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[Understanding armed groups and the applicable law](#)

Armed groups play a central role in conflicts today and are associated with many of the humanitarian concerns generated by conflict. The *International Review of the Red Cross* has devoted this issue and the next to the study of these key players. The Journal has brought together experts on armed groups and asked them three main questions:

1. What do we know about these groups and what practical leverage do we have to influence their action in order to bring about greater compliance with the law?
2. What legal tools could promote better compliance in practice?
3. Should States and armed groups have equal obligations under international humanitarian law?

The next issue, entitled "**Engaging armed groups**," will focus on practical ways for humanitarian players to convince armed groups to comply with the law.

Vincent Bernard, *Editor-in-Chief*

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Web seminar on understanding armed groups and the applicable law



Where: Harvard University website

When: 5 April 2012, 9:30 - 11:00 am Boston time

Speakers:

Professor Marco Sassòli (Professor and Director of the Faculty of International Law, University of Geneva)

Christophe Gillioz (ICRC Adviser on Dialogue with Armed Groups)

Aristoteles Constantinides (Assistant Professor, Department of Law, University of Cyprus)

To tune in live to the seminar on 5 April, visit:

[Live Seminar 43 – Understanding armed groups and the applicable law](#)

Panel Discussion: Engaging with Armed Groups: Legal and Operational Challenges for Humanitarian Actors

When: Friday, March 30, 2012, 11:30 - 1:00 pm

Where: The Brookings Institution, Falk Auditorium, 1775 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, DC

Moderator

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