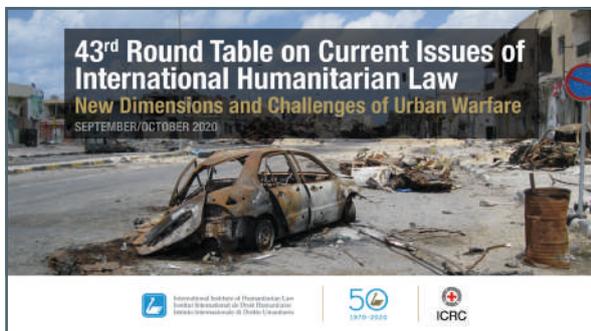




### Sanremo Round Table on “New Dimensions and Challenges of Urban Warfare”



The International Institute of Humanitarian Law, in co-operation with the ICRC, organised its annual Round Table on current issues of international humanitarian law. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, only the opening session was held in-person on site on 9<sup>th</sup> September at the “Humanitarium” – the ICRC centre for exchange and debate on humanitarian law, policy and action – in Geneva, while the thematic panels were organised in the form of a series of webinars on the Institute’s online platform which reached the overall number of more than 2000 registrations.

The opening session, chaired by Helen Durham (ICRC), offered the cross interview between Edoardo Greppi, President of the IIHL, and Gilles Carbonnier, Vice-President of the ICRC, on some crucial issues of urban warfare, and provided insights on the cooperation between the IIHL and ICRC during the last 50 years.

The interview was followed by the introductory remarks by Ambassador Félix Baumann. This led on to a discussion between Ambassador Gian Lorenzo Cornado, Permanent Representative of Italy to the United Nations Office and other

international organisations in Geneva, and the Institute’s Honorary President, Prof. Fausto Pocar, about the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute. Afterwards, the first thematic session of the Round Table on the topic “The evolution of urban warfare over the past 50 years and its impact on civilians” took place with the participation of Sir Antony Beevor, Military Historian; Brigadier Darren Stewart, Head of Operational Law of the British Army and Council member of the Institute; and Cordula Droege, Head of the Legal Division of the ICRC.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> webinar, held on 16<sup>th</sup> September, addressed the crucial issue of “Protecting civilians during urban warfare: lessons learned from recent operations,” and was chaired by Nils Melzer, UN Special Rapporteur on Torture and Vice-President of the Institute. Professor Wendy Pullan, Director of the Centre for Urban Conflicts Research of the University of Cambridge, spoke about the vulnerability of the infrastructure of modern cities in urban warfare. The interventions that followed were delivered by Colonel Eran Shamir-Borer, Head of the International Law Department of the Israeli Defence Forces and Lieutenant General (retired) James Ian Bashall of the British Army, who both gave



Opening Session - Prof. Edoardo Greppi, Dr. Helen Durham and Prof. Gilles Carbonnier



Opening Session - Prof. Fausto Pocar at the Italian Mission in Geneva

insights on specific operational scenarios, respectively on Cast Lead (2008-2009) and Protective Edge (2014) Operations and on the Basra battle.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar, held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September, dealt with the topic: “Addressing the humanitarian consequences of urban warfare in the midst of hostilities”, chaired by Robert Mood of the Norwegian Red Cross, with contributions from Amina Azimi, Representative of the Afghan Landmine Survivors’ Organisation, who showed a video recorded message on how women with disabilities cope with the challenge of living in a city at war; Caroline Baudot, Deputy Head of the Protection of the Civilian Population Unit at the ICRC, who presented the issue of the humanitarian consequences and protection risks faced by civilians during urban warfare; Nancy Polutan-Teulieres, Senior Protection Officer of UNHCR Global Protection Cluster, who addressed the topic of persons displaced by urban fighting; and Major General Michael Von Bertele, Non-Executive Director at Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust who concluded the panel discussion delivering a presentation on the “Challenges of ensuring the prompt evacuation and care of wounded and sick during urban operations”.

