



Bibliothèque Solvay, Brussels  
9h00-17h30

Deadline for registration :  
10 January 2012

19 JANUARY 2012

# URBAN VIOLENCE AND HUMANITARIAN CHALLENGES

*Colloquium ICRC – EUISS*

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This Colloquium, organised by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), aims to present the causes and humanitarian consequences of urban violence, as well as related trends and challenges for the European Union and humanitarian actors. Two case studies have been selected, focusing on different types of violence affecting urban environments. The first case is the study of pilot projects striving to address humanitarian needs emerging from organised crime and gang violence in mega cities. The second case analysis the humanitarian challenges emerging from urban violence in the context of uprisings through the lessons of the Arab protests.

Today, more than half of the world's population lives in cities and it appears that urban centres will absorb almost all new population growth in the next decades. In the past years, urban violence has become a major preoccupation because of its dreadful consequences on the population. The need to understand the dynamics of violence in an urban setting has therefore become increasingly important.

Urban violence represents numerous challenges to policy makers and humanitarian actors alike, and the topic surely could benefit from a more in-depth analysis and systemic approach. By bringing together policy makers, experts, academics and representatives from various relief organisations, the ICRC and the EUISS hope to contribute to the debate and spur further interest in this increasingly important issue.

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# MORE INFO

## VENUE

The Colloquium will take place from 9h00 to 17h30 at the Bibliothèque Solvay, located in the Parc Léopold, 137 Rue Belliard, 1040 Brussels. Registration will start at 08h30.

## REGISTRATION

It is required to register before 10 January 2012 to the following email address: [aduquenne@icrc.org](mailto:aduquenne@icrc.org) or by fax: 02/286.58.79. Please provide the following information: Title, Name, First Name, Institution, Function, Postal Address and Email Address.

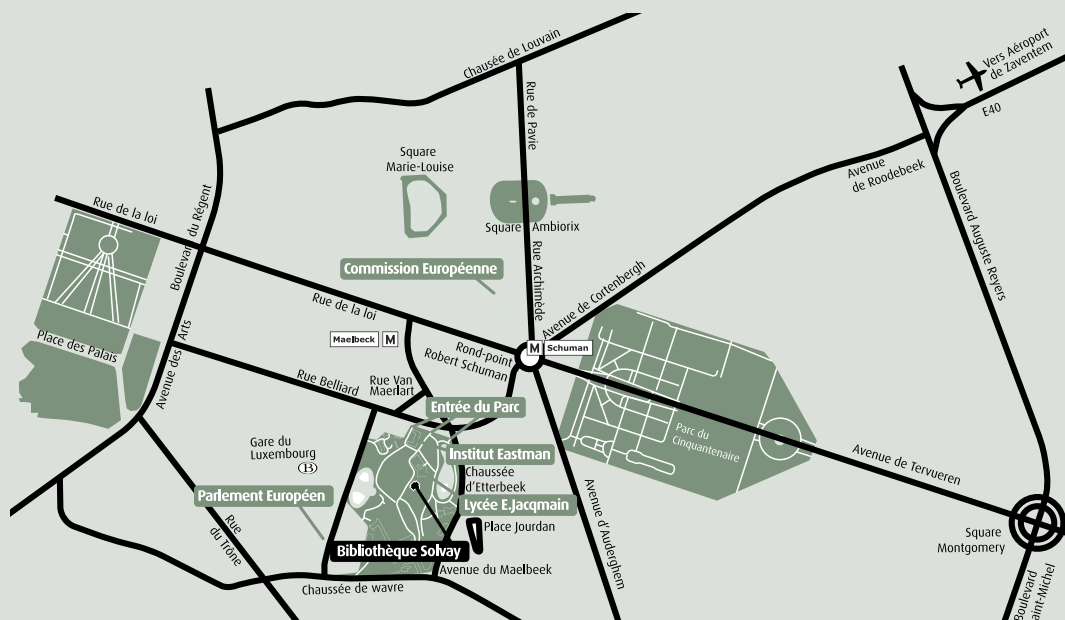
## LUNCH

A sandwich lunch will be provided, free of charge.

