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29th COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

WARSAW, POLAND, 27 JUNE TO 7 JULY 2011

This is a 10-day course providing basic training in international humanitarian law (IHL) including the skills needed to analyse the complex legal issues arising in armed conflict today. The lecturers include leading academics and practitioners in this field of law.

IHL's scope of application

Distinguishing armed conflicts from other situation of violence and understanding the legal implications of this distinction.

Wounded and sick

Protecting medical facilities and personnel has been at the heart of IHL for 150 years and ensuring compliance with these fundamental humanitarian rules remains a challenge.

Detainees

Upholding the dignity of prisoners of war and other people deprived of their liberty, by means of specific protection regimes, judicial guarantees and basic standards of treatment.

Civilians

Tracing the evolution of the rules protecting civilians in war: from the law of occupation to the principle of distinction.

Conduct of hostilities

Understanding what makes a target legitimate and how to apply the principles of distinction, precaution and proportionality to military operations.

Weapons

Preventing superfluous injury and unnecessary suffering by regulating the means of warfare – a presentation of the law's response to technological developments in weaponry.

Influencing the behaviour of combatants

Ensuring respect for IHL by incorporating that law into domestic legislation and military doctrine.

Criminal repression

Punishing violations of IHL – an introduction to the legal instruments, courts and case law that make up international criminal law.

Non-international armed conflicts

Identifying challenges in the application of IHL to internal conflicts and exploring ways to improve compliance.

Human rights and IHL

Reconciling distinct but increasingly convergent legal regimes applicable to other situation of violence.

Refugees, displaced people and IHL

Clarifying IHL's contribution to the international legal framework that protects refugees and displaced people.

Terrorism and IHL

Applying the law to acts of terror and the fight against terrorism.

OPEN TO:

- post-graduate students with a background in public international law
- legal practitioners dealing with armed conflict
- staff of humanitarian organizations who have demonstrated interest in acquiring legal training.

COST: 600 euros (includes accommodation, meals and training materials)

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15 April 2011

For more information on the programme or on how to apply, visit www.icrc.org/eng/ihl-course



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