The 4<sup>th</sup> webinar took place on 30<sup>th</sup> September and was chaired by Thomas Hajnoczi, Director for Disarmament, Arms Control and Non-Proliferation at the Austrian Foreign Affairs Federal Ministry. The panel focused on the choice of means and methods in urban warfare with the presentations of Colonel Warren Wells, US JAG, who explained the application of the IHL principles of distinction, proportionality and precaution, and Dr Eirini Giorgou, Legal Adviser at the ICRC, who addressed the topic of explosive weapons in populated areas. In conclusion, Colonel Rudolph Stamminger,

Head of the International Humanitarian Law Office at the French Ministry of the Armed Forces, presented best practices in the choice and the use of means and methods of warfare in urban operations.

The final webinar, which took place on 7<sup>th</sup> October, addressed the question “Is a change of approach required to better protect civilians in the urban environment?” and was chaired by Dr Cordula Droege. The first intervention was delivered by Ms Sahr Muhammedally, MENA & South Asia Director at Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) and dealt with the topic: “Putting the protection of civilians at the heart of military thinking”. Major John W. Spencer, Chair of Urban Warfare Studies with the Modern War Institute at the U.S Military Academy at West Point, spoke about “Doctrine, planning and training for urban warfare: what remains to be done”, while Dr Annyssa Bellal, Senior Research Fellow and Strategic Adviser in IHL, addressed the issue: “Collecting the views of armed non-state actors on the conduct of hostilities in urban settings”. The closing session ended with some final words by Helen Durham and Edoardo Greppi, to thank all speakers and participants attending the 43<sup>rd</sup> Sanremo Round Table. They underlined that the online format permitted the participation of more than 1450 people.

#### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Institute of Sanremo

In September 2020, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law celebrated its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Institute was established in Sanremo on 26<sup>th</sup> September 1970 as “an independent, non-profit, humanitarian organisation” by a group of international lawyers with the aim of providing an international forum dedicated to humanitarian issues.” Since then, the





Institute has shown constant commitment and growing enthusiasm in spreading fundamental humanitarian principles to all corners of the earth with the mission to promote dissemination, application and the development of international humanitarian law, refugee law, migration law and human rights. Over the years, thanks to its commitment and to the eagerness of all the persons engaged in its activities, the Institute has earned the international reputation of being a centre of excellence in the field of training, research and dissemination of humanitarian law and related topics, regularly organizing training programmes and international meetings of experts. Ever since its foundation, the Institute has drawn particular attention to current trends and developments in humanitarian law and related subjects, by organizing an annual international gathering taking place in Sanremo. This event has become known in the world as the “Sanremo Round Table”.

Since 1976, the Institute, in collaboration with the ICRC, several governments and other relevant organisations, has designed and offered specific training programmes open to military and civilians, with the aim of fostering the development of



*First International conference of the Institute Sanremo, 24-27 September 1970*

knowledge of international humanitarian law. These programmes focus on delivering practical and experience-based instruction, supported by exercises and case studies reinforcing the participant’s understanding. The programmes also ensure a unique environment offering a diverse, challenging and stimulating international perspective where participants from all over the world can exchange views.

Since 1982, the Institute has worked in close co-operation with the UNHCR and later on with the IOM, offering high level training on refugee and migration law to support the capacity of government and civil society officials and to increase the knowledge and skills of the participants, by developing a greater level of awareness of the law through an interactive environment enhanced by the global experience of the teaching staff and participants.

During these 50 years of very intense activity the Institute has also provided a valuable contribution to the field of research by publishing different texts, essays, as well as the proceedings of its Round Tables, and by drafting a number of handbooks and manuals which have become works of reference on a global scale.

Fifty years of international meetings and intense training activity have created what has universally become known as the “humanitarian dialogue in the spirit of Sanremo”, attracting more than 20.000 participants, representing nearly all the nations of the world.

