

# VIRTUAL EXECUTIVE COURSE



## INTERNATIONAL LAW OF CYBER OPERATIONS

**22-29 MARCH 2021**

The International Law of Cyber Operations Executive Course addresses the main international legal regimes that regulate state conduct in cyberspace. The first half of the course will examine the law applicable to cyber operations during peacetime, whereas the second half focuses on various specialised regimes of international law as applied in the cyber context. The course also includes two exercises to enable the application of the legal principles and rules examined to fictional, but realistic, scenarios. This training employs an interactive teaching style that encourages active student participation.

The course is certified by the University of Reading as executive education. Participants who have attended all sessions will receive a formal certificate upon completion of the course.

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### **DAY 1: MONDAY, 22.03**

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**8:00 - 09:30 (GMT-4)**

Course Opening & Introductions  
International Law of Cyber Operations

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-4)**

Sovereignty in Cyberspace

**12:30 - 14:00 (GMT-4)**

Due Diligence in Cyberspace

### **DAY 2: TUESDAY, 23.03**

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**8:00 - 09:30 (GMT-4)**

Prohibition of Cyber Intervention

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-4)**

State Responsibility for Cyber Operations

**12:30 - 14:00 (GMT-4)**

Countermeasures and Plea of Necessity in  
Response to Cyber Operations

### **DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 24.03**

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**8:00 - 09:30 (GMT-4)**

Use of Force and Self-Defence in  
Cyberspace

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-4)**

Exercise, Part I – Peacetime International  
Law. Introduction (10 minutes), followed by  
independent group work



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## INTERNATIONAL LAW OF CYBER OPERATIONS

Professor Michael Schmitt is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Reading, the Francis Lieber Distinguished Scholar at the Lieber Institute of the United States Military Academy at West Point, Strauss Center Distinguished Scholar and Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Texas, Charles H. Stockton Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the United States Naval War College's Stockton Center for International Law, and Senior Fellow at the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence.

Liis Vihul is the Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Cyber Law International. Previously, she spent 9 years as a senior analyst in the Law and Policy Branch at the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence. She was a member of the Estonian delegation at the United Nations Group of Governmental Experts on Information and Telecommunications in the Context of International Security (2014-15 and 2016-17), and advises the Estonian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the current 2019-21 UN GGE process.

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**12:30 - 14:00 (GMT-4)**

Exercise Back Brief, Part I –  
Peacetime International Law

### DAY 4: THURSDAY, 25.03

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**8:00 - 09:30 (GMT-4)**

Diplomatic and Consular Law in Cyberspace

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-4)**

Jurisdiction over Cyber Crimes

**12:30 - 14:00 (GMT-4)**

Domains of Cyber Operations

### DAY 5: FRIDAY, 26.03

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**8:00 - 09:30 (GMT-4)**

International Human Rights Law in  
Cyberspace

**10:00 - 11:30 (GMT-4)**

Peaceful Settlement of Cyber Disputes

**12:30 - 14:00 (GMT-4)**

Int'l Humanitarian Law in Cyberspace

### DAY 6: MONDAY, 29.03

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**08:00 - 10:00 (GMT-4)**

Exercise, Part II – Specialised Legal Regimes.  
Introduction (10 minutes), followed by  
independent group work



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Professor Marko Milanovic is Professor of Public International Law at the University of Nottingham. He is also the Editor of EJILTalk, the blog of the European Journal of International Law. Professor Milanovic has served as counsel and advisor in proceedings before the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, and the Constitutional Court of Serbia.

**10:30 - 12:00 (GMT-4)**

Exercise Back Brief, Part II –  
Specialised Legal Regimes

**12:15 - 13:00 (GMT-4)**

International Law of Cyberspace –  
Quo Vadis?

### Course Closing

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