

# **EJIL Symposium: Private military contractors and international law**

European University Institute, Villa Schifanoia  
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## **Preliminary Programme**

### **9.00 Welcome and Introduction**

Francesco Francioni (EUI)

### **9.30 The Role of Private Military Contractors in International Law**

**Moderator: Thilo Marauhn**

Status of Private Military Companies (PMCs) in the Law of War: the Question of Direct Participation in Hostilities

*Mirko Sossai (LUISS, Rome)*

International Law Implications of the Outsourcing of Intelligence Operations to PMCs

*Simon Chesterman (NYU)*

### **10.45 Coffee Break**

### **11.00 International and Institutional Responsibility**

**Moderator: Simon Chesterman**

State Responsibility for PMCs' Activities abroad

*Carsten Hoppe (EUI)*

Issues of Responsibility for Serious Human Rights Violations: The Case-law of International Human Rights Courts and Monitoring Bodies

*Ineta Ziemele (Riga School of Law)*

The EU and PMCs: Issues of Institutional and Corporate Responsibility

*Nigel White and Sorcha MacLeod (University of Sheffield)*

### **12.45 Lunch**

### **14.00 Issues of Jurisdiction, Enforcement and Individual Liability**

**Moderator: Nigel White**

Controlling PMCs: the Issue of Jurisdiction

*Cedric Rynjaert (Utrecht University)*

Obligations of States to Prosecute Individual Employees of PMCs for Serious Human Rights Violations

*Christine Bakker (EUI)*

Individual Criminal Liability of PMC Employees  
*Chia Lehnardt (Cambridge University)*

**15.45 Coffee Break**

**16.00 Conflicting Legal Regimes and a Case-Study**  
**Moderator: Ineta Ziemele**

PMC Personnel: Private Sector Employees in Public Service: An Analysis of  
Overlapping Legal Regimes  
*Thilo Marauhn and Faustin Ntoubandi (J.L. University, Giessen)*

Case-study on US Practice regarding Accountability of PMCs  
*Scott Sullivan (Texas Law School)*

**17.15 Conclusions**

*Natalino Ronzitti (LUISS, Rome), Joseph Weiler (NYU)*

Participation is subject to registration (please contact: [priv-war@eui.eu](mailto:priv-war@eui.eu))