### **20<sup>th</sup> Summer Course on IHL**

*6<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July, Online*

The 20<sup>th</sup> edition of the Summer Course on IHL, which took place from 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> July, was attended by 25 participants representing 13 countries. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the course was held online for the first time. The audience was composed by practitioners from ICRC and National Red Cross and Red Crescent, Legal Advisors, officials from UN and governments as well as students from all over the world. The course was directed by Prof. Michel Veuthey, Vice-President of the Institute, and the participants were involved in different live sessions delivered by a prestigious teaching staff. The first week began with the welcome words expressed by Prof.

Edoardo Greppi, President of the Institute, followed by the lectures provided by Colonel Mark Dakers, Military Department Director, IHL; Mr Adama Dieng, Special Adviser of the UN Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide; Professor Charles Garraway, Fellow of the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex; Ms Maria Teresa Dutli, Former Head of Advisory Services at the ICRC; Brigadier General Karl Edlinger, Legal Advisor of the Austrian Armed Forces; Colonel Jean-Emmanuel Perrin, Deputy Director of the Military Department, IHL; Colonel (ret.) William Nott from the Irish Centre for Human Rights; Ms Christine Van Den Wyngaert, ICC Judge; Colonel Ben Klappe, Senior Legal Adviser and Visiting Judge; and Alan Werner, Director of Civitas Maximas.

During the second week the lectures were delivered by Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the International Refugee Law and Migration Law Department, IHL; Ms Lobna Abdel Hadi, Director of the International Refugee Law Courses in Arabic, IHL; Dr. Annyssa Bellal, Strategic Adviser on IHL, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights; Mr Jonathan Cuenoud, IHL Senior Legal Adviser; Mr Ezequiel Heffes, Thematic Legal Advisor, Geneva Call; Mr Nils Melzer, Vice-President, IHL; Prof. Fausto Pocar, President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Former President, Judge, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague; Dr Fiona Terry, Head of the Centre for Operational Research and Experience, ICRC; Ms Kristina Touzenis, Head, International Migration Law Unit (IML), Department of International Cooperation and Partnerships, IOM; Dr Gianni Magazzeni, Chief Universal Periodic Review Branch, Human Rights Council and Treaty Mechanisms Division, OHCHR; Mr Francesco Motta, Chief of Asia and the Pacific, Middle East and North Africa Branch, OHCHR; and Mr Markus Schmidt, Senior Legal Adviser, United Nations Office in Geneva.

### **Training courses on IHL and Law of Armed Conflicts**

Having to postpone its activities because of the restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Military Department of the Institute is now running a full programme of courses from late September to December 2020. Please check dates on the calendar.

This will include some of the courses postponed in the earlier part of the year.

The Institute considers the safety of its staff, collaborators and participants in its activities as a top priority during these difficult times. To that end, the Institute has adopted specific measures to comply with the "Protocol for the regulation of measures for countering and containing the spread of the Covid-19 virus in the workplace" issued by the Italian authorities. These measures include social distancing in the classrooms, hygiene measures and all other protective measures required in accordance with Italian law, aiming at safeguarding the health of the participants at its courses. The measures have been put in place in co-ordination with the guidance of the competent authorities.

While the training environment has had to adapt, the content and standard of the courses will remain the same as in pre-COVID times and the Spirit of Sanremo will continue to be at the core of all the Institute's activities. Furthermore, the Institute kindly invites all future participants to regularly visit the website of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as well as to pay attention to any communication provided on the specific webpages of each courses, in order to stay up-to-date on existing travel restrictions, provisions and/or limitations of movement. Should you need any further logistic or organisational information, please do not hesitate to contact the staff member in charge of the course through the e-mail contact provided on the courses' website.

### **Targeting Course**

*Sanremo, 28<sup>th</sup> September - 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020*

The Institute is pleased to announce that some of its courses are now being run on site. The first one was the Targeting Course, organised under the joint supervision of the Course and Military Department Director, Col. Mark Dakers, and the Deputy Course Director, Maj. Peter Rasmussen. The teaching



staff also included: Emeritus Professor Françoise Hampson from the Law School and Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex; Air Commodore (rtd) Dr William Boothby from the Geneva Centre for Security and Policy; Professor Charles Garraway from the University of Essex; and Major Dimitri Facaros from the US Army JAG Corps. The objective of the Targeting Course was to provide participants with an understanding of the legal considerations associated with targeting in military operations. For more information about the course, please visit our website.

