

# 3<sup>rd</sup> INTERNATIONAL MILITARY JUSTICE FORUM PARIS 2025

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## 8.30 - Opening of the Forum

- Gwenaël Guyon (Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy, Univ. Paris Cité, President of the IMJF)
- Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University, Vice-President of the IMJF)
- Nicolas Cornu Thénard (Université Paris Panthéon-Assas, Société de Législation Comparée)

## 8.45 – History of military courts and military offences

- **Guillaume Pinet (Université de Québec à Montréal)**, *A comparative history of the emergence of councils of war in France and England (c. 1650-1715)*.
- **Nishant Gokhale (University of the West of Scotland)**, *The English East India Company and summary trials in 19th century*.
- **Astrid Donias (Université de Grenoble Alpes)**, *Moderniser le crime d'intelligence avec l'ennemi en France*.

Questions (10')

9.55 Break (10')

## 10.05 – Military justice in wartime: an historical approach

- **Emanuele Sica (Military Historian)**, *Italian military justice from WWI to WWII*.
- **Evert Kleynhans (Stellenbosch University)**, **Andries Fokkens (Stellenbosch University)**, *The first test of South African military law: The 1914 Afrikaner Rebellion and the execution of Captain Jopie Fourie*.
- **Anna la Grange (University of Postdam)**, "I never witnessed such law carried out by Britishers before": Perceptions of the rules and norms of warfare during the 1922 Rand Revolt.

Questions (10')

## 11.15 – Military justice in WWII

- **Gwenaël Guyon (Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy)**, *A French code in London. De Gaulle, the Free French and military justice*.
- **Raffaella Bianchi Riva (Università degli studi di Milano)**, *Women before military justice. The trials against mobilized female workers in the military court of Milan during World War II (1941-1945)*.
- **Matthias Zachmann (Freie Universität Berlin)**, *Fighting war with law: Japanese legal officers and their cases during the Asia-Pacific war, 1937-45*.

Questions (10')

12.25 Lunch

### 13.30 – Military justice in post-war eras

- **Jonas Champion (Université de Québec Trois-Rivières)**, *Military justice for unusual soldiers? Trying Belgian ‘gendarmes’ for collaboration at the end of the Second World War.*
- **Yves Tremblay (Canadian Department of National Defense)**, *Rape scenarios: the strategy of defence counsel in the trials of Canadian servicemen in Germany, 1945-1946.*
- **David Turns (Swedish Defence University)**, *Military war crimes in historical and comparative perspectives.*

Questions (10')

14.40 – Break (10')

### 14.50 – Military justice and judicial independence

- **Eugene Fidell (Former National Institute of Military Justice President, Yale law school)**, *Can uniformed personnel be independent?*
- **Chris Griggs (Barrister, New Zealand)**, *Judicial independence in Commonwealth military courts – a work in progress.*
- **David Gilles (Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan Military Academy, University of Sherbrooke)**, *Should the army be stripped of jurisdiction over criminal sexual offences within its ranks?*

Questions (10')

16.00 – Break (10')

### 16.10 – Military justice issues in South Africa

- **Louis Makau (Stellenbosch University)**, *Liberation Armies and “Their” Administration of Justice: A Critical Examination of Umkhonto we Sizwe of the ANC.*
- **Lt-Col. Michelle Nel (Stellenbosch University), Ernst Heydenrych (Stellenbosch University)**, *Maladministration, Fraud and Corruption in South African Defence Procurement: Where to in terms of Justice, Discipline and Accountability?*
- **Lt-Col. Piet Bester and Lt-Col. Sonja Els (Stellenbosch University)**, *The fight for justice: addressing moral injury compensation for service members in the SANDF.*
- **Elsie Morake (Stellenbosch University)**, *Involuntary referral of a military accused for observation: the dilemma in South African military justice.*

Questions (10')

17.40 - End of discussions - Speakers Cocktail



### 9.00 - Military justice and international law

- **Col. Winston Williams (US Military Academy Westpoint), Sophia Zademack (University of Zurich)**, *Prosecution of war crimes- conceptualizing past, present and future.*
- **Nicolas Cuer (French Ministry of Defense, Université de Lille II)**, *Violations of international humanitarian law and new technologies: the case of drones in the Russian-Ukrainian war.*
- **Brian Lee Cox (Cornell Law School)**, *High profile: comparative military justice approaches to investigating and accounting for civilian casualties in armed conflict.*

Questions (10')

10.10 – Break (10')

- **Elisabeth Texeira Rocha (Former Chief Justice and Justice, Brazilian Superior Military Court)**, *Discussion on International Principles Governing the Administration of Justice through Military Tribunals in South America.*
- **Clémence Pellissier (PhD st., Trinity College Dublin)**, *Military Law: between Internationalization and Nationalization.*
- **Mario Ferreira Monte (University of Minho)**, *Any chance for transitional (restorative) justice for armed conflicts?*

Questions (10')

### 11.20 – Summary hearings and non-judicial punishments

- **Pascal Levesque (Barrister, Ethics and Professional Conduct Commissioner, Canada)**, *Military Summary Hearing system in Canada.*
- **Frank Rosenblatt (Mississippi College, President of National Institute of Military Justice)**, *Nonjudicial Punishment.*

Questions (10')

12.10 - Lunch

### 13.20 Military justice in its operational context

- **Christian Angue (University of Dschang, Cameroon)**, *Military justice and private military companies in Africa.*
- **Lt Cdr Nick Fryers (Legal advisor, British Royal Navy)**, *British military justice in its recent operational context.*
- **Laurent Drouvot (Université de Toulon, Judicial Police Officer)**, *Military justice in its operational context: the emergence of the notion of 'Lawfare' in modern conflictuality.*

Questions (10')

14.30 - Break (10')

**14.40 – The reform of military justice: global perspectives (Part I)**

- **HHJ Alan Large (Judge Advocate General of His Majesty's Armed Forces, UK)**, *Commonwealth Military Justice Transformation Project*.
- **Ernest Nilles (Diekirch State Prosecutor, Luxembourg)**, *The reform of military justice in Luxembourg*.
- **Chief Judge Kevin Riordan (Judge Advocate General of the Armed Forces of New Zealand)**, *Historical and future-looking aspects of New Zealand's military Justice System*.
- **Maj. Yvette Foliant (Ministry of Defense, Faculty of Military Sciences, Netherland)**, *Addressing Undesirable Behavior in the Netherlands Armed Forces: A Paradigm Shift from Institutionalized Discipline to Integrity as a Virtue?*

Questions (10')

16.10 - Break (10')

**16.20 – The reform of military justice: global perspectives (Part II)**

- **Alison Duxbury (University of Melbourne)**, *The principle of open justice and military courts*.
- **Jens Claerman (Belgian Ministry of Defense), Pieter-Jan Tuts (Associate Deloitte Legal)**, *Military justice in Belgium*.
- **Nicolas Bernard (Referendary at the Belgian Constitutional Court, UCLouvain)**, *The resurrection mechanism of military jurisdiction in Belgium: institutional aspects and practical difficulties*.

Questions (10')

17.30 - Closing of the event



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