



PRIV-WAR Project Final Conference

***Private Military and Security Companies, Human Rights, and
Humanitarian Law:***

What Role for the European Union?

Mansholt Conference Room, Charlemagne Building
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Programme



The PRIV-WAR project is coordinated by the European University Institute Academy of European Law, Florence, and the other project partners are LUISS “Guido Carli” (Rome), Justus Liebig Universität Giessen, Riga Graduate School of Law, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris II) Centre Thucydide, University of Sheffield/ University of Nottingham, and Utrecht University.

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9:00 **Arrival and Registration**

9.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Prof. Josep Borrell Fontelles, President of the European University Institute (EUI, Florence), Angela Liberatore, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, and Joaquín Tasso Villalonga, European External Action Service

10.00 **First Session: Research Results of the PRIV-WAR Project**

Chair: Prof. Francesco Francioni, Coordinator, PRIV-WAR Project, EUI

Introduction to the Overall Results of the Research

Prof. Francesco Francioni, EUI

Presentation of the Book “War by Contract: Human Rights, Humanitarian Law and Private Contractors”

Prof. Natalino Ronzitti, LUISS, Rome

Presentations on Key Topics:

- **The Human Rights Perspective** *Dr. Christine Bakker, EUI*
- **The Humanitarian Law Perspective** *Dr. Mirko Sossai, LUISS*
- **Private Military Contractors & U.S. Law after 9/11** *Prof. Kristine Huskey, Attorney/Consultant, former Director of the National Security Clinic at The University of Texas School of Law*
- **Regulation of PMSCs in EU Member States and at EU Level: A General Introduction** *Prof. Eric Myjer and Dr. Guido den Dekker, Utrecht University*

11.00 – 11.15 *Coffee Break*

11.15 **Second Session: PRIV-WAR Recommendations for EU Regulatory Action in the Field of PMSCs and their Services**

Chair: Prof. Ineta Ziemele, Riga Graduate School of Law

The EU and Private Contractors: Existing Controls and Legal Bases for Further Regulation - *Prof. Marco Gestri, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia*

Presentation of the PRIV-WAR Recommendations

Prof. Nigel White and Dr. Aris Georgopoulos, University of Nottingham, and Dr. SORCHA MacLeod, University of Sheffield

Reactions from EU Institutions and EU Member States:

- **European Commission, ECHO** *Antony Flynn*
- **European External Action Service** *Charles-Michel Geurts*
- **European Parliament, Policy Department** *Jarmo Oikarinen*

13.15 – 14.30 *Lunch*

14.30 Reactions from Other Stakeholders:

Panel 1: International Regulatory Initiatives for PMSCs

Chair: Prof. Thilo Marauhn, J.L. Universitaet Giessen

- **Montreux Document, 2008** *Dr. Felix Schwendimann, Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs/ EDA*
- **International Code of Conduct for Private Security Providers, 2010** *Anne-Marie Buzatu, DCAF*
- **UN HRC Working Group : Draft of a Possible Convention on PMSCs** *José Luis Gómez del Prado, Chairman of the Working Group*
- **Regulatory Initiatives for PMSCs: Competition or Complementarity?** *Dr. Nils Melzer, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross*

15.45 - 16:00 *Coffee Break*

16.00 Panel 2: Third States, Industry and NGOs

Chair: Prof. Nicolas Haupais, Université Panthéon-Assas, Paris II

- **Third States:**
USA: *Col. Christopher Mayer, Director, Armed Contingency Contractor Policy and Programs, U.S. Department of Defense and Ian McKay, Attorney-Adviser, U.S. Department of State*
Afghanistan: *H.E. Ambassador Homayoun Tandar, Islamic Republic of Afghanistan, Brussels*
Iraq: *Belal Ateya, Second Secretary of the Embassy of Iraq, Brussels*
- **Private Security Industry:** *Doug Brooks, President ISOA and Michael Clarke, Public Affairs Director, G4S plc*
- **NGO:** *Patricia Feeney, Executive Director, RAID*

17.15 Conclusion and Possible Follow-Up

Prof. Francesco Francioni, Prof. Natalino Ronzitti, Angela Liberatore, and Joaquín Tasso Villalonga

17.45 Close of the Conference