183rd International Military Course on LOAC in English
25th April – 6th May

Designed for military officers, including operators and military lawyers, together with civilians, the International Military Course on LOAC focused on the application of the principles and rules of the Law of Armed Conflict. The programme covered the main topics of International Humanitarian Law, such as the applicability of LOAC, the conduct of hostilities, means and methods of warfare, the legal framework for non-international armed conflicts, the planning and conduct of military operations, rules of engagement, belligerent occupation, detention operations, peace support operations, and the role of the International Criminal Court.

Practical exercises, under the guidance of the two class leaders, Brigadier General (retd) Karl Edlinger and Colonel (retd) James Stythe, aimed at addressing the legal issues arising during military operations at all levels of intensity, and enabled the participants to find, in compliance with IHL, concrete, practical and effective solutions relating to a wide range of operational scenarios.

The Course was directed by Brigadier General (retd) Edlinger, and the teaching staff was enriched by the presence of Colonel (retd) Stythe, Lieutenant Colonel Blake Williams (Teaching Fellow Military Department, IIHL) and Major Aaron Johnson (Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College).

45th Advanced Course on IHL
16th May – 20th May

Organized on an annual basis, this Advanced Course on IHL was directed by Colonel Mark Dakers, the Military Department’s Director, accompanied by Lieutenant Colonel Blake Williams (Teaching Fellow, IIHL) as his deputy. The Course was attended by 23 participants of 12 nationalities and was designed to refine and deepen the participants’ understanding of key areas in IHL. The structure of the course was constituted by plenary lectures as well as practical exercises, which focused on several issues, such as: categorization of conflicts, use of force, detention, targeting, direct participation in hostilities, war in cyberspace, the use of autonomous weapons and human rights and accountability.

Lecturers included Professor Noam Lubell (University of Essex); Professor Charles Garraway CBE (University of Essex); Air Commodore (ret.) William Boothby (Geneva Centre for Security and Policy); Dr Martha Bradley (University of Pretoria); Major Dr Jenny Maddocks (British Army); Dr Sandra Krähenmann (Geneva Call) and Major Juliet Skinglsey (British Army).
57th Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL in Arabic
23rd May – 27th May

Designed for military officers and military lawyers teaching LOAC and others responsible for planning LOAC education, the aim of the Course for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL is to enable participants to analyse training needs, define the objectives, develop the teaching programmes, and integrate them into the continuous education of the different categories of personnel within armed forces.

The Course was directed by Senior Colonel (retd.) Faouzi Aloui and included sessions of class presentations and class work through which the 13 participants from Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Oman and Syria could improve their knowledge on the Law of Armed Conflict in accordance with the requirements of the various levels of responsibility, and examine the different planning and teaching approaches needed according to specific circumstances.

Detention and Captured Persons (CPERS) Course
20th June – 24th June

This Course focused on the main aspects of the legal basis for detention and CPERS; the planning, conduct and the intelligence aspects of detention; the review, due process and transfer. During the week, the 28 participants from countries such as Australia, Estonia, Israel and Poland considered the interrelationship between IHL and human rights law; the legal bases for detention in armed conflicts; conditions of detention; intelligence exploitation of detainees; detainee transfers; and detention in maritime operations.

Lecturers presented their respective state policies and best practices in detention to the extent they were able and encouraged course participants to share their national perspectives and experiences. The teaching panel was composed of distinguished experts: Professor Françoise Hampson (University of Essex); Ms Jelena Pejic (former ICRC Senior Legal Advisor); Major Aaron Johnson (Stockton Centre for International Law, US Naval War College); Major John Wharton MBE (UK Army); and from the IIHL Military Department: Colonel Mark Dakers (Course Director), Lieutenant Colonel Blake Williams (Deputy Course Director) and Captain (N) Jean-Emmanuel Perrin (Lecturer).

International Society of Military Law and the Law of War Congress – Florence
17th May – 20th May

Colonel Dakers and LTC Williams attended the above event along with President Edoardo Greppi, Vice-President General Giorgio Battisti and a number of Council members. The Congress covered a wide variety of topics and provided an opportunity to advertise the Institute’s future activities. Colonel Dakers was co-opted onto the Society’s Board of Directors. As well as the representation from the current Military Department staff, two former Directors namely Brig. Darren Stewart OBE and Brig. James Johnston were also in attendance and assisted with spreading the message that the Military Department was back to a full programme of in-person courses.

5th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law (English)
4th April - 28th April 2022

The 5th Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law was delivered in English from 4th to 28th April 2022 to 21 participants from 17 countries.

The Course was organized by the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law (IIHL) in cooperation with the United States Department of State - Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

The participants of the Course consisted
of government officials, international civil servