

Thematic Workshop on Human Rights in Times of Conflict

*Brussels, Belgium
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Draft Agenda

Saturday, September 20

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Introduction to specialized session
- Objectives of the course
 - Key themes and concepts
- 9:45-11:00 a.m. Foundations of IHRL and application in times of conflict
- IHRL in the context of international law
 - Key sources of IHRL
 - *Jus cogens* norms
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. Foundations of IHRL and application in times of conflict
- “Law of War” and “Law of Peace:” Do human rights protections apply during armed conflict?
 - Debates in the field
 - Concerns of different actors on the ground
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-3:00 p.m. Conceptual challenges of applying human rights in conflict
- Debates in the field
 - Instruments and mechanisms
 - Opportunities and constraints
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:15-4:15 p.m. Interaction in practice
- Scope of application
 - Overlap with other legal regimes
 - Examples from practice
- 4:15-5:15 p.m. Case study
- Film Screening

Sunday, September 21

- 9:00-9:15 a.m. Review of previous day
- 9:15-10:45 a.m. Evolution of jurisprudence: interaction between IHL and IHRL
- Ad hoc tribunals
 - Extra territorial application of HR
 - Domestic remedies for HR violations in conflicts
- 10:45-11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 p.m. Designing a policy intervention utilizing IHL and IHRL
- Crafting components of intervention
 - Strategic use of human rights law
 - Measures of success
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-2:45 p.m. Designing a policy intervention (*continued*)
- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:00-5:00 p.m. Simulation exercise