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Lecture Series on the Laws of War

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Why we should not accept the use of Prize Law today

Prize law has been applied for centuries to award seized enemy property to the State that captured it. Some military manuals suggest that 'Belligerent Rights' still exist in naval warfare and that Belligerent States are entitled to acquire enemy vessels and cargo through the operation of Prize Law. It seems incoherent for international law to outlaw violations of the UN Charter and then at the same time entitle States to acquire the 'spoils of war'.

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Date: 30 October 2026

Time: 6.00-7.00 pm CET

The presentation will take place online via **MS Teams**. Please register below. The link and login data will be sent to those registered at the day of the event.

Registration:

Please fill in this form to register: [Registration TwoLaW Lecture, 30 October 2026, 6.00-7.00 pm., Andrew Clapham – Formular ausfüllen](#)

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About the Lecture Series

TwoLaW is an online lecture series on the theory, history, policy and practice of the laws of war. From Russia's invasion of Ukraine to the Hamas' attack on Israel and the ensuing conflict in the Middle East, rarely in recent memory have both the *ius contra bellum* and the *ius in bello* faced so many daunting challenges: use of force by and self-defence against non-state actors; the participation of private military companies in hostilities; the digitization of warfare; the protection of civilians and the environment in international, non-international and hybrid armed conflicts; peace agreements and post-conflict claims; international criminal responsibility before and beyond the ICC – to name but a few of them. TwoLaW invites engaging discussions on these matters, seeking to bring into dialogue the law on the prohibition of the use of force and international humanitarian law despite their necessary doctrinal separation.

TwoLaW provides a critical perspective on pertinent challenges of the laws of war, broadly understood, in light of their theoretical, doctrinal, historical and political implications. Each **one-hour event** features a thought-provoking presentation by a leading scholar in the first half hour followed by a discussion in the second half hour. All events are held exclusively **online** from **6-7 pm CET**.