



HUMANITY IN WAR: HOW CAN IHL KEEP ITS PROMISES? THE FUTURE AFTER 75 YEARS OF GENEVA CONVENTIONS

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Welcome and Opening Addresses

Dr. Knut Dörmann is Head of Delegation of the ICRC Brussels delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium since June 2020. Previously he was ICRC's Head of the Legal Division and Chief Legal Officer (December 2007 - May 2020), Deputy Head of the Legal Division (June 2004 - November 2007) and Legal Adviser at the Legal Division (December 1998 - May 2004) (in charge of among others the law applicable to the conduct of hostility, cyber warfare, the protection of the environment, international criminal law). He holds a Doctor of Laws (Dr. jur.) from the University of Bochum in Germany (2001). Prior to joining the ICRC, he was Managing Editor of *Humanitäres Völkerrecht - Informationsschriften* (1991-1997), Research Assistant (1988-1993) and Research Associate (1993-1997) at the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict, University of Bochum. Dr. Dörmann has been a member of several groups of experts working on the current challenges of international humanitarian law. He has extensively presented and published on international humanitarian law, international law of peace and international criminal law. He received the 2005 Certificate of Merit of the American Society of International Law for his book 'Elements of War Crimes under the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court', published by Cambridge University Press.

Dr. Gilles Carbonnier is the Vice-President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) (appointed in 2018). Since 2007, Dr. Carbonnier has been a professor of development economics at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (Geneva), where he also served as director of studies and president of the Centre for Education and Research in Humanitarian Action. His expertise is in international cooperation, the economic dynamics of armed conflict, and the nexus between natural resources and development. His latest book, published by Hurst and Oxford University Press in 2016, is entitled *Humanitarian Economics: War, Disaster and the Global Aid Market*. Prior to joining the Graduate Institute, Dr. Carbonnier worked with the ICRC in Iraq, Ethiopia, El Salvador and Sri Lanka (1989–1991), and served as an economic adviser at the ICRC's headquarters (1999–2006). Between 1992 and 1996, he was in charge of international trade negotiations (GATT/WTO) and development cooperation programmes for the Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.

Ms. Federica Mogherini is the Rector of the College of Europe (since September 2020) and Director of the European Union Diplomatic Academy, implemented by the College of Europe (since August 2022). Previously, she has served as the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission (2014-19). Prior to joining the EU, she was Italian Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (2014), and a Member of the Italian Chamber of Deputies (2008-14). In her parliamentary capacity, she was Head of the Italian Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of its Political Committee (2013-14); member of the Italian Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2008-13); Secretary of the Defence Committee (2008-13); and member of the Foreign Affairs Committee. She also coordinated the Inter-Parliamentary Group for Development Cooperation. She has co-chaired the United Nations High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement from January 2020 to September 2021. Federica Mogherini is a member of the Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters (ADB), of the Board of Trustees of the International Crisis Group and of the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Fellow of the German Marshall Fund, member of the Board of Directors of the Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) and of the Italian Institute for Foreign Affairs (IAI) and member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences. She was a member of the High Level Reflection Group of the Council of Europe. She has a degree in Political Science from the University of Rome "La Sapienza".

Introductory session : does Humanity in war exist?

Mr. John Swords is the NATO legal adviser and director of NATO's Office of Legal Affairs. His team advises the Secretary General, the International Staff as well as the 32 NATO Allies in committees and Council. The work touches on all areas of law and, in addition to advice, the team conducts litigation and negotiates and drafts contracts and treaties. John also chairs the Annual Meeting of Allies Legal Advisers (AMALA), when the most senior MFA and MOD lawyers from capitals convene at NATO to discuss the key strategic legal issues confronting the alliance. Before joining NATO, John led the Operational and International Humanitarian Law division in the UK's MOD.

Ms. Laurence Marion has been Director for Legal Affairs at the General Secretariat for Administration (SGA) of the French Minister of the Armed Forces since October 17, 2022. She succeeds Claire Legras, who has held this position since August 2017. Laurence Marion is a Conseillère d'Etat. Since September 2019, she has been Déléguée générale of the Fondation nationale Cité internationale universitaire de Paris. From 2007 to 2009, she worked in the Prime Minister's office as technical advisor in charge of civil liberties and the 2008 constitutional revision. From 2009 to 2012, she was Directrice générale déléguée of the Etablissement français du sang (EFS). She was an assessor on the 1st chamber of the litigation section of the Conseil d'Etat (2018-2019). Between 2012 and 2018, she had several postings at the Conseil d'Etat: rapporteur at the 7th chamber (public procurement) then public rapporteur at the 5th chamber (media and hospital liability) of the litigation section. In 2015, Laurence Marion was general rapporteur for the report entrusted by the President of the Republic to Jean-Marc Sauvé and Claude Onesta "Pour que vive la fraternité, Proposition pour une réserve citoyenne" (2015) and, in 2018, for the Conseil d'Etat study submitted to the Prime Minister "Révision des lois de bioéthique: quelles options pour demain" (2018) She also chairs the Commission de surveillance et de contrôle des publications destinées à la jeunesse until September 2019. She is a regular contributor to l'Actualité juridique du droit administratif (AJDA), Revue française de droit administratif (RFDA), la Semaine juridique. Laurence Marion is a chevalier of the Ordre national du mérite.