## LANGUAGE

The event will be entirely in English, no translation will be provided.

## MAP



## Bibliothèque Solvay

Parc Leopold,  
137 rue Belliard  
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## Program

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- 08.30-09.00 Registration and Coffee  
Welcome address by Alvaro De Vasconcelos, Director of the EUISS
- 09.15-09.30 Opening address by Mrs Angela Gussing,  
Deputy Director of Operations of the ICRC

## PANEL I

### Urban violence

*State of Play, Operational and Legal Challenges*

**CHAIR PERSON** *Dr Ignacio Cano, Professor at the Laboratory of the Study on Violence, State University of Rio de Janeiro*

- 09.30-09.45 Definition & Trends of Urban Violence by **Mr Kees Koonings**, Associate Professor of Development Studies and Latin American Studies, Utrecht University
- 09.45-10.00 Causes & Actors of Urban Violence by **Dr Cathy McLwaine**, Reader in Human Geography, School of Geography, Queen Mary, University of London
- 10.00-10.15 Applicable Legal Frameworks pertaining to Urban Violence by **Mr Stéphane Kolanowski**, Senior Legal Adviser, ICRC Delegation to the EU, NATO and Kingdom of Belgium
- 10.15-10.45 Coffee break (30 minutes)
- 10.45-11.00 Humanitarian Consequences of Urban Violence & Challenges of Intervention by **Mrs Elena Lucchi**, Operational Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)
- 11.00-11.15 Humanitarian Response towards Urban Violence by **Mrs Marion Harroff-Tavel**, Consultant in Humanitarian Affairs, former ICRC Political Advisor
- 11.15 -11.30 Towards an EU Approach on the Issue of Urban Violence? by **Mr Damien Helly**, Research Fellow on European Union, EUISS
- 11.30-12.30 Discussion
- 12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

## PANEL II

### Urban Violence:

#### Case Studies

##### ROUNDTABLE I

###### *Humanitarian Responses to the Needs emerging from Organised Crime and Gang Violence: Study of Pilot Projects*

**MODERATOR Mr Matteo Gomirato**, Desk Officer Brazil, European External Action Service (EEAS)

- 14.00-14.10 **Dr Ignacio Cano**, Professor at the Laboratory of the Study on Violence, State University of Rio de Janeiro
- 14.10-14.20 **Mrs Angela Gussing**, Deputy Director of Operations, ICRC
- 14.20-14.30 **Mr Pedro Penna**, NGO Representative, VIVA RIO
- 14.30-14.40 Representative of UN-HABITAT (tbc)
- 14.40-14.50 **Cap PM Leonardo Nogueira**, Battalion Commander, Military Police of Rio de Janeiro
- 14.50-15.30 Discussion
- 15.30-15.50 Coffee break

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##### ROUNDTABLE II

###### *Humanitarian Challenges emerging from Urban Violence in the Context of Uprisings: Lessons from the Arab Protests*

**MODERATOR Professor Amine Ait-Chaalal**, Director of the Centre for the Study of International Crises and Conflicts (CECRI), Université Catholique de Louvain (UCL)

- 15.50-16.00 **Mr Alain Délétroz**, Vice President, International Crisis Group Europe (ICG)
- 16.00-16.10 **Mr Johannes Luchner**, Head of Unit, European Commission Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (DG ECHO), European Neighbourhood, Middle East, Central and South-Western Asia Unit
- 16.10-16.20 **Mr Pascal Daudin**, Head of Policy Unit, Division of Multilateral Organisations, Policy and Humanitarian Action, ICRC
- 16.20-16.30 **Mr Patrice Bergamini**, Advisor to the Managing Director for North Africa, Middle-East, Arabian Peninsula, Iran & Iraq, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- 16.30-17.10 Discussion

##### CONCLUDING REMARKS

- 17.10-17.30 Concluding Remarks and Closure by Mr François Bellon, ICRC Delegation to the EU, NATO and Kingdom of Belgium and Alvaro De Vasconcelos, Director of the EUISS