### **Rules of Engagement Course**

*Sanremo, 5<sup>th</sup> October – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

The Rules of Engagement Course aimed at providing participants with an understanding of the functions of ROE, their formulation, implementation, interpretation and management. During the week, the participants, who were all members of Armed Forces, examined the relationship between legal, political and operational parameters in the formulation of ROE and the inherent tensions between the competing concerns of risk to mission and risk to force. The Course was directed by Captain (N) Jean-Emmanuel Perrin and supervised by Deputy Course Director Lt. Col. Ardan Folwaj. The teaching staff was composed, moreover, by Lt. Col. John R. Cherry, Maj. Dimitri Facaros and Maj. Lisa Wotkowicz.

### **Course on Naval Operations and the Law**

*Sanremo, 12<sup>th</sup> October – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

Directed by Captain (N) Jean-Emmanuel Perrin, the Course sought to examine and understand the legal regime affecting the planning and conduct of Naval Operations across the entire spectrum of conflict and provided participants with an opportunity to assess whether legal and operational gaps in the law exist and, if so, what steps could be taken to remedy the situation. The teaching staff was constituted by Commodore (ret.) David Letts, Centre for Military and Security Law ANU College of Law, Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg, Europa Universität Viadrina Frankfurt, Professor James Kraska, Stockton Center for International Law, U.S. Naval War College, Lt. Col. John Cherry from U.S. Marine Corps, Mr Bruno Demeyere from ICRC. The Sanremo Institute has always

had a strong association with maritime law and, in fact, promoted the publication of the Sanremo Manual on International Law applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea.

### **Special Course on the application of the “Handbook on integrating gender perspectives into international operations”**

*Online, 5<sup>th</sup> October – 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020*

The Sanremo Institute has recently published the Sanremo Handbook on Gender, which represents the concrete contribution of the Institute to the promotion of gender perspectives with regard to the protection of specific groups of vulnerable individuals in conflict areas. This international online course is funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and organised by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. The project was headed by Professor Fausto Pocar, Honorary President of the Institute. The training programme aimed at promoting the implementation of the Handbook among military and civilian practitioners working in the field.

The course addressed the 7 areas of concern comprehensively analysed by the Handbook: gender mainstreaming, sexual exploitation and abuse, conflict-related sexual violence, trafficking in human beings, terrorism, detention and women’s engagement in peace processes.

Under the direction of Prof. Roberto Moreno, two courses were simultaneously held in English and Spanish. For the English-speaking class, Mr Edoardo Gimigliano was the Course Coordinator and the teaching staff was composed by Cpt. Marie Barron, Col. Nathalie Durhin, Prof. Fausto Pocar, Prof. Gabriella Venturini, Brig. Gen. Godard Busingye, Col. Mark Dakers, Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz, Maj. Gretchen Davenport and Maj. Dimitri Facaros. The course was mainly attended by military personnel, civilian legal advisors and other practitioners active in the field of international operations.

The Spanish-speaking class was coordinated by Dr Marcos P. Moloeznik, who took part in the teaching activities together with Dr Pedro Paez Pirazán, Luisa Fernanda López Peña, Dr Dyanne Marenco, Col. José Romero Muros, Dr Mattero Fornari, Dr Daira Araña Aguilar, Dr Mario Alberto Esparaza Zamora, Dr Elizabeth Vargas

García, and Col. Luís Rocca Erquiaga. The class was composed by 27 participants from 21 different countries.

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Online Courses on International Refugee Law (English)**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> online courses on International Refugee Law, organised through the newly developed Online Learning Platform of the Institute ([www.elearning.iihl.org](http://www.elearning.iihl.org)), were delivered in English from 29th June to 24th July 2020. The two online Courses were attended by a total of 53 participants (24 participants in the 2nd online course and 29 participants in the 3rd online course). The audience was primarily composed of government officials, members of national police, academics, members of non-governmental organisations, and international consultants.

