**DAY 1**  
Monday, 8 Nov.

*All times are CET*

12:30–13:45

**Opening panel: Battlefields of the future**

Moderator: **Dan Smith**  
Director, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

**Major General Darrell Amison**  
Director, Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre, United Kingdom

**Cordula Droge**  
Chief Legal Officer and Head of the Legal Division, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

**Renata Dwan**  
Deputy Director and Senior Executive Officer, Chatham House
Thematic sessions: International law

14:00–15:15

**Space warfare: Applying international humanitarian law to the final frontier**
Moderator: Nivedita Raju
Researcher, SIPRI
Peter Hulsroj
Legal Consultant, intergovernmental organizations
Cassandra Steer
Mission Specialist, InSpace, Senior Lecturer, Australian National University, College of Law
Brian Weeden
Director of Program Planning, Secure World Foundation
Wen Zhou
Legal Adviser, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, Legal Division, ICRC

15:30–16:45

**The AI conundrum: Algorithms and human responsibility in armed conflicts**
Moderator: Vincent Boulanin
Senior Researcher, SIPRI
Marta Bo
Researcher, Asser Institute and the Graduate Institute, Geneva
Dustin Lewis
Research Director, Harvard Law School Program on International Law and Armed Conflict
Binxin Zhang
PhD Scholar, Sciences Po
DAY 2  Tuesday, 9 Nov.

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12:30–13:15  Thematic sessions: Technology

Quantum technologies, their potential impact on the battlefield and future control
Moderator: Sibylle Bauer
Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI
Patricia Lewis
Research Director, International Security, Chatham House

14:00–15:15  Hacking nuclear deterrence: Cyber threats to nuclear systems
Moderator: Lora Saalman
Associate Senior Fellow, SIPRI
Herbert Lin
Senior Research Scholar, Center for International Security and Cooperation, Stanford University
Jinghua Lyu
Colonel (Retired), Programme Director, North East Asia, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue
Pavel Podvig
Independent Analyst, Russia Nuclear Forces Project
Rajeswari Pillai Rajagopalan
Director, Centre for Security, Strategy and Technology, Observer Research Foundation
Page Stoutland
Vice President for Scientific and Technical Affairs, Nuclear Threat Initiative

15:30–16:45  Offence–defence race in space: Missile defence, anti-satellite weapons and nuclear arms control
Moderator: Tytti Erästö
Senior Researcher, SIPRI
Yevgeny Buzhinsky
Lieutenant-General (Retired), Chairman, Russian Center for Policy Research
Laura Grego
Stanton Nuclear Security Fellow, Laboratory for Nuclear Security and Policy, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Daniel Porras
Director, Strategic Partnerships and Communications, Secure World Foundation
Nivedita Raju
Researcher, SIPRI
Tong Zhao
Senior Fellow, Carnegie-Tsinghua Center for Global Policy
15:30–16:45  **The human mind as a battlefield**  
Moderator: Sibylle Bauer  
Director of Studies, Armament and Disarmament, SIPRI  
**James Giordano**  
Chief, Neuroethics Studies Program, Pellegrino Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University Medical Center  
**Gregor Noll**  
Torsten Söderberg Research Professor, Gothenburg University  

16:45–18:00  **Current trends in missile technology and proliferation: Are current governance instruments fit for purpose?**  
Moderator: Kolja Brockmann  
Researcher, SIPRI  
**Seraina Frost**  
Co-chair, Missile Technology Control Regime’s Technical Expert Meeting  
**Emmanuelle Maitre**  
Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research  
**Dmitry Stefanovich**  
Research Fellow, Center for International Security, Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations
Thematic sessions: Strategies and doctrines

12:30–13:45

Gray zone conflicts and the absence of institutional mechanisms
Moderator: Jingdong Yuan
Associate Senior Fellow, SIPRI
Ong Wei Chong
Assistant Professor and Head, National Security Studies Programme, Nanyang Technological University
Lyle Morris
Senior Policy Analyst, RAND Corporation
Vira Ratsiborynska
Adjunct Professor, Vrije Universiteit Brussel
Mikael Weissmann
Associate Professor, Swedish Defence University

