



**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**

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| 09.15 – 09.45 | Arrival of participants & coffee/tea |
| 09.45 – 10.00 | <i>Opening of the conference</i>
Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Session Director of the Belgian Group of the International Society for Military Law and the Law of War |
| 10.00 – 10.20 | <i>Keynote speech – The ICRC's reflections on the fundamental role of the 1949 Geneva Conventions</i>
Dr. Knut DÖRMANN, Head of the Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium, ICRC |
| 10.20 – 10.50 | <i>The status and treatment of prisoners of war</i>
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 | <i>Protecting civilians under international humanitarian law</i>
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 | <i>The safeguards of the 1949 Geneva Conventions in the face of military use of Artificial Intelligence</i>
Ann-Katrien OIMANN, PhD Candidate, Social and Military Sciences Faculty, Royal Military Academy |
| 12.00 – 12.30 | <i>The jurisprudence of the International Criminal Court and the development of international humanitarian law</i>
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 | <i>Closing of the conference</i> |
| 12.40 | Lunch offered to the speakers |