



*IHL Development: New Agenda and Reality Check*

# Conference Program

Yerevan,  
18 - 21 November 2015

*Venue: Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University  
Address: H. Emin str. 123, Yerevan*



Wednesday, November 18, 2015

## ARRIVAL DAY

- 18:00 to 19:00** Meeting with Dr. Armen DARBINYAN, Rector of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University
- 19:00 to 20:00** Dinner at the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University
- 20:00 to 22:00** Walking tour in Yerevan (optional)
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Thursday, November 19, 2015

- 09:30 to 10:00** Registration of participants
- 10:00 to 10:45** Official opening ceremony of the 8th Yerevan International Conference on International Humanitarian Law

**Dr. Armen DARBINYAN**, Rector of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

**Caroline DOUILLIEZ**, Head of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Delegation in Armenia

**Vigen KOCHARYAN**, Deputy Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

**Prof. Vladimir VARDANYAN**, Head of the Legal Advisory Service of the Staff, Constitutional Court of Armenia

**Lilit YEREMYAN**, Head of Chair of International Law of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding between the International Committee of the Red Cross and Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

- 10:45 to 11:10** Objectives and themes of the 8th Yerevan International Conference on International Humanitarian Law
- Anastasia KUSHLEYKO, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Promotion of IHL in Eastern Europe and Central Asia
- 11:10 to 11:30** Coffee Break

## PANEL 1. ENSURING BETTER COMPLIANCE WITH IHL: THINKING OUT OF THE BOX FOR THE STATES AND INDIVIDUALS

**DISCUSSION MODERATORS:** Eric DAVID, Prof. Emeritus of International Law, Free University of Brussels (ULB), President of the Centre of International Law of the ULB, member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission

Lilit YEREMYAN, Head of Chair of International Law of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

11:30 to 13:00

**Tomasz LEWANDOWSKI**

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland

*Lex Perfectae or Imperfectae? State Responsibility for Ensuring the Respect for IHL in All Circumstances*

**Naeemeh ABASIAN**

Shomal University of Tehran

*Ensuring Better Compliance with IHL: Thinking Out of the Box for the States and Individuals*

**Paola Diana REYES PARRA**

Legal Adviser of the Office of International Law, MFA Peru, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

*Fight Against Terrorism and the Engagement of Armed Groups to Comply with IHL*

**Gor YEDIGARYAN**

Independent researcher

*Ensuring Better Compliance with IHL When Dealing With the Destruction of Cultural Heritage*

13:00 to 14:00

Lunch

## PANEL 2. BUSINESS ACTORS IN ARMED CONFLICTS

**DISCUSSION MODERATORS:** Vladimir VARDANYAN, Head of the Legal Advisory Service of the Staff, Constitutional Court of Armenia

Ara KHZMALYAN, Lecturer at Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, American University of Armenia

14:00 to 15:00

**Vadim BADRETDINOV**

Ural State Law University, Yekaterinburg

*Privatising Security: Law and Governance of Private Military and Security Companies*

**Zahra IZADIFAR**

Tarbiat Modares University of Iran

*Peace-building Potential of the Domestic Private Sector*

15:00 to 15:20

Coffee break

## PANEL 3. SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF IHL: MATERIAL SCOPE

**DISCUSSION MODERATORS:** Andrey KOZIK, Secretary General of the Belarus Association of International Law,  
Tomasz LEWANDOWSKI, Adam Mickiewicz University

15:20 to 17:00

**Christina RUSSKIKH**  
Lomonosov Moscow State University  
*Threshold Between Violence and Armed Conflict – Challenges of Definition*

**Tatevik TADEVOSYAN**  
Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University  
*Protection of People Who are Not Directly Involved in Hostilities by IHL in Non-International Armed Conflicts – Law and Challenges*

**Manuel AIRAPETOV**  
Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv  
*Governing on the Territories Controlled by the Non-Governmental Forces during Non-International Armed Conflicts*

**Molly R. GRAY**  
Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies  
*Hassan v. UK: Taking Stock of the Practical and Operational Consequences on Detention in International Armed Conflicts*

**Edgar MEYROYAN**  
Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University  
*Challenges of Qualification of Armed Conflicts*

**17:00 to 17:30**                      **PRESENTATION** of the Publication of the Materials of the  
7th Yerevan International Conference on IHL

