

***Rebalancing International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.
The Significance of the 1949 Geneva Conventions Seventy Years On***

DAY 1 – Thursday, March 7, 2019

08:30 – 09:00 **WELCOME AND REGISTRATION**

09:00 – 09:20 **OPENING REMARKS**

Oreste FOPPIANI – *Head, Department of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*
Clementina ACEDO – *Director, Webster University Geneva*
Olivier COUTAU – *Geneva State Council's Delegate for International Geneva*
Elisabetta TRENTA – *Minister of Defense, Italy*

09:20 – 10:00 **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

The Geneva Conventions at 70. More than a Successful Legacy: A Call for Action

Gilles CARBONNIER – *Vice-President, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and Professor of Development Economics, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*

10:00 – 10:45 **SESSION 1: POWs, Internees, Captured Personnel and Detention Facilities**

Chair: Michel VEUTHEY – *Associate Professor of International Law, Webster University Geneva, and Vice-president, International Institute of Humanitarian Law*

Challenges in the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Jonathan CUÉNOUD – *Legal Officer, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Justice Section, Directorate of International Law, Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs*

Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo Bay, and Indefinite Detention without Trial: U.S. Foreign Policy Failures

David BRAMLETTE – *Former U.S. Army Special Operations Medic, Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom Veteran, Undergraduate Student, Webster University Geneva (BA-IR 2019)*

10:45 – 11:00 **Question and Answer Session**

11:00 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **SESSION 2: The Protection of Civilians in Occupied Territories**

Chair: Oreste FOPPIANI – *Head, Department of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

IHL in Occupied Palestinian Territory

Younis AL KHATIB – *President, Palestine Red Crescent Society*

The Interaction between IHL and IHRL: The Protection of Civilians in Occupied Territories

Lama JBARAH – *Teaching Assistant, Human Rights Law, Webster University Geneva, and Vice-President of International-Lawyers.org, Geneva*

UNRWA, International Law and the Situation of Palestine Refugees in Conflict and Occupation

Michael SCHOISWOHL – *Deputy Director and Principal Legal Officer, UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA)*

A Historical and Political Prospective of the UNHCR Western Sahara Refugee Situation

Athar SULTAN-KHAN – *Honorary Dean and Professor of International Relations, the Geneva School of Diplomacy (GSD), former Chef de Cabinet of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and former Special Advisor to the UN Secretary-General during the transition period in New York*

12:30 – 12:45 Question and Answer Session

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 **SESSION 3: The Changing Character of Warfare**

Chair: **Francesco M. CHIARAVALLI** – *Carabinieri Liaison Officer to the General Directorate of the French Gendarmerie Nationale, Colonel, Carabinieri Force, Italy*

Autonomous Weapons and IHL

Alexandre J. VAUTRAVERS – *Coordinator of the MA in Global Security, Global Studies Institute, University of Geneva, and Colonel, General Staff Corps, Swiss Army*

How to Mitigate the Weaponization of New Technologies

Anja T. KASPERSEN – *Director, UN Office for Disarmament Affairs, Geneva*

The Current Evolution of Artificial Intelligence and Problematics Linked to Its Use

Guillaume FOURNIER – *Researcher, International Institute of Humanitarian Law*

15:00 – 15:15 Question and Answer Session

15:15 – 15:30 Coffee Break

15:30 – 16:45 **SESSION 4: The Protection of Medical Personnel and War Correspondents**

Chair: **Francesco ARESE VISCONTI** – *Head, Dept. of Media and Communications, Webster University Geneva*

The Protection of Medical Personnel: History Informing the Present

Duncan McLEAN – *Senior Researcher, Research Unit on Humanitarian Stakes and Practices, MSF Suisse*

Gaëtan VANNAY – *Independent journalist, former Chief of the International Bureau of RTS-Radio*

Edward GIRARDET – *Editor-in-Chief, Global Geneva, and former war correspondent in Afghanistan*

Gunilla von HALL – *Foreign correspondent, Svenska Dagbladet*

16:45 – 17:00 Question and Answer Session

17:00 – 17:15 Concluding Comments for the Day

DAY 2 – Friday, March 8, 2019

08:30 – 09:00 WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

The 1949 Geneva Conventions and the Universal Humanitarian Order in the 21st Century
Otto HIERONYMI – *Honorary Professor of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

Il ruolo dei cappellani militari nelle missioni internazionali tra passato, presente e futuro
Santo MARCIANÒ – *Archbishop, Chaplain-General, Italian Armed Forces Chaplains' Department*

09:45 – 11:00 **SESSION 5: Child Soldiers**

Chair: Ivana MACHONOVA-SCHELLONGOVA – *Human Rights Officer, UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and Lecturer in International Law, Webster University Geneva*

Engaging Armed Non-State Actors to End Child Recruitment: The Experience of Geneva Call
Pascal BONGARD – *Head of the Policy and Legal Unit, Geneva Call*

Amanda L. MELVILLE – *Senior Regional Protection Officer, UNHCR*

Child Soldiers: UNICEF's Work to Protect Children from Forced Recruitment and Support Demobilization and Reintegration. Current Example: South Sudan

Bettina JUNKER – *Director-General, UNICEF Switzerland and Lichtenstein*

Re-conceptualizing Child Soldiering

Karl HANSON – *Professor of Public Law, University of Geneva, and Deputy Director, Center for Children's Rights*

11:00 – 11:15 Question and Answer Session

11:15– 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:45 **SESSION 6: The Increased Relevance of Non-State Actors in Armed Conflicts**

Chair: Jubin M. GOODARZI – *Associate Professor of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

Some Thoughts on Prosecuting Non-State Actors for Atrocity Crimes

Andrew CLAPHAM – *Professor of International Law, the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies*

Forcible Recruitment of Adults by Armed Non-State Actors

Jelena PLAMENAC – *Senior International Humanitarian Law Expert, Diakonia*

Domestic and International Policy vs. Fake News, Misinformation and Social Media

David L. DELA PENA – *Undergraduate Student, Webster University Geneva (BA-IR 2019)*

Non-State Armed Actors: Either Humanitarians or Criminals

Gino LANZARA – *IHL Instructor, Commander, Italian Navy*

12:45 – 13:00 Question and Answer Session

13:00 – 13:05 Closing Remarks, Oreste FOPPIANI, Head, Dept. of International Relations, Webster University Geneva

13:05 – 13:10 Concluding Comments, Martina CASTIGLIONI, President, Webster Humanitarian Association (WHA)