.40h-15.10h Prevention and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse during peace operations.
Speaker: Colonel Ben Klappe, Office of the Special Coordinator on improving UN response to sexual exploitation and abuse, UNHQ.
- 15.10h-15.20h Questions and Answers
- 15.20h-15.45h Coffee Break
- 15.45h-16.30h Group tasks
- 16.30h-17.00h Presentation in plenary and discussion
- 17.00h-17.15h Conclusions by Session President

THURSDAY 30 March

- 09.00h-09.10h **Introduction 3rd Working Session**
Chair: Colonel Ben Klappe
Theme: Practical issues for Legal Advisers in Military Operations.
- 09.10h-09.50h Legal Aspects of Influence Operations
Speaker: Pontus Winther, lecturer and PhD candidate, Swedish Defence University.
- 09.50h-10.30h Human trafficking and peace operations
Speaker: Professor Dr Marco Odello, Reader in Law and Director of International and External Engagement at Aberystwyth University, UK.
- 10.30h-11.00h Coffee break



- 11.00h-12.00h The Military Justice System in the United Arab Emirates, Staff Brigadier (legal) Salem Jumaa Rashed Al Kaabi, Director of the Military Justice Directorate, United Arab Emirates.
- 12.00h-12.30h Panel discussion and conclusions by Session President.
- 12.30h-13.30h Lunch
- 13.30h-14.00h The Oslo Manual on Select Problems of the Law of Armed Conflict. Arne Willy Dahl, Judge Advocate General (ret), Norway.
- 14.00h-14.30h Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflicts. Speaker: Ambassador Marie G. Jacobsson LL.D. , Principal Legal Adviser on International Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs Sweden, Former Member of the United Nations International Law Commission and Special Rapporteur for the topic Protection of the environment in relation to armed conflict.
- 14.30h-14.45h Panel discussion and conclusions by Session President
- 14.45h-15.15h Coffee Break
- 15.15h-16.15h Group tasks
- 16.15h-16.45h Group presentation in plenary and discussion
- 16.45h-17.00h Conclusions by Session President

FRIDAY 31 March

- 09.00h-09.10h **Introduction 4th Working Session**
Chair: Brigadier-General Professor Dr. Paul Ducheine,
National Defence University, The Netherlands
Theme: New Military Technologies and the Law.
- 09.10h-09.40h Legal framework of Offensive Cyber Operations.
Speaker: Colonel Gary Corn, Staff Judge Advocate, US Cyber Command.
- 09.40h-10.10h Cyber: Interplay between Domestic Law and International Law and Institutional Responsibilities: the Swedish Experience.
Speaker: Marika Ericson, lecturer and PhD candidate, Swedish Defence University.
- 10.10h-10.30h Questions and Answers
- 10.30h-10.45h Coffee break



- 10.45h-11.15h Human Enhancement Technologies.
Dr. Heather Harrison Dinniss, Senior Lecturer in international law,
Swedish Defence University.
- 11.15h-11.45h Autonomous Weapons.
Speaker: Dr. Bill Boothby, Associate Fellow Geneva Centre for
Security Policy
- 11.45 – 12.30h Panel discussion, Conclusions by Session President
- 12.30h-13.30h Lunch
- 13.30h-14.00h The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War and its
Research Project International Law in Peace Operations.
- 14.00h-15.00h Group tasks
- 15.00h-15.15h Coffee break
- 15.15h-15.45h Group presentation in plenary and discussion
- 15.45h-16.00h Seminar wrap-up by Seminar Director
- 18.30h **Closing Dinner**

SATURDAY 1 April

Excursion (not included in the registration fee)

10.00-14.00 Walking tour in historic part of Stockholm.

SUNDAY 2 April

Departure of Participants