19:30                      Dinner

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Friday, November 20, 2015

PANEL 4. SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF IHL: PERSONAL SCOPE

DISCUSSION MODERATORS: Iren ALOYAN, ICRC Legal Officer, ICRC Delegation in Armenia

Aram ORBELYAN, Senior Partner at Concern Dialog Law firm, Founding Member of International and Comparative Law Center

10:00 to 11:30

Nele VERLINDEN

Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, Belgium

*'Parties to the Conflict': Self-Explanatory or an Unsolved Mystery of IHL?*

Carlos Jonathan ELGUERA ALVAREZ

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru

*IHL and the Impacts on Indigenous Peoples Due to Armed Violence: a Look Through the Inter-American Human Rights System*

Hanna HRYSHCHANKA

International University "MITSO", Belarus

*Targeted Killings of "Terrorists" in a Framework of IHL*

Lusine BARKHUDARYAN

University of Artsakh

*Children Protected by IHL in Armed Conflicts: Law and Challenges*

11:30 to 12:00

Coffee Break

12:00 to 13:00

ICRC and contemporary challenges of humanitarian action

Anastasia KUSHLEYKO, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Promotion of IHL in Eastern Europe and Central Asia

13:00 to 14:00

Lunch

PANEL 5. REFUGEES AND INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF IHL

DISCUSSION MODERATOR: Kate POCHAPSKY, Protection Officer, UNHCR mission to the Republic of Armenia,

Anna MELIKYAN, Human Rights Officer, Civil Society Institute

14:00 to 15:00

Marjan GHANBARI

Tehran University

*Forced Migration in Non-International Armed Conflict: IHL's Contribution to Protection Against Refoulement*

Mariya MILASHEVSKAYA

International University "MITSO", Belarus

*Refugee Crisis and Legal Regulation of the EU Asylum Policy*

15:00 to 16:00

UNHCR Mandate and the Interface of International Refugee Law and International Humanitarian Law: Practical Perspectives and a Case-Study from Armenia

Kate POCHAPSKY, Protection Officer, UNHCR mission to the Republic of Armenia

16:00 to 16:30

Coffee Break

EXPERT PANEL DISCUSSION: *IHL Development: New Agenda and Reality Check*

16:30 to 18:30

MODERATOR: *Anastasia Kushleyko, ICRC Regional Legal Adviser*

PANEL PARTICIPANTS:

*Eric David, Prof. Emeritus of International Law, Free University of Brussels (ULB), President of the Centre of International Law of the ULB, Member of the International Humanitarian Fact-Finding Commission*

*Ara Khzmalyan, Lecturer at Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University, American University of Armenia*

*Andrey Kozik, Secretary General of the Belarus Association of International Law*

*Levon Gevorgyan, Specialist in International Public Law, Founding Member of International and Comparative Law Center*

19:30

Dinner

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Saturday, November 21, 2015

PANEL 6. THE APPLICABILITY AND APPLICATION OF  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW TO MULTINATIONAL  
FORCES

DISCUSSION MODERATOR: **Andrey KOZIK**, Secretary General of the Belarus Association of International Law

**Levon GEVORGYAN**, Specialist in International Public Law, Founding Member of International and Comparative Law Center

10:00 to 11:00

**Aikaterini PITSOLI**

The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University  
*The Applicability and Application of IHL to Multinational Forces*

**Giga GILASHVILI, Davit JAIANI**

Iv. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University/Tbilisi State University  
*Application of Law of Occupation on the UN-led Peace Support Operations*

11:00 to 11:20

**Coffee Break**

11:20 to 12:30

**Closing Address**

**“Typology of Armed Conflicts in the Reality of Contemporary Armed Conflicts”**  
Prof. Eric David, Free University of Brussels

12:30 to 13:30

**Adoption of the Conference Resolution**  
**Conference Closing Ceremony**

**Larisa ALAVERDYAN**, Director of the school of Law and Politics of the Russian Armenian (Slavonic) University

**Caroline DOUILLIEZ**, Head of the ICRC Delegation in Armenia

**Lilit YEREMYAN**, Head of Chair of International Law of the Russian-Armenian (Slavonic) University

13:30 to 14:30

**Lunch**

14:30 to 18:00

**Cultural Program**

19:00

**Dinner on the occasion of the closing of the Conference**

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Sunday, November 22, 2015

DEPARTURE DAY