The two online courses presented the key aspects of the international protection of refugees. The topics covered ranged from the analysis of international refugee law and its complementarity with other bodies of law in guaranteeing that the rights of forcibly displaced persons were respected and ensured, in the different displacement phases. These latter phases were examined by outlining the causes that forced people to flee, the protection risks encountered throughout the displacement cycle, and the search and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions. A cross-cutting approach was adopted in analysing refugee-related issues, such as sexual and gender-based violence, and the protection of stateless and internally displaced persons.

To accommodate different needs and ensure thorough completion of the different modules of the Online Course, two different time options to attend the live session were offered. Participants were also invited to undertake live and self-paced sessions and submit individual assignments. The training also allowed the audience to interact with international experts and to implement the gained knowledge through different learning methodologies, such as case studies, quizzes and group debriefings and discussions.

The Online Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., supported by Ms Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Department and Ms Martina Ranieli,

Assistant Coordinator and Online Learning Platform Administrator of the Department. The training also benefitted from the presence of the following speakers: Ms Sofie Crozet, International Consultant on Refugee and IDP issues; Ms Lobna Abdel Hadi, International consultant on refugee protection; Ms Cecilia Jumenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Mr Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Mr José Sieber Luz, Senior Staff Learning & Development Officer (Protection), UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; Mr John Andrew Young, Senior Facilitator, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; and Ms Nicole Hoagland, Migration Policy Expert.

### **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law**

*28 September – 23 October 2020*

The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law took place simultaneously from 28th September to 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020 and were delivered through the Institute's Online Learning Platform.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in French and virtually welcomed 39 participants representing 14 different nationalities. The participants' background was particularly heterogeneous, ranging from members of academia to diplomats and staff of international organizations. 52 participants from 27 countries attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law, which was instead delivered in English. For this edition of the course, too, the profiles of the audience included: government officers, humanitarians, staff of international organizations, members of local and international NGOs and members of the academia.

Both the two courses aimed to: promote law, principles and policies related to the international protection of refugees; develop a common understanding among participants on how legislation and policies can be promoted and implemented at the national level by a variety of stakeholders; raise awareness on the human rights issues faced by refugees and the need for durable solutions; enhance the skills of participants in developing and applying policies and

standards in conformity with International Law; encourage a positive attitude among participants towards the protection of refugees and other uprooted people.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Online Course was directed by Ms Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Professor at the Caen Normandie University and Codirector of the Master “Droit des Libertés”. She was supported by: Ms Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law of the Institute; Ms Martina Ranieli, Coordinator Assistant and Online Learning Platform Administrator of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; and Ms Federica Rosso, Project Assistant of the abovementioned Department. The course was also enriched by the presence of the following speakers: Ms Machtelt de Vriese, Senior Advisor in Community Refugee Protection, International Protection Unit, UNHCR Geneva; Ms Sophie Crozet, international expert on refugee protection and solutions; Mr Gabor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme of the Hungarian Helsinki Committee and President of the European Statelessness Network; Ms Eve Lester, International expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr Hayat Akbari, Researcher and Consultant at Boniği; Ms Alexandra Kaun, UNHCR Learning Development Officer, Protection Learning Unit and Mr Nicolas Le Coz, Senior Officer of the French National Gendarmerie and International Expert on Trafficking and Smuggling.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration, who was supported by Ms Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law of the Institute; Ms Martina Ranieli, Coordinator Assistant and Online Learning Platform Administrator of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; and Ms Federica Rosso, Project Assistant of the abovementioned Department. The course benefitted of the presence of international experts and professionals such as: Mr. John Andrew Young, Senior Facilitator, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; Mr. Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Learning and Development Officer (Protection) - UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Ms Nicole Hoagland, Migration Policy Expert; Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee

