

THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND COUNTERTERRORISM

*Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 17-18, 2008*

Agenda

Venue

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

Thursday, July 17

- 8:00-9:00 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 (*continued*)
- Counterterrorism and human rights
 - Criminal models

- 2:45-3:00 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:00-4:30 p.m. Case study, follow-up plenary discussion
- 4:30-5:00 p.m. **Keynote Address**
Louise Richardson, *Executive Dean of the Radcliffe Institute*
- 6:30 p.m. **Barbeque Dinner**

Friday, July 18

- 8:00-9:00 a.m. Breakfast and registration
- 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. **Simulation Exercise**
- 3:00-3:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:15-4:30 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)