

10TH EDITION

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

02 - 08 JULY, 2026

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PROGRAMME 2026

THURSDAY 02 JULY

- 9.00 - 9.30 **Registration & Coffee**
- 9.30 - 10.30 **Welcome Words & Exercise Introduction**
Giulia Pinzauti
- 10.30 - 12.00 **Introduction to IHL**
Robert Heinsch
- 12.45 - 14.15 **Classification of Conflicts**
Matthew Cross
- 15.00 - 16.30 **ICJ Visit**
Judge Hilary Charlesworth
- 19.00 **Welcome Dinner**
HiBBQ

FRIDAY 03 JULY

- 9.00 - 10.30 **Combatants and Prisoners of War**
Jeroen van den Boogaard
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.45 **Conduct of Hostilities: General Principles and the Targeting Cycle**
Paul Ducheine
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Law of Occupation**
Giulia Pinzauti
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 - 17.30 **Courts in Conflict: Human Rights Litigation during Armed Conflicts**
Helen Duffy

MONDAY 06 JULY

- 9.00 - 10.30 **Law of Naval Warfare**
Martin Fink
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Artificial Intelligence and IHL**
Jonathan Kwik
- 14.00 - 15.30 **Protection of the Environment in Armed Conflict**
Jérôme de Hemptinne
- 15.30 - 16.00 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 - 17.30 **Prosecuting War Crimes**
Dan Saxon

TUESDAY 07 JULY

- 9.00 - 10.30 **Detention in IHL**
Jelena Plamenac
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Means and Methods of Warfare**
Johanna Trittenbach
- 13.30 - 15.00 **ICC Visit**
Philipp Ambach

WEDNESDAY 08 JULY

- 9.00 - 10.30 **Disaster Response and Humanitarian Assistance**
Heike Spieker
- 10.30 - 11.00 **Coffee Break**
- 11.00 - 12.30 **Enforcement and Implementation of IHL**
Julie Lefolle
- 13.30 - 14.30 **Common Article I**
Mirjam de Bruin
- 15.00 - 17.00 **IHL Exercise**
Giulia Pinzauti & Eva Baudichau
- 19.00 **Farewell Dinner**
Bar & Restaurant Milú

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