14:00–15:15

Tactical or strategic? Low-yield nuclear weapons and the Indo-Pacific region
 Moderator: Petr Topychkanov
Senior Researcher, SIPRI
Anastasia Barannikova
Researcher, Admiral Nevelskoy Maritime State University
Zafar Iqbal Cheema
President and Executive Director, Strategic Vision Institute
Rakesh Sood
Ambassador (Retired), Distinguished Fellow, Observer Research Foundation
Sharon Ann Squassoni
Research Professor, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University
14:00–15:15  
**Preparing for future urban warfare: Balancing operational needs with humanitarian concerns**  
Moderator: Laura Bruun  
Research Assistant, SIPRI  
Lydia Kostopoulos  
Senior Vice President, Emerging Tech Insights, KnowBe4  
John Spencer  
Chair, Urban Warfare Studies, Modern War Institute  
Abby Zeith  
Legal Adviser, Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit, ICRC’s Legal Division

15:30–16:45  
**Escalation thresholds in an era of ‘muscular competition’**  
Moderator: Ian Anthony  
Director, European Security Programme, SIPRI  
Elisabeth Braw  
Senior Fellow, American Enterprise Institute  
Egle E. Murauskaite  
Senior Researcher and Simulations Designer, International Communication and Negotiation Simulations Project, University of Maryland  
Yauheni Preiherman  
Independent Analyst, Russia Nuclear Forces Project  
Stawomir Sierakowski  
Sociologist and Political Analyst
12:30–13:45

**Thematic sessions: Protection of civilians**

**Civilians under attack: The Liptako-Gourma region of the Western Sahel**
*In partnership with the Danish Refugee Council (DRC)*
Moderator: **Issaka Souaré**
Director, Sahel and West Africa Programme, SIPRI
Moderator: **Frédéric Baele**
Regional Protection Coordinator, DRC
**Virginie Baudais**
Deputy Director, Sahel and West Africa Programme, SIPRI
**Julien Niankoye Bolamou**
Regional Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Officer, Search for Common Ground
**Xavier Creach**
Regional Coordinator for the Sahel, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
**Hamidou Diallo**
Regional Coordinator, Humanitarian Access, RECOLG consortium

14:00–15:15

**Urban warfare and the protection of civilians: Mosul, a case study**
Moderator: **Dylan O’Driscoll**
Director, Middle East and North Africa Programme, SIPRI
**Rasha al-Aqeedi**
Senior Analyst and Head, Nonstate Actors Program, Human Security Unit, Newlines Institute
**Michael Knights**
Jill and Jay Bernstein Fellow, The Washington Institute
**Mara Revkin**
National Security Law Fellow, Georgetown University Law Center
**JabarYawar**
Secretary General, Ministry of Peshmerga, Kurdistan Regional Government
15:30–16:45  UN peacekeeping operations and parallel operations: Protection of civilians in a crowded field
In partnership with the UN Department of Peace Operations
Moderator: Jair van der Lijn
Director, Peace Operations and Conflict Management Programme, SIPRI
Alison Giffen
Interim Senior Director of Programs, Center for Civilians in Conflict
Dennis Gyllensporre
Lieutenant-General, Former Force Commander, UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali
Nuno Lemos Pires
Brigadier-General, Mission Force Commander, European Union Training Mission in Mozambique
Maman Sidikou
High Representative of the African Union, Mali and the Sahel
Souleymane Thioune
Acting Chief of Staff, UN Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic

17:00–18:15  Sustainable strategies for the protection of civilians in conflict locations
Moderator: Ian Anthony
Director, European Security Programme, SIPRI
Anna Ek
Country Director, Swedish Committee for Afghanistan
Marla Keenan
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Stimson Center
Larry Lewis
Vice President and Director of the Center for Autonomy and Artificial Intelligence at CNA
Fred Tanner
Ambassador (Retired), Visiting Professor, the Graduate Institute, Geneva

20:30–23:00  Concluding event: Ypres Peace Prize ceremony