

**Thematic Workshop on
International Humanitarian Law and Counterterrorism**

*Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 17-18, 2008*

Draft Agenda

Venue

Fay Building – Sheerr Room
Radcliffe Yard
10 Garden Street
Cambridge, MA 02138 - USA

Thursday, July 17

- 7:30-9:00 a.m. Breakfast and Registration at meeting venue
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Introduction to specialized session
- Objectives for the course
 - Key themes and concepts
- 9:45-11:00 a.m. *Jus ad Bellum* and *Jus in Bello*
- Is there a new paradigm of conflict?
 - Defining terrorism in international law
 - Threshold of armed conflict
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. Why IHL? Military v. Law Enforcement Responses
- “Global war on terror” paradigm
 - Extraterritoriality issues
 - Looking to historic counterterrorism efforts
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. Why IHL? Military v. Law Enforcement Responses (cont’d)
- Counterterrorism and human rights
 - Criminal models
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Coffee Break

3:00-5:00 p.m. Case study, follow-up plenary discussion

Keynote Address

Friday, July 18

8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00-9:30 a.m. Review of Previous Day

9:30-10:45 a.m. Counterterrorism in the IHL Paradigm: Classification of Conflict and Status

- Non-international and international armed conflicts
- Combatant status and the issue of “unlawful belligerents”
- “Targeted killing”

10:45-11:00 a.m. Coffee Break

11:00-12:30 p.m. Legal Frameworks affecting Detention and Treatment of Detainees

- Interrogation
- Torture
- Rendition
- Interaction between domestic law, IHL and human rights

12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30-3:00 p.m. Current Debates in IHL and Counterterrorism

- Asymmetrical warfare
- High-tech warfare
- Criminal punishments for violations of IHL and IHRL
- Criminal punishments for terrorist acts (U.S. and other models)

3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee Break

3:15-5:00 p.m. Simulation Exercise