



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

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

SESSION 1 – Political Islam, the IRGC and Global Security

09:30	Political Islam: A Clear and Present Danger	Dr. Tommaso Virgili
09:50	The Islamic Revolutionary Regime: Ideology, Structures, Strategies and Tactics	Prof. Uri Rosenthal
10:10	Jihad Ideologies and Threats to the Democratic Legal Order	Dr. David Suurland
10:25	Beyond 'No War': What Iranians Actually Think About Resistance and Intervention – an Evidenced-based Perspective	Dr. Babak RezaeeDaryakenari
10:45	Discussion	

11:00 **Coffee**

SESSION 2 – Law of Armed Conflict - Iran and its Proxies

11:15	The Iranian Agenda: Weaponizing international Law for Propaganda	Maj. Andrew Fox
11:35	Who attacked Whom, How and When?	Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Bock
11:50	Assessing the Israeli and US Armed Intervention in Iran from International Law Perspectives	Prof. Geert-Jan Alexander Knoops
12:20	Discussion	

12:30 **Lunch**

SESSION 3 - Fighting Iran in the Grey Zone – Case Studies

13:30	Iran, Grey Zone and International Law	Prof. Gregory Rose
13:45	Hamas “Grey Zone” strategies - the Myth of Genocide in Gaza	Prof. Danny Orbach
14:10	Iran, the UN and anti-Western NGOs	Anne Herzberg
14:30	IRGC Grey Zone Activities in Europe	Raouf Leeraar
14:40	How Escalation in Iran Increases Hybrid Threats in Europe and Beyond	Alessandro Spinillo
14:50	Discussion	

15:05 **Coffee**

SESSION 4 – Lawfare and the Politicization of Legal Institutions

15:25	“Death to the Zionists”: Political Islam, the Radical/Progressive Left, Academia and the Law	Michal Cotler-Wunsh
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15:45	Antizionism and Antisemitism in Dutch Academia	Prof. Elena Reznichenko
15:55	Reclaiming Purpose in the Interpretation of International Law	Dr. Naama Omri
16:10	Iran, the IOC and the weaponization of the International Court of Justice	Andrew Tucker
16:25	Discussion	

SESSION 5 - Plenary Discussion and Conclusions

16:40	Plenary Discussion Concluding Statement	Prof. Gregory Rose and Prof. Steven E. Zipperstein
17:30	Reception	
18:30	Close	