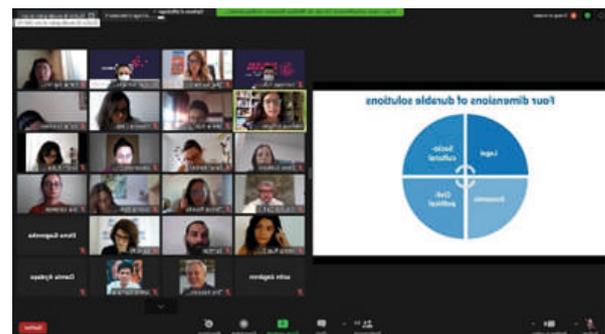
Programme - Hungarian Helsinki Committee President of the European Network on Statelessness; Ms Eve Lester, International expert on the human rights of refugees and migrants; Mr. Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant with boniği; Ms Leloba Pahl, International development and migration policy specialist, UNHCR.

### 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Online Courses on Internal Displacement (English and French)

31<sup>st</sup> August – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2020

At the end of the summer break, the Institute’s online activities resumed with the organisation of two Online Courses on Internal Displacement, which took place simultaneously from 31st August to 24th September 2020.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Online Course on Internal Displacement was delivered in English and counted 29 participants from 18 countries while the 2nd Online Course on Internal Displacement was delivered in French and was attended by 38 participants representing 19 different nationalities. The profiles of the audience were particularly heterogeneous and included high level government officials, diplomats, academics, members of International Organisations and members of both national and international non-governmental organisations. All the live sessions were scheduled with the aim of accommodating the audience’s different time zone and language needs and allowed participants to interact with international experts and to implement the gained knowledge through different learning methodologies, such as case studies, quizzes and group debriefings and discussions. Both courses were organised through the newly developed Online Learning Platform of the Institute ([www.elearning.iihl.org](http://www.elearning.iihl.org)), where participants were invited to submit their individual practical exercises and feedbacks and to complete the self-paced sessions.



Attendees of the Online Course on Internal Displacement

The two courses explored the key aspects of the protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs), while analysing internal displacement from different angles and perspectives. Starting from the international norms underpinning the protection of IDPs, including the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and the Kampala Convention, the workshop examined the causes and consequences of internal displacement, its current global trends, and the protection risks faced by individuals throughout the displacement cycle. The Course also analysed cross-cutting issues, such as housing, land and property, data collection, and the international community coordination mechanisms established together with state authorities and civil society representatives to respond to IDPs situations. The workshop ultimately addressed the search and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions for IDPs.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Online Course on Internal Displacement in English was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., supported by Ms Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator of the Courses on Internal Displacement; Ms Martina Ranieli, Assistant Coordinator and Online Learning Administrator of the Department and Ms Patricia Panizzi, Project Assistant of the Institute. The 2<sup>nd</sup> online course benefitted from the presence of Ms Natália Ferreira de Castro, Associate Human Rights Officer at United Nations Human Rights Centre in Geneva, who was the main facilitator for this French edition of the Course on Internal Displacement.

Both courses were enriched by the presence of Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, who also delivered the keynote speech on “Internal Displacement: Opportunities and Challenges in a World of Mobility and Vulnerabilities”.

The Faculty of the two courses included: Ms Lobna Abdel Hadi, International Consultant on Refugee Protection; Mr John Andrew Young, Senior Facilitator, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; Dr Jim Robinson, Global Coordinator for the Housing, Land and Property Area of Responsibility, Global Protection Cluster; Mr Julien Marneffe, Head of Field Operations and Support Global Protection Cluster; Dr Isis Nunez Ferrera, Head of Field Support &

Capacity Building at the Joint IDP Profiling Service; Ms Martina Caterina Independent Consultant on Refugees and IDPs Protection and Solutions; Ms Michelle Yonetani, Senior Policy Officer, Office of the Special Advisor on Climate Action, UNHCR; Mr Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Learning and Development Officer (Protection), UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; Ms Maria Paula Castañeda Learning Development Officer at the UNHCR Global Learning and Development Centre; Dr Sebastian Moretti, Migration & Displacement Lead at the International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC); Ms Tina Gewis, Advisor for Central and West Africa, Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms Kim Manici Beck, International Expert and Trainer on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; and Mr Andres Lizcano Rodriguez, Profiling Advisor of JIPS.

