



THE HAGUE INITIATIVE
for INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION

SYMPOSIUM

Conflict with the Islamic Revolutionary Regime

Challenges to International Law

In the Grey Zone

The Hague, Wednesday, 6 May 2026

*program is subject to change.

09.00	Registration	
09:15	Welcome	Andrew Tucker and Pieter Hoogendoorn (<i>thinc.</i>)
09:20	Opening	Prof. Gregory Rose (Chair)

SESSION 1 – The IRGC, Political Islam and Global Security

09:25	Political Islam: A Clear and Present Danger	Dr. Tommaso Virgili
09:45	The IRGC: Threat to Global Peace and Security	Prof. Uri Rosenthal
10:00	Nuclear threat and state-sponsored terrorism: UN and EU sanctions and terrorist designations	Alessandro Spinillo
10:20	Comment	Imam Mohammad Tawhidi

10:30 **Coffee**

SESSION 2 - Armed Conflict with Iran and its Proxies – International Law Issues

10:50	Urban Warfare Against Non-State Actors: Hezbollah	Maj. Andrew Fox
11:20	Gaza and the Logic of High-Intensity Urban Warfare	Prof. Danny Orbach
11:50	Armed Conflict with Iran - International Law Perspectives	Prof. Alexander Knoops
12:20	Comment	Prof. Wolfgang Bock

12:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 3 - Fighting the IRGC and Political Islam in the Grey Zone

13:30	International Law and the Problem of the Grey Zone	tbd
14:00	Iran's blockade of the Strait of Hormuz – a case study of Grey Zone warfare	Prof. Gregory Rose
14:15	Iran, the UN and anti-Western NGOs	Anne Herzberg
14:45	Comment	Raouf Leeraar
14:55	Discussion	

15:10 **Coffee**

SESSION 4 – Lawfare, Discussion & Conclusions

15:30	“Death to the Zionists”: Political Islam, the Radical/Progressive Left, Academia and the Law	Michal Cotler-Wunsh and Prof. Elena Reznichenko
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16:00	Is Palestine a state? The Politicization of the International Criminal Court	Dr. Naama Omri
16:15	Iran, the IOC and the Weaponization of the International Court of Justice	Andrew Tucker
16:30	Plenary Discussion and Conclusions	Prof. Gregory Rose and Prof. Steven E. Zipperstein
17:30	Reception	
18:30	Close	