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)

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 KUSHELYKO, 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
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
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
Sunday, November 22, 2015

DEPARTURE DAY