



**Morning conference
organised by the Belgian Group of
the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War**

*The 75th Anniversary of the adoption of the
Geneva Conventions of August 12, 1949*

**18-10-2024
Prince Albert Club
Brussels**

- 09.15 – 09.45 **Arrival of participants & coffee/tea**
- 09.45 – 10.00 **Opening of the conference**
Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Session Director of the Belgian Group of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War
- 10.00 – 10.20 **Keynote speech – The ICRC's reflections on the fundamental role of the 1949 Geneva Conventions**
Dr. Knut DÖRMANN, Head of the Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium, ICRC
- 10.20 – 10.50 **The status and treatment of prisoners of war**
First Lieutenant (Army) Jan DE GOLDS, Project Officer for the second edition of Belgium's Operational Law Manual, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence
- 10.50 – 11.20 **Protecting civilians under international humanitarian law**
Captain (Air Force) Karel PEETERS, Operational Law Section, DG Legal Support, Belgian Ministry of Defence
- 11.20 – 11.30 **Short break**
- 11.30 – 12.00 **The safeguards of the 1949 Geneva Conventions in the face of emerging military technologies**
TBD
- 12.00 – 12.30 **The jurisprudence of the International Criminal Court and the development of international humanitarian law**
Dr. Ondrej SVACEK, Assistant Professor and Senior Researcher in Public International Law, Centre for International Humanitarian and Operational Law, Palacky University
- 12.30 – 12.40 **Closing of the conference**
- 12.40 **Lunch offered to the speakers**