

The Impact of the Law of Armed Conflict on General International Law

Expert roundtable

22–23 September 2016, Exeter, United Kingdom

Programme

Thursday 22 September 2016 – Garden Room, Reed Hall

12:00-13:00 Lunch

13:00-13:30 Welcome and introductions

13:30-15:00 Identification and formation of international legal norms

- The influence of LOAC on the determination of customary international human rights norms binding upon armed groups (Dr. Katharine Fortin, Utrecht University)
- The Nature of Rights and Obligations under International Humanitarian Law (Dr. Lawrence Hill-Cawthorne)

15:00-15:30 Coffee break

15:30-17:00 Treaty interpretation

- Common Article 1: A Case Study in the Evolution of International Humanitarian Law (Prof. Michael N. Schmitt, Naval War College and University of Exeter)
- Applying the rules of treaty interpretation in general international law to the Geneva Conventions: experiences from the ICRC Commentaries Updating' Project (Ms. Elvina Pothelet, ICRC)
- The Impact of International Humanitarian Law on the Expansion and Development of the Principle of Systemic Integration (Mr. Vito Todeschini, Aarhus University)

19:00-21:00 Informal dinner – Rusty Bike, 67 Howell Rd, Exeter EX4 4LZ

Friday 23 September 2016 – Ibrahim Room, Reed Hall

9:00-10:30 *State responsibility and due diligence*

- International Humanitarian Law as the Basis of the Law of International Responsibility regarding Obligations Erga Omnes and Erga Omnes Partes (Dr. Marco Longobardo, University of Rome 'Sapienza' and University of Messina)
- The relationship between the law on State responsibility and the scope, content and application of international humanitarian law (Mr. Remy Jorritsma, Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for Procedural Law)
- The standard of 'due diligence' as a result of interchange between LOAC and general international law (Dr. Antal Berkes, University of Manchester, School of Law)

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-12:30 *Sovereignty and non-intervention*

- Practical limitations to the applicability of Common Article 3 and Additional Protocol II (Prof. Françoise Hampson, University of Essex)
- The impact of the development of IHL on (the law of) State sovereignty (Mr. Rogier Bartels, International Criminal Court)

12:30-13:30 *Lunch*

13:30-15:00 *Armed conflict in the 21st century*

- Non-State armed groups as key actors in modern armed conflicts (Prof. Charles Garraway, University of Essex)
- De-militarization of cyberspace: Impact of the (non-)development of cyber international humanitarian law on general international law (Dr. Kubo Mačák, University of Exeter)

15:00-15:30 *Coffee break*

15:30-16:30 *Future of the research project*

16:30-17:00 *Conclusions and farewell*