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

### 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

### Draft programme

**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)
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)

01.30-01.50 pm The immunities of visiting forces
Dr. Aurel Sari (University of Exeter)

01.50-02.10 pm Shared responsibility and immunity for armed forces abroad
Prof. Samuel Wordsworth (Essex Court Chambers/King’s College London)

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 Coffee break

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

LINK FOR REGISTRATION:
https://webapps.ugent.be/eventManager/events/immunities

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- € 70/50** (regular registration);
- € 15 (students, PhD students, members of the Belgian Society of International Law, members of the International Law Association Belgian branch)

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