Mr. Olof Skoog is the EU Special Representative (EUSR) for Human Rights, International Humanitarian Law and International Criminal Justice. Mr Skoog took up his duties on 1 March 2024. He is a Swedish diplomat with extensive national and EU experience across a wide range of positions. Most recently, he was Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations from December 2019 until August 2023. Previously, he was Director-General for Political Affairs in the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented Sweden at the European Union and at the OSCE, and served as Swedish Ambassador to Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador and Panama. Through his work, the EU Special Representative contributes to the implementation of the EU's policy on human rights, EU's positions on promoting compliance with international humanitarian law and support for international criminal justice. Furthermore, the EU Special Representative works to establish a stronger European voice through dialogues on human rights with governments in third countries and international and regional organisations, as well as with civil society organisations and other relevant actors. The Special Representative works closely with the European External Action Service and EU institutions to ensure the effectiveness and visibility of EU human rights policy in external actions.

Panel 1 : Stronger together: 75 years of IHL implementation

Dr. Anne Quintin is the head of the Advisory Service on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) at the ICRC. Since 2008 when she first joined the ICRC, she has held various positions, both at headquarters in Geneva and in the Washington, DC delegation, working on the dissemination and implementation of IHL with various audiences. Before joining the ICRC, Dr Quintin worked for the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and for the San Remo Institute. She has also held academic positions, including as a visiting lecturer at the Paris School of International Affairs (Sciences Po Paris) and at the Elliott School of International Affairs at George Washington University, and as a visiting scholar at the Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law at the University of Melbourne. Anne is the author of *The Nature of International Humanitarian Law* (Elgar, 2020) and of numerous articles, and is the co-author of the online casebook *How Does Law Protect in War*, alongside Marco Sassòli, Antoine Bouvier and Julia Grignon. Dr Quintin holds a PhD in IHL from the University of Geneva, a degree in politics, philosophy and economics from the University of Kent, England, a master's degree from the Institut d'Études Politiques in Lille, France, and an LLM in international humanitarian law from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.

Ms. Mirjam de Bruin, LLM, is an expert in international humanitarian law. She currently works as a senior advisor at the Center of Expertise on Military Criminal Law (EMSOM) of the Public Prosecution Service at the East Netherlands District Court. Previously, she held several positions within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, including Regional Advisor for EURASIA on counter-terrorism measures and sanctions with the ICRC's Brussels Delegation, Delegate/Country Manager in the Palestinian Occupied Territory, and senior legal advisor IHL with the Netherlands Red Cross. Prior to that she worked

in academia, teaching international law and intelligence studies. De Bruin holds Master's degrees in Law and Politics of International Security (Free University Amsterdam) and Military Law (University of Amsterdam). She co-authored a Dutch handbook on IHL.

Mr. Jonas Périlleux is working as a legal adviser at the Belgian Federal Public Service (FPS) Justice. He studied law and international law at the Brussels Free University before joining the International Humanitarian Law Unit of the FPS Justice in 2009. In this Unit he is mainly in charge of drafting legislations in the field of IHL, dealing with interstates request for legal assistance and request for cooperation with international tribunals and mechanisms on IHL matters, and representing the Ministry of justice in negotiations in international fora. In this framework he was part of the Belgian delegation to numerous annual meetings of the Assembly of States Parties to the ICC, to all Red-Cross and Red-Crescent International Conferences since 2011 and to meetings dedicated to international criminal justice at the EU and the UN.

