

Tentative program – IHL Summer School 2024

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SUNDAY | May 26, 2024

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
Participants registration	<p>13:00 – 13:30 3rd Floor FAUTEUX HALL (57 Louis-Pasteur Private) University of Ottawa</p> <p><i>Please come and confirm your registration for the course. If you are not able to do so during the first registration period, please do so Monday morning at 8:15.</i></p>
Afternoon session Basic overview of Public International Law.	<p>Professor John Packer University of Ottawa 13:30 – 16:00 FTX302</p> <p><i>Mandatory introductory session for all participants.</i></p>

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MONDAY | May 27, 2024

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
<p>OFFICIAL START of the IHL SUMMER SCHOOL!</p> <p>Bilingual session.</p>	<p>8:15 – 8:45 3rd Floor, FAUTEUX Hall (FTX) Registration of the participants.</p> <p>*****</p> <p>8:45 – 9:00 FTX302 <i>Welcome presentation and information about the course.</i></p>
<p>Morning session</p> <p>Introduction to International Humanitarian Law.</p>	<p>Professor Steve Martial Tiwa Fomekong Université Laval</p> <p>9:00 – 12:00 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 10:30 FTX315</p> <p><i>This session will examine the philosophical and historical development of humanitarian law as well as its main goals notably to spare those who do not participate in hostility as well as limiting the violence to the amount necessary to achieve the aim of the conflict. It will further examine the relationship between jus ad bellum and jus in bello. This session will also examine the main sources of IHL and when, where and to whom it applies.</i></p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>12:00 – 13:30 Free time</p>
<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>Interactive exercise.</p>	<p>Professeur Marco Sassòli University of Geneva</p> <p>13:30 – 16:30 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 15:00 FTX315</p> <p><i>Interactive discussion on contemporary challenges regarding the application of International Humanitarian Law.</i></p>
<p>RECEPTION</p>	<p>Event to mark the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Conventions Organized by the Swiss Embassy in Canada By invitation only.</p> <p><i>Details will be provided to participants in due course.</i></p>

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TUESDAY | May 28, 2024

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
<p>Morning session</p> <p>Combatant status and protection of detainees.</p>	<p>Maj Anne-Sophie Chagnon Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canadian Armed Forces 9:00 – 12:00 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 10:30 FTX315</p> <p><i>The session will examine who is to be considered a combatant in international armed conflict as well as the notion of “direct participation in hostilities” under IHL and the protections which are afforded to those who are detained.</i></p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>12:00 – 13:30 Free time</p>
<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>Protection of civilians, including protection of women and children.</p>	<p>Andrew Carswell IHL & Protection of Civilian Policy, Global Affairs & HRREC Fellow 13:30 – 16:30 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 15:00 FTX315</p> <p><i>This session will examine the protection afforded to civilians under international humanitarian law. It will include a presentation of the rules that safeguard civilians against the effects of hostilities and the rules that protect civilians who fall into the hands of the enemy. Participants will consider and discuss the special IHL provisions that seek to protect women and children.</i></p>

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WEDNESDAY | May 29, 2024

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
<p>Morning session</p> <p>Means and methods of warfare - Conduct of hostilities and targeting.</p>	<p>Maj Peter Briffett Canadian Forces Military Law Centre, Canadian Armed Forces 9:00 – 12:00 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 10:30 FTX315</p> <p><i>This session will explore what means and methods of warfare are permitted and prohibited by IHL and particularly “Hague law”. It will especially examine how and why certain tactics and weapons have been outlawed.</i></p>
<p>Session over lunch</p> <p>Ethics (bilingual session)</p>	<p>Jean-François Laberge University of Ottawa 12:15 – 13:15 FTX302</p> <p><i>A light lunch will be served to participants.</i></p>
<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>Command responsibility.</p>	<p>Maj Peter Briffett Canadian Forces Military Law Centre, Canadian Armed Forces 13:00 – 15:30 FTX302 Break (30 minutes): 15:30 FTX315</p> <p><i>This session will focus on the concepts around command responsibility.</i></p>
<p>Setting the stage for Simulation Day!</p> <p>Mandatory bilingual session.</p>	<p>Fanny Dagenais-Dion Canadian Red Cross Thomas Roos Université Laval 16:00 – 17:00 FTX302</p> <p><i>Review of materials and preparation for Thursday’s simulation exercise.</i></p>

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THURSDAY | May 30, 2024

SESSION	DESCRIPTION
Simulation day	<p>Fanny Dagenais-Dion Canadian Red Cross Thomas Roos Université Laval 8:00 – 18:00 Rooms TBC – You will be informed the day before which rooms will be assigned to which exercises.</p> <p>Breaks will be indicated in a separate document. Meals for the day will be provided.</p> <p><i>Based on a fictitious case, students will participate in different role play scenarios. Judges from uOttawa, the Canadian Red Cross and the Canadian military will play specific roles in the exercise.</i></p>

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FRIDAY | May 31, 2024

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<p>HOT TOPIC Session</p> <p>Mandatory for all participants.</p>	<p>9:00 – 10:15 FTX302 Break (15 minutes): 10:15 FTX315</p> <p><i>Special online session with Mr. Jamie McGoldrick, who was formerly Deputy Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, United Nations Resident Coordinator, and Humanitarian Coordinator for the Occupied Palestinian Territory. He held this position from 2018-2020 before retiring from the UN. He was asked to take on the same position ad interim from December 2023 until April 2024. He currently works with Fordham University and hosts their podcast Humanitarian Fault Lines.</i></p>
<p>A look back at Simulation Day</p> <p>*GROUP PICTURE</p>	<p>Fanny Dagenais-Dion Canadian Red Cross Thomas Roos Université Laval 10:30 – 11:30 FTX302</p> <p><i>Discussion on learnings, challenges and useful feedback to reinforce the goals of the session.</i></p>
<p>LUNCH BREAK</p>	<p>11:30 – 13:00 Free time</p>
<p>Afternoon session</p> <p>International Criminal Law.</p>	<p>Sidney Thompson Crime Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Justice Canada Terry Beitner Director & General Counsel, Crimes Against Humanity and War Crimes Section, Justice Canada 13:00 – 16:00 FTX302</p> <p><i>Introduction to International Criminal Law. Review of historical developments after World War II with the Nuremberg and Tokyo trials, the experience of ad hoc tribunals such as the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, the Rome Statute and the International Criminal Court. Canada’s War Crime Program, Crime Against Humanity Act and questions surrounding jurisdiction and investigation.</i></p>
<p>Closing ceremony & Info session for final exam</p>	<p>John Packer HRREC, University of Ottawa Fanny Dagenais-Dion Canadian Red Cross 16:00 – 17:00 FTX302</p> <p><i>Closing ceremony and distribution of certificates. Short briefing about the final exam MANDATORY for-credit participants (30 minutes max.).</i></p>