

Training Objectives

The Course on Air and Space operations aims, within the framework of a theoretical/practical and contemporary approach, at providing participants with high level tools for the understanding of what is the international legal frame for Air and Space Military operations or other operations conducted with Air and/or Space support and what precise constraints are placed upon the planners and executors of such operations.

It also aims at specifying/defining the relevant aspects of the international law for the daily practice of the participants by bringing to light the methods used by armed forces for their practical implementation, be it in situations of armed conflicts, peace time or within the frame of other situations of violence.

The creation of a network of professionals called upon to implement at various stages of their careers the teachings received at the IHL or the reflections arisen from the course exchanges also constitutes one of the objectives of the Course.

Teaching method

The duration of the course is of four working days. The methodology used for this course comprises of a combination of general presentations and lectures conducted by the teaching staff and syndicate work.

The speakers are renowned academics, as well as experimented practitioners who, through the study of contemporary problems, will provide immediately useful perspective and points of views to face questions of a legal nature that arise in the contemporary operational Air and Space environment. Time will be dedicated to sessions of questions and answers to encourage interaction between the participants and the speakers with a view to promoting fruitful and varied debates. The various sessions of the course will deal with interdependent themes which will be simultaneously analyzed so as to underline the sometimes problematic and complex nature of competing legal injunctions and the necessity of reaching pragmatic and legally satisfactory solutions.

The syndicates' work will consist essentially in the analysis of a series of study cases concerning the current problems with which the civil and military authorities are confronted with in Air and Space operations. Syndicates will have to offer their solutions to challenging issues by applying the law of the armed conflicts (IHL) and, as and where required, other applicable international law. The sharing of different cultural approaches will be encouraged to better understand the challenges with which the practitioners are confronted with a view to maximizing the capability of the participants to find practical and legally sound solutions.

Considering the relatively short duration of the course, it is advisable that participants have a good initial knowledge of the principles and the basic rules of the legal frame surrounding Air and Space operations.

Target audience

The target audience of this course comprises of participants from Ministries of Defense, Air and Space Commands/services operators, legal staff, academics whose professional practice requires they be able to draft or promote governmental views or take an active part in legal proceedings/review/advice.

Expected Outcome

At the end of the course participants are expected to have reinforced their ability to:

1. Identify and explain the trends and the existing best practices regarding the implementation of IHL and other applicable law in Space or Air operations conducted with military means; and refer to them in their daily and/or future legal practice
2. Conduct an a priori review of the implementation of the legal principles which come into play at every stage of the planning and execution of operations involving the use of armed force in Air and Space *milieux*.
3. Fully participate in the future evolutions of international law or its implementation in Air and Space.

Administration

The registration fee is €900 Euro. This should be remitted before the start of the workshop, or on arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are also accepted. The registration fee covers:

- Transfers to/from Nice Airport
- Workshop materials including the NIAC Manual
- Lunch and coffee breaks on working days
- Welcome Cocktail & Canapés
- Workshop Dinner
- Photograph, IHL Plaque and Diploma

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant such as hotel accommodation, laundry or telephone calls, or any other incidentals. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses or have access to such funds in Sanremo via their bank.

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to patrizia@iihl.org



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Air and Space Operations

Law Course

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Tuesday, October the 18th

08.30 – 08.45	Participants registration
08.45 – 09.00	Opening Ceremony and course outline
09.00 – 09.30	Introduction to the Course . Air Law and Space Law in Public International Law, an historical perspective. Naval War College Representative (USAF)
09.30 – 10.20	Air Law : Sovereignty and operational liberties Aircrafts and State aircrafts Col (PH D) P. Dupont (FR PM Cabinet)
10.20 – 10.40	<i>Coffee break and Group Photo</i>
10.40 – 11.30	An introduction to Space Law French Space command (CIE) Representative
11.30 –12.30	Peace time and armed conflicts Military Air operations UK JFACC Representative
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.20	Peace time and armed conflicts Space operations FR CIE or US
14.20 – 15.10	Air, Space and Jus ad Bellum UAF JAG (TBC)
15.10 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 17.30	Jus ad Bellum Air and Space exercise
17.30	Welcome Cocktail

Wednesday, October the 19th

08.30 – 08.40	Admin remarks
08.40 – 09.30	Conduct of hostilities, and HRL applicability in targeting (general) Professor Emeritus Françoise Hampson, Essex University
09.30 – 10.00	Air operations and IHRL (detainees transfers/overflights) Pr Hampson (TBC)
10.00 – 10.20	<i>Coffe break</i>
10.20 – 11.10	IHL/Jus in Bello in Space operations Air commodore (r) William Boothby, GCSP

11.10 – 12.10	IHL and Air operations Dr W. Boothby
12.10 – 13.20	<i>Lunch</i>
13.10 – 14.00	Direct participation in hostilities and Air/Space Operations LTC Rodriguez, CDAOA
14.30 – 15.10	Neutrality and Air/Space operations (TBD)
15.10 – 16.10	Deliberate TGTing /SCAR/CAS exercise/ Syndicate work <i>Coffee break</i>
16.10 – 16.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
16.30 – 17.30	Exercise debriefing and conclusions

Thursday, October the 20th

08.40 – 09.20	Weapons (in Air and Space military operations) Dr Boothby
09.20 – 10.00	Drones, autonomous weapons, etc..anything new ? Dr Boothby
10.00 – 10.20	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.20 – 11.20	Case study, recent Air/Space campaigns, lessons learned Col Adam, Chief FR AOC CDAOA
11.20 – 12.20	Implementation of IHL in Air and Space operations : the role of the Legal Adviser LTC Rodriguez, CDAOA
12.20 – 13.20	<i>Lunch (questions drafting included)</i>
13.20 – 14.10	Air/Space battle an ICRC perspective ICRC
14.10 –14.50	Key note address : International tribunals and the Air Battle Pr Pocar or Nice–Sophia Antipolis U Rep
14.50 – 15.10	Q and A Panel
15.10 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.30 – 16.30	Air and Space RoE exercise (based upon San Remo manual on RoE)
16.30 – 17.30	Syndicates presentations and debriefing
20.00 –	<i>Course dinner</i>

Friday, October the 21st

08.40 – 09.20	Exclusion and Identification zones, military views and legal challenges USAF JAG (TBC)
09.20 – 10.00	The missile threat posed to International civil aviation Col (PH D) P. Dupont (FR PM Cabinet) and Col Adam (CDAOA)
10.00 – 10.20	<i>Coffee break</i>
10.20 – 11.20	Interagency and International cooperation in Air policing operations Col Adam, Chief FR AOC CDAOA
11.20 – 12.10	The new aviation counter–terrorism instruments. Beijing Convention and Protocol M. Terry Olson, Conseiller d’Etat, Chairman ICAO Legal Committee
12.10– 12.30	Discussion and panel
12.30 – 13.30	<i>Lunch</i>
13.30 – 14.20	International cooperation in Space operations; legal frame and practice. CIE
14.20 – 15.10	A national perspective on Space disarmament/demilitarization UAF JAG (TBC)
15.10 – 15.30	<i>Coffee break</i>
15.40 – 16.00	The legal challenges/impact of Space use privatization COPUOS
16.00 –16.30	Panel and discussion
16.30 – 17.00	Closing ceremony