Mr. Frédéric Casier holds a Master's degree in Law from the Catholic University of Louvain (2001) and a Postgraduate degree diploma – Master in Public International Law from the University of Brussels (2003). From 2003 to 2004, he worked for Avocats Sans Frontières - Belgique as project manager in Brussels and in Kigali where he participated to the coordination of the training programs in International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law for the judicial actors and the Gacaca Judges (traditional justice) in charge of the genocide litigation in Rwanda. From 2005 to 2010, he coordinated the dissemination activities of International Humanitarian Law at the International Department/International Humanitarian Law Unit of the Belgian Red Cross (French-speaking Community). Since 2011, he has worked as Senior Legal Adviser in International Humanitarian Law and as responsible for the relations with the International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent at the Directorate-General of the National Society (French-speaking Community). He is still involved in IHL dissemination activities. He also works with the Belgian Authorities to assist them in the adoption of national measures of implementation of IHL in Belgium. For that purpose, he participates in the work of the Belgian National Committee of IHL and co-chairs the working groups on IHL Dissemination and on the International Conferences of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. From 2020-2022, he co-chairs the European network of the National Red Cross Societies' legal advisers. He is also member of the Scientific Committee of the Belgian Group of the International Society for Military Law and Law of War since 2006 and member of its Governing Board since 2014.

Panel 2 : Giving means without giving up responsibilities: ensuring respect for IHL, from words to deeds

Prof. Marten Zwanenburg is a Professor of Military Law at the University of Amsterdam and at the Faculty of Military Sciences of the Netherlands Defence Academy. Professor Zwanenburg's research centers on international conflict and security law. He has published widely on military operations, the law of armed conflict, the law of occupation, international human rights law, and international responsibility. His current research interests include the use of data in military operations, space and military operations, and topical issues in IHL. He holds an LL.M. and a PhD from Leiden University. Professor Zwanenburg is a member of the editorial boards of the Military Law and the Law of War Review and the Militair Rechtelijk Tijdschrift (Netherlands Review of Military Law).

Mr. Eric Mongelard leads the Armed Conflict and Insecurity Team within the Rule of Law Section of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. Prior to his current position, he worked in numerous posts with OHCHR, including as legal advisor to OHCHR's G5-Sahel project and to the Commission of Inquiry on the 2014 Gaza Conflict, with OHCHR's office in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and with Special Procedures. Prior to joining OHCHR, he worked in the legal division of the ICRC and at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia. He holds an LL.M. from the CUDIH (known today as the Geneva Academy).

Ms. Johanna Trittenbach is a doctoral researcher at the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University. Her PhD research examines arms transfer controls under international law. She is also a supervisor at the Leiden IHL Clinic, where she manages LL.M. students' impact-oriented research, among others on access to justice for victims of international crimes. Johanna has previously worked on issues of disarmament and arms control in civil society organizations, and has interned in think tanks, the UN, and government. Johanna is a co-founder and board member of the Fénix Foundation, an NGO aimed at leveraging technology for the benefit of international criminal justice, and focused on training various stakeholders on the use of digital evidence for the prosecutions of international crimes.

Prof. Vaios Koutroulis is a professor of public international law at the Faculty of Law and Criminology of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB). He has given numerous lectures, including in training courses for members of the armed forces, humanitarian aid workers and other professionals, on issues relating to international humanitarian law and international criminal law. He has several publications to his credit on international humanitarian law, international criminal law and *ius contra bellum*. Vaios Koutroulis is a member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission, the only permanent treaty-based body dealing with compliance with the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their First Additional Protocol. As a practitioner, he was a member of Belgium's legal team in the case of Questions Relating to the Obligation to Prosecute

or Extradite (Belgium v. Senegal) in 2012 and counsel for Belgium in the recent (2024) Advisory Proceedings on the Occupied Palestinian Territory, both before the International Court of Justice. He has also consulted the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on international criminal law issues relating to the Ljubljana - The Hague Convention on International Cooperation in the Investigation and Prosecution of Crimes of Genocide, Crimes against Humanity, War Crimes and Other International Crimes. He participated in the negotiation of the Convention, as chairman of one of the three main working groups of the Ljubljana Diplomatic Conference.

Panel 3 : Humanity in the age of new technologies

Dr. Merel Ekelhof is a Senior Advisor with the Policy Directorate of the U.S. DoD Chief Digital and Artificial Intelligence Office (CDAO), where she deals with topics related to strategic and international partnerships, autonomous weapons, and responsible AI. She has been seconded by the Netherlands Ministry of Defence, where she held a position as AI innovation manager at the Defence Materiel Organization. Before joining the Defense Department, Dr. Ekelhof was the lead researcher on Artificial Intelligence and Autonomy at UNIDIR's Security and Technology Programme, a government adviser on issues related to autonomous weapons, and a visiting researcher at the Harvard Law School. Dr. Ekelhof serves on NATO's Maritime Unmanned Systems Innovation Advisory Board and the UK Ministry of Defence AI Ethics Advisory Panel. She is a NATO JFAC certified targeteer and holds a Ph.D in Law and an LL.M in Law and Politics of International Security from the VU University Amsterdam, Netherlands. Her doctoral research is titled "The Distributed Conduct of War: Reframing Debates on Autonomous Weapons, Human Control and Legal Compliance in Targeting".

