



# Workshop on

## The Challenges to the Regulation of Private Military and Security Companies

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### PROGRAMME

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The workshop is aimed at promoting brainstorming between members of the seven research teams, with the participation of distinguished guest speakers. The topics to be covered in the meeting include: the growth and relevance of the private military and security sector; the challenges posed by private outsourcing to international humanitarian law and human rights law; the present status of national legislation and case-law. The workshop discussions will be held under the Chatham House rule. A report of the proceedings will be prepared.

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**9.15**                      **INTRODUCTION**

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Welcome and Introduction            **Natalino Ronzitti**, LUISS Guido Carli, Rome

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**9.30 – 10.40**            **SESSION 1**

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Moderator                      **Natalino Ronzitti**, LUISS Guido Carli

**Fabio Mini**

The role of private military and security companies in peace support operations: a military point of view

**Rainer Frank**, EU Joint Situation Centre

Private security providers in the international security arena - the European perspective

**Questions and debate**

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**10.40 – 12.30**            **SESSION 2**

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Moderator                      **Eric Myjer**, Utrecht University

**Andrew Higginson**, Higginson Associated Ltd, London

The activities of PMCs in conflict scenarios: a point of view from the private sector

**Hania Mufti**

The activities of PMCs in conflict scenarios: the NGOs point of view

**11.15 – 11.30**            **Coffee break**

**11.30 – 12.30**            **Questions and debate**

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**12.30 – 14.15**            **SESSION 3**

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**LUISS Guido Carli research team**

Presentation of the database on private military companies

**13.00 – 14.15**            **Lunch**

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**14.15 – 16.00**            **SESSION 4**

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Moderator                      **Thilo Marauhn**, J.L. University, Giessen

**José Luis Gómez del Prado**, UN Working Group on the Use of Mercenaries

The mandate and the activities of the UN working group on the use of mercenaries

**Nikolas Stürchler**, Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland

The Swiss initiative on private military and security companies

**Cordula Droege**, International Committee of the Red Cross  
PMCs and direct participation in hostilities

**Questions and debate**

**16.00 – 16.15**      **Coffee Break**

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**16.15 – 17.30**      **SESSION 5**

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Moderator      **Guido den Dekker**, Utrecht University

Overview of the reports on national legislation and emerging case-law

**PRIV-WAR research staff**

**Kristine Huskey**, University of Texas, School of Law

**Questions and debate**

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**17.30**      **CONCLUSIONS**

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**Francesco Francioni**, European University Institute, Florence

**Nigel White**, University of Sheffield