



Round-Table on Contemporary Problems in Armed Conflicts

Jointly organized by
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Friday, 11 January

09.00- 09.30 Opening

Chairperson: Zhu Wenqi, Professor of Law, Renmin University

Opening Address

- Thierry Meyrat, Head of Delegation, ICRC Regional Delegation for East Asia
- Prof. Wang Liming, Dean, Renmin University Law School, Beijing

09.30- 10.00 Group Photo

10.00–12.30 Session 1 - The socio-political environment of armed conflicts

Moderator: Toni Pfanner, Editor in Chief of the International Review of the Red Cross, ICRC, Geneva, Switzerland

Presentations: 12 minutes each

Socio-psychologist Foundations of Intractable Conflicts

Daniel Bar-Tal, Professor of Psychology at the School of Education, Tel-Aviv University, Israel

Humanitarian Rules in Chinese History

Yu Zhengshan, Professor of Law, Xi'an Political Academy of the People's Liberation Army

The Historic Dimensions of Conflicts: Success and Failures of Humanity in War: the example of the two World Wars

Annette Becker, Professor for History at the University Paris X, France

The Role of the Military and Civilian Society in Wartime

Zhang Shen, Professor of Chinese Contemporary History, Nanjing University

10.50-11.10 Tea break

11.10-12.30 **Discussion**

14.00–17.00 Session 2 – The legal perspective of armed conflicts

Moderator: Lu Zhian, Professor of Law, Fudan University, Shanghai

Presentations: 12 minutes each

Once the war ends: Transitional Justice

Elizabeth Salmón, Professor for International law at the Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Peru

Criminal Responsibility

Zhu Wenqi, Professor of International Law, Renmin University, Beijing, China

Legislative Responses to Terrorism: A Case Study of Russia

Bakhtiyar R. Tuzmukhamedov, Professor of International law at the Diplomatic Academy, Russian Federation

Repression of War Crimes in China

Lu Youxue, Professor of Law, South-West University of Political Science and Law

War Crimes and Effective Control

Dr. Leng Xinyu, China University of Political Science and Law

15.00-15.20 **Tea break**

15.20-17.00 **Discussion**

18.00 Welcome Buffet hosted by ICRC at Yanshan Hotel

Saturday, 12 January

09.00-12.00 Session 3 – Conduct of hostilities

Moderator: Guo Yang, Legal Officer, ICRC Beijing

Presentations: 12 minutes each

Civilian Involvement in Armed Conflicts: Victims or Participants?

Marco Sassoli, Professor of International Law, Faculty of Law, University of Geneva

Principle of Distinction

Wang Haiping, Professor of Law, Xi'an Political Academy of the People's Liberation Army

Asymmetric Warfare and IHL

Peng Guangqian, Major General, Military Science Academy

Advances in Science and Technology and their Impact on the Laws of Armed Conflict

Terence Taylor, Director of the International Council for the Life Sciences and President of its Board of Directors
Zhang Yong, Professor of Law, Nankai University

10.00-10.20 **Tea break**

10.20-12.00 **Discussion**

14.00-16.30 Session 4 – Humanitarian Action in Armed Conflict

Moderator: Prof. Zhu Wenqi, Renmin University

Rules and Principles on Assistance to Victims of Armed Conflict

Dr. Toni Pfanner, Editor in Chief of the International Review of the Red Cross, ICRC, Geneva

International Humanitarian Law and Peace-Keeping

Andres Kruesi, Delegate to the Armed Forces, ICRC Beijing

Peacekeeping and Sovereignty

Prof. Tang Yongsheng, National Defence University

China's Participation in Peace Keeping Operations

Sheng Hongsheng, PLA Nanjing Academy of International Relations

Humanitarian Intervention

Wei Zhonglei, China Institute of Contemporary International Relations

15.00-15.20 **Tea break**

15.20-16.30 **Discussion**

16.30-17.00 Summary Session

Toni Pfanner, Editor in Chief of the International Review of the Red Cross
Zhu Wenqi, Professor of International Law, Renmin University

17.00-17.15 Closing Remarks

Thierry Meyrat, Head of Delegation, ICRC Regional Delegation for East Asia
Prof, Long Yifei, Vice Dean of Law School, Renmin University