#### **The Institute at the Summer School on Refugee Rights and Migration of the Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius-Skopje**

The Center for Refugee Law and Migration at the Iustinianus Primus Law Faculty, University Ss. Cyril and Methodius-Skopje, in collaboration with the UNHCR Mission in Skopje and in partnership with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, hosted the Summer School on Refugee Rights and Migration with a special focus on the challenges in times of COVID-19 Pandemic. The event took place from 24th to 28th August, 2020.

Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D, Director of the Institute’s Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, took the floor during the opening session of the Summer School and, on the following day, delivered a session on Refugees and Other Persons in Need of Protection. On day 4, Ms Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, addressed the audience with a session dedicated to “Seeking Solutions”.

The Summer School, delivered in English, was envisaged as an intensive 5-day programme facilitated by experienced professionals, as well as professors with international backgrounds. 67 participants from 22 countries benefitted from the training.

**Webinar on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute on “Aspectos actuales del Derecho Internacional Humanitario: una Visión global”**

On 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> August, a first webinar for Spanish-speaking military officers was held on the Institute’s digital platform. It was an academic event in honour of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Institute, offered by teachers and participants of the international military courses on international humanitarian law in Spanish



and Portuguese languages. The subject of the webinar was “Aspectos actuales del Derecho Internacional Humanitario: una Visión global (in English “Current Aspects of International Humanitarian Law: A Global Vision”).

On Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> the President of the Institute, Prof Edoardo Greppi, gave the opening remarks. Colonel Eduardo Bittencourt Cavalcanti, Deputy Director of the event, was in charge of presenting the activities.

The speakers of the webinar were Prof Fausto Pocar, Honorary President of the Institute, Brigadier General Luis Claudio de Mattos Basto from Brazil and Rear Admiral Christian Araya Escobar from Chile. Lic Linda Dayán Castro Calvo from Colombia acted as moderator and Dr Marcos Pablo Moloeznik closed the event. On Friday 28<sup>th</sup>, Frigate Captain Juan Francisco Rivera Castro delivered the introductory presentation followed by the interventions delivered by Dr Gabriel Valladares from Argentina, Brigadier General Javier Alberto Ayala Amaya from Colombia, and Colonel (ret) Luis Antonio Rocca Erquiaga from Peru. Lic Dyanne Marengo from Costa Rica moderated the webinar and Prof Roberto Augusto Moreno, Director of international military courses on international humanitarian law for Spanish and Portuguese Officers, concluded the

event. The webinar will be complemented by a publication, printed by the Chilean Army, recording all the interventions of the webinar along with other articles prepared by experts in the field for this occasion.

**Online Workshop on “Incorporación de la perspectiva de género a situaciones de conflicto armado interno, otras situaciones de violencia y post conflict”**



*Institute’s Handbook on integrating gender perspectives into international operations*

The introductory session of the workshop was held on the Institute’s e Learning platform on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July. The workshop aimed at analysing the possibility of extending the Institute’s Manual: “Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations”

to include situations of Internal Armed Conflict, and other situations of Violence and Post-Conflict situations. The workshop lasted until September 11<sup>th</sup>. Currently, the presentations delivered are further elaborated, with the objective of producing a final document containing a definite proposal.

