



Sanremo New Voices in International Humanitarian Law – Essay Competition –

On the occasion of the 45th Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross are pleased to launch their third edition of the “**Sanremo New Voices in International Humanitarian Law**” essay competition.

The winner will be invited to present at the Round Table in Sanremo (Italy) on 7-9 September 2022 and to publish the essay in the Conference proceedings.

The topic of the 2022 Round Table will be “*After the conflict before the peace: legal, military and humanitarian issues during the transition*”.

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross have the pleasure to invite submission of short essays addressing a subject under one of the following broad topics:

Planning and preparedness for post-conflict¹ from military and/or humanitarian perspectives

Legal and military challenges in Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations²

Legal status of evacuees from NEOs and legal responsibility for them

In order to be eligible for consideration by the organizers, essays must be

- Written by one person, in English or French, and **no longer than 2500 words** (including footnotes);
- Submitted by a person who is **either 35 years old or younger; or is enrolled in a PhD programme, provided that the person is no more than 38 years old;**
- Submitted by a person who is **not a staff member of the ICRC or of the IIHL** (interns/associates are eligible);

¹ We would propose not to address jus post bellum as such, but more the challenges and opportunities for preparing for the aftermath of conflict with on-going IHL obligations or considering the other legal frameworks which might apply.

² We would particularly appreciate any input from those who have a gender or diversity lens on NEOs and related evacuees.

- Received by the organizers **by 31 July 2022** (midnight, CET).

All essays must be submitted, in PDF format, to kethynne@icrc.org and to laura.dolce@iihl.org (Subject: **'Submission for the 2022 essay competition'**).

Rules and Procedures for the Essay Competition

Eligibility of submissions

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- Submitted by a person who is either 35 years old or younger, or is enrolled in a PhD programme;
- Submitted by a person who is not a staff member of the ICRC or of the IIHL (interns/associates are eligible);
- Fall under one of three broad topics: “Planning and preparedness for post-conflict from military and/or humanitarian perspectives”; “Legal and military challenges in Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations”; “Legal status of evacuees from NEOs and legal responsibility for them”
- Received by the organizers by **31 July 2022** (midnight, CET).

Submission procedure

- All essays must be submitted, in PDF format, to kethynne@icrc.org and to laura.dolce@iihl.org (Subject: ‘Submission for the 2022 essay competition’). Questions may be directed to the same email addresses.
- Please make sure that the essay does not contain the author’s name in order to facilitate anonymous review. However, it must contain the title of the essay.
- Please include the following information in the cover email: Full name of the author; full address and email address; phone number; date of birth; affiliation/occupation; title of the essay; a sentence stating that the author is the sole author of the essay and that the essay meets all eligibility criteria.
- By submitting an essay, candidates confirm that they fulfil the eligibility requirements of the competition. The organizers may request formal proof of eligibility.
- The organizers will acknowledge receipt of all essays.

Selection procedure

- The organizers will review the essays and select a winner based on the substantive quality of the essay, along with its relevance to the above-proposed topics. The persons reviewing the essays will not know the identity of the author.
- The winner will be invited to present the essay as part of a panel during the 45th Sanremo Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, which will take place on 7-9 September 2022 in Sanremo, Italy. The co-organizers will fund travel costs and accommodation for the winner.
- Once a winner is selected, all participants will be notified.