

Thematic Workshop on Occupation and Peacebuilding

*Amman, Jordan
February 25-26, 2009*

Draft Agenda

Wednesday, February 25

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Introduction to specialized session
- Objectives of the course
 - Key themes and concepts
- 9:45-11:00 a.m. Occupation in the Broader Context of IHL
- Development of occupation law
 - Key precursors to contemporary occupation law (Japan, Germany)
 - Occupation law and recent developments in human rights, constitutionalism, etc.
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. Beginning and End of Occupation
- Hague and Geneva tests
 - Factual test
 - Role of Security Council resolutions
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-3:15 p.m. Military and Police Operations in Occupation
- Security detention
 - House demolitions, searches and other security measures
 - Combat situations during occupation
- 3:15-3:30 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Case studies (fact patterns, visual vignettes, etc.)

Film Screening

Thursday, February 6

- 9:00-9:15 a.m. Review of previous day
- 9:15-11:00 a.m. Stepping into the Sovereign's Shoes: Responsibilities of the Occupying Power
- Education
 - Legal system
 - Governance
 - Local government during occupation
- 11:00-11:15 a.m. Coffee break
- 11:15-12:30 p.m. Humanitarian and Transformative Occupation?
- Contemporary debates regarding intervention and occupation
 - Transforming local institutions and laws in light of human rights standards
 - Evolution of norms or failure to enforce existing rules?
 - Can the UN ever be considered an occupying power?
- 12:30-1:30 p.m. Lunch
- 1:30-3:30 p.m. Simulation Exercise: Negotiating with Commander of Occupying Forces
- 3:30-3:45 p.m. Coffee break
- 3:45-5:00 p.m. Panel Discussion: Contemporary Challenges to Occupation Law