

*You are invited to attend a celebration in honor of:*

*The 10th anniversary of the International Criminal Court:*

# *A Grotian Moment*

*The International Criminal Court, The U.S., and The Hague Tradition*

*July 4, 2012 11:00am*

*Nieuwe Kerk (New Church), Delft*

*On July 4, 2012, at 11:00 am*, in honor of the 10 year anniversary of the International Criminal Court, U.S. students, citizens and diplomats will convene a celebration at *Grotius' Tomb, The Nieuwe Kerk, Delft, the Netherlands*. U.S. Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice, Stephen J. Rapp, and Convenor of The American NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court, John Washburn, will lay a wreath at Grotius' tomb. Renowned historian of international law and the Hague tradition, Dr. Arthur Eyffinger, will deliver a lecture on the role of the United States in the development of the "Grotian Project" of international law. Dr. Eyffinger's company, *Judicap*, will curate an educational exhibition, displayed in the Nieuwe Kerk, that complements his lecture.

*On July 4, 1899*, the U.S. delegation to the Hague Peace Conference convened a celebration at the tomb of Hugo Grotius at the Nieuwe Kerk in Delft. The delegation praised Grotius and spoke about his influence on the U.S., and laid a custom made, elaborate wreath of silver and gold at his tomb. Engraved on the wreath were these words:

*To the Memory of Hugo Grotius*

*In Reverence and Gratitude*

*From the United States of America*

*on the occasion of the International Peace Conference of The Hague*

*July 4th, 1899*

The wreath still hangs on Grotius' tomb to this day. A special cleaning of this sterling silver wreath has been arranged for the July 4, 2012 celebration by Hope Elizabeth May.

The 1899 Hague Peace Conference took place from May 18, 1899 to July 29, 1899. The chief accomplishments of this conference include the creation of the Permanent Court of Arbitration and the Hague Conventions, which codified the international laws of war.

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*Background image is the actual wreath laid by the U.S. delegation as it appeared on July 4, 1899. Original photo can be seen at the U.S. Library of Congress.*



*Characterizing the present unsettled reality of international society as "a Grotian Moment" is a way of underscoring the view that this is a time of potential transition from one type of world order to another ...*

*Richard Falk*

## CELEBRATION HIGHLIGHTS:

10:30 Music, Coffee and Tea

*La Violetta:*

*Paulina van Laarhoven: Viola da Gamba (Treble & Bass)*

*Juun Voorhoeve: Viola da Gamba (Bass) & Baroque Guitar*

11:00 Introductory Remarks

11:10 Address of His Excellency, Stephen J. Rapp

*U.S. Ambassador of Global Criminal Justice*

11:40 Address of Dr. Arthur Eyffinger

*Eminent Historian of International Law and The Hague Tradition*

12:20 Address of John Washburn

*Convenor, The American NGO Coalition for the International Criminal Court*

1:00 Laying of a Wreath at the Tomb of Grotius

*Exhibition on the United States and The Hague Tradition*

*Judicap*

1:30 Luncheon (registration required)

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