This workshop is part of a project sponsored by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in the framework of the Plan of Action of the Italian Government in accordance with the UNSCR 1325 on Women, Peace and Security (“Terzo Piano d’Azione Nazionale Italiano in accordo con la Risoluzione CS dell’ONU 1325 (2000) su “Donne, Pace e Sicurezza”). Prof. Fausto Pocar heads the project and Prof Roberto Augusto Moreno is Project Director. Dr Ruth M. Abril Stoffels (Spain) and Dr Marcos P. Moloeznik (Mexico) act as coordinators. The five working groups into which the workshop is divided are respectively run by the specialists Arana Aguilar (Mexico); Bermeo Tapia (Ecuador); Campos Corena (El Salvador); Gonzáles Jáuregui (Peru); López Peña (Colombia); Marengo González (Costa Rica); Moncada Navarro (Honduras); Ordeñana Sierra (Ecuador); Páez Pirazán (Colombia); and Rocca Erquiaga (Peru).

Colonel Bittencourt Cavalcanti acted as Executive Director of the digital section of the workshop. The working groups were attended by participants from the Latin American regions.

### **1º Curso de Extensión en derecho internacional humanitario**

The introductory session of the first “Curso de Extensión en derecho internacional humanitario - Extension Course on International Humanitarian Law” is in progress on the eLearning platform of the Institute. This course has been designed with special emphasis on non-international armed conflict, other situations of violence, both post-conflict and transitional, including a chapter on the problems of refugees and migrants.

The Course began on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September and will last until 16<sup>th</sup> October. It is aimed at IHL training, with particular reference to the scenarios involving military, security, police and civilian personnel with competence in the subject. This is an online activity, in b-learning mode, i.e. with synchronous and asynchronous events incorporated into the IIHL’s digital platform. The curricular contents of the course are presented in thematic modules that include tasks of diverse nature including investigation, practices and verifications. The course consists of six modules coordinated by Dr Moloeznik (Mexico), Dr Páez Pirazán (Colombia), Colonel Romero Muros (Spain), Mr Delfabro (Argentina) and Lieutenant Colonel Lanz Raggio (Spain). The facilitators are Mag Arana Aguilar (Mexico), Colonel Bittencourt Cavalcanti (Brazil), Lic Marengo González (Costa Rica), Lic Esparza (Mexico), Dr Fornari (Italy), Dr Vargas García (Mexico), Colonel Rocca Erquiaga (Peru) and Dr López Peña (Colombia). The Director of the Course is Prof Roberto Augusto Moreno.

### **1º Curso de formación de instructores en DIH y capacitación en mediación para la paz** *Online, 16<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup> November*

The main objective of the course is to enable those who have received adequate instruction in IHL to replicate the knowledge acquired in the context of their own institutions or areas of interest, as well as to design teaching programmes and dissemination activities. 41 people from

Latin American regions have registered and will attend the lectures until the 20<sup>th</sup> November. The director of the course is Prof. Roberto Moreno, who will be teaching with Dr Claudio Delfabro (Argentina), Col. Eduardo Bittencourt Cavalcanti (Brasil), Dr. Pedro Paez Pirazán (Colombia), Dr Luisa Fernanda Lopéz Peña (Colombia), Lt. Col. Mario Lanz Raggio (Spain) and Dr Mario Alberto Esparza Zamora (Mexico).

### **Policy implementation support and teacher empowerment for CITIZENSHIP Education – CITIZED: a new EU-funded project**



The International Institute of Humanitarian Law is participating in the CITIZED project, recently approved by the European Commission. Funded by the ERASMUS+ Programme, the project aims to support educational policies directed towards “enhancing the acquisition of social and civic competences” in Europe. The project, coordinated by the Institute, will be implemented by an international partnership which includes Forum of European Regions for Research, Education and Training (FREREF); Land der Menschen (LdM) – an Austrian-based institution aimed at improving coexistence between natives and foreigners to break down prejudices; the Organising Bureau of European School Student Union (OBESSU); the Ministry for Education and Employment (MEDE) of Malta; the research Institute “POLIS” (Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools); and the Université Côte d’Azur (UCA). The CITIZED project will start from 1<sup>st</sup> December and will cover a period of 36 months, to give not only some concrete outputs, but also a substantial contribution to a quick implementation of the new generation of citizenship education, to improve the competences of teachers in this domain and to support a dynamic multiplication among schools which are willing to develop a whole school approach to the issue.