Dr. Henning Lahmann is Assistant Professor at eLaw – Center for Law and Digital Technologies at Leiden University Law School. His focuses on the intersection of digital technologies and international law, especially the use of digital open-source information by civil society actors, disinformation, the legal, political, and ethical implications of the use of AI in military and security applications, and transnational cybersecurity. In 2021/22, Henning was a Hauser Post-Doctoral Global Fellow at NYU School of Law, pursuing research on the use of open-source intelligence in the context of the war in Ukraine, with support from a research grant by the German Academic Exchange Service. Prior to joining Leiden University, he worked as Program Leader International Cyber Law at the Digital Society Institute at the ESMT Berlin. From 2020 to 2022, he also served as an associate research fellow at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. In 2019, Henning pursued a research fellowship at the Israel Public Policy Institute and the Institute for National Security Studies at Tel Aviv University. Henning holds a doctoral degree in international law from the University of Potsdam, Germany. Previously, he worked as senior policy advisor at the Berlin-based think tank iRights.Lab and acted as the German correspondent for Freedom House's annual "Freedom on the Net" report. Henning studied law and philosophy in Hamburg and Prague and held research fellow positions at the Walther Schücking Institute for International Law at the University of Kiel, the University of Potsdam, and FU Berlin.

Mr. Laurent Gisel is the Head of the Arms and Conduct of Hostilities Unit at the Legal Division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva. He leads the development and promotion of the ICRC's strategies and activities to reaffirm, clarify, and strengthen international humanitarian law with regard to weapons of humanitarian concern, new technologies of warfare and the conduct of hostilities. Laurent worked in the ICRC Legal Division in various positions since 2008, including Legal Adviser to Operations, and Senior Legal Adviser and Cyber Team Leader. From 2013 to 2020, he was the file holder for the rules governing the conduct of hostilities under international humanitarian law, including their application during urban warfare, cyber operations, and outer space operations, on which he publishes regularly. Laurent began his career at the ICRC in 1999 and held several positions in conflict areas, in Israel and the Occupied Territories, Eritrea, Afghanistan, and as Deputy Head of Delegation in Nepal. He served as Diplomatic Adviser to the ICRC Presidency from 2005 to 2008. Prior to joining the ICRC, Laurent became attorney-at-law in Geneva and worked at the Public and Administrative Law Court of the Canton de Vaud. He holds a Degree in Law from the University of Geneva and a Masters in International Law from the Graduate Institute of International Studies (Geneva, Switzerland).

Ms. Jessica Dorsey is an Assistant Professor of International Law and director of the Realities of Algorithmic Warfare project at Utrecht University. She is also an Expert Member of the Global Commission on the Responsible Use of AI in the Military Domain. Her current research focuses on the legitimacy of military targeting operations in light of increasing autonomy in warfare, with a specific focus on the protection of civilians in armed conflict. Jessica is also a renowned legal scholar and practitioner on issues related to the use of force, especially in the context of drone warfare, having worked in the field for more than 15 years. She is an Associate Fellow at the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism, The Hague and the Managing Editor of the international law weblog, *Opinio Juris*.

Panel 4 : Upholding Humanity in the conduct of hostilities: contemporary challenges to the application of the principle of proportionality

Prof. Gloria Gaggioli is Associate Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva and Vice-Dean of the Law Faculty. She is member of the board of Geneva Call and of the International Review of the Red Cross. She has published in various fields of public international law with a focus on international humanitarian law, human rights law and counter-terrorism. She was the Director of the Geneva Academy until August 2024 and previously served as Legal Adviser in the legal division of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Dr. Sigrid Redse Johansen is a Senior Public Prosecutor at the Norwegian Director of Public Prosecutions' Office. Until July 1st she held the position as Generaladvokat (Judge Advocate General) for the Norwegian Armed Forces (a function which is now incorporated into the Director of Public Prosecutions Office). In the position as JAG she was both the Director General of Military Prosecutions leading the military prosecutors, and advisor to the Chief of Defence in cases and matters concerning criminal law, criminal procedure and summary punishment. She has also been working as a Special Adviser in law for the Norwegian Special Operations Command and an associate professor and lecturer in international and operational law at the Norwegian Defence Command and Staff College for more than ten years, where she has been responsible for teaching programmes in the Law of Armed Conflict, for all levels of command in the Norwegian Armed Forces. She has also practiced as an attorney at law, acting as defence counsel for the accused in criminal cases in the district courts, courts of appeal and before the Supreme Court of Norway. Sigrid Redse Johansen has a PhD in international law from the University of Oslo. She has published various articles and books within the field of the Law of Armed Conflict, both in Norwegian and English. Among these is the book *The military Commander's Necessity: The Law of Armed Conflict and its Limits* (Cambridge University Press, 2019).

