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**THEMATIC WORKSHOP ON
ISLAMIC LAW AND THE PROTECTION OF CIVILIANS**

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Draft Agenda

Wednesday, February 24

- 8:15 - 9:00 a.m. Welcome Coffee and Registration
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m. **Introduction to thematic workshop**
- Objectives of the course
 - Key themes and concepts
- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. **International Law and “Local” Norms: Various Approaches**
- Codes of Conduct
 - Multiple legal frameworks applicable during armed conflict?
 - The appeal of “local” norms: is IHL perceived as “Western”?
- 10:45 - 11:00 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:00 - 12:30 p.m. **Introduction to Islamic Law**
- Sources
 - Interpretative guidelines
 - Jurisprudence and authority
- 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30 - 3:00 p.m. **Islamic Law and International Humanitarian Law: Armed Conflict**
- Law and war in early Islamic history
 - Distinction, proportionality and civilians
 - Early concepts of humanitarianism and protection
 - Truces and other agreements
- 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:15 - 5:00 p.m. **International Humanitarian Law and NSAs (with a Case Study)**
- 18:30 p.m. Dinner (venue to be communicated)

Thursday, February 25

8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Welcome Coffee
9:00 - 9:15 a.m.	Review of Previous Day
9:15 - 10:45 a.m.	Contemporary Authority in the Absence of a Just Ruler: Islamic Law and the State <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Institutional power of Islamic law▪ Relationship between jurists and the state▪ Islamic International Law
10:45 - 11:00 a.m.	Coffee break
11:00 - 12:30 p.m.	What is the Difference between “Law” and Instrumentalism?: Assessing Claims of Militants <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ How do armed groups utilize Islamic law?▪ Does law regulate behavior on the contemporary battlefield?▪ Iraq case study: a closer look at insurgent debates
12:30 - 1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.	Tools for Negotiation? Practical Engagement with Non-state Armed Groups
3:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Coffee break
3:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Simulation Exercise
5:00 p.m.	Event Closing