Ms. Emily Tripp is the Executive Director of Airwars, a civilian harm monitor and watchdog organisation. In 2021 she joined Airwars managing the Casualty Recording team, and took over the leadership of the organisation in June 2022. Her previous experience includes working in humanitarian aid delivery in the Middle East, with a focus on carrying out research and managing assessment teams in Syria and Libya to help inform humanitarian responses.

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Panel 5 : Upholding Humanity during high-intensity armed conflicts: risks, challenges and opportunities

CAPT (NAVY) Stephane-Emmanuel Lesnard was graduated in History and in Private Law from University Paris X. He joined the French Navy in 1997. After several assignments as supply officer and officer of the watch on warships and on a naval air station, in Toulon (France) and in New Caledonia, he served in various positions in Brest and in Paris in support and logistic areas as well as in human resources management. He got a legal specialization in Maritime Law and International Humanitarian Law and was deployed as maritime legal advisor in naval operations. He was posted in London and Mombasa (Kenya) as senior legal advisor of anti-piracy operation EUNAVFORMED ATALANTA and was appointed senior legal advisor of NATO Maritime Command (MARCOM) in London from 2016 to 2019. After 3 years of appointment at the French Joint Center of Operations in Paris as senior legal advisor, he headed the Operational Law office within the French Joint Chief of Staff cabinet. Since September 2023, he leads the operational law Branch within ACO/SHAPE Office of Legal Affairs.

Cdr Caroline Tuckett joined the Royal Navy (RN) as a Logistics Officer in 2006. Her first assignment was at sea as the Deputy Logistics Officer of a destroyer, with deployments around the globe. Selected for the Naval Legal Service in 2008, she completed 3 years of training to qualify as a Barrister. Since then, her assignments have included Legal Adviser to 3 Commando Brigade Royal Marines with a number of overseas deployments, and a 10 month tour to the United Kingdom

Maritime Component Command (UKMCC) in Bahrain as the Legal Adviser for both UKMCC and the Combined Maritime Force, a maritime coalition of 34 nations. In 2020 Cdr Tuckett completed a Masters by Research in International Law through the University of Exeter, exploring the legal issues of sub-threshold operations in the maritime environment, with a particular focus on the South China Sea. She then became the lead legal adviser in International and Operational Law within the RN. With a focus on the applicability of international maritime law to the military operation of unmanned vessels, she has provided evidence to the House of Lords International Relations and Defence Committee on this topic. As a result of her work regarding the legal issues surrounding maritime autonomy, she was named the Armed Forces Barrister of the Year in the Employed Bar Awards 2022. Now the lead maritime legal adviser at the UK Permanent Joint Headquarters, she also represents the United Kingdom in the Group of Experts for the revision project for the San Remo Manual on the Law of Armed Conflict at Sea. She is also a Visiting Research Fellow at the University of Plymouth, her current research focuses on sovereign immunity, and its relevance to military operations.

Ms. Helené Lackenbauer, is a Deputy Research Director at the Swedish Defence Research Agency (FOI). Her focus is on command and control in armed forces, international peace support operations, civil military coordination, humanitarian aid, protection of civilians and gender in crises management. She has worked extensively with the Swedish Armed Forces at all levels, served as a political advisor in international operations and teaches regularly at the Armed Forces Intelligence and Security School. Before joining FOI she served with the International Red Cross Movement as a policy adviser on protection of displaced populations in international humanitarian crises.

Ms. Pauline Warnotte is Senior Legal Advisor at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Delegation to the EU, NATO and the Kingdom of Belgium and lecturer at the Law Faculty of the University of Namur (Belgium). Before joining the ICRC, Pauline held successively the positions of legal advisor within the International and Humanitarian Law Unit of the Belgian Ministry of Defence (2013-2019) and assistant to the Chair of Law of the Royal Military Academy (2019-2020), where she notably taught LOAC, Disarmament and Weapons Law. As part of her military duties, Pauline has been deployed in Qatar (OIR, 2017) and Mali (EUTM Mali, 2017 and MINUSMA, 2018). She left the armed forces in 2021, with the rank of Captain. Her previous experiences include the IHL Unit of the Belgian Ministry of Justice (2011-2013), and the Security and Technology Programme of the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research in Geneva (2020-2021), where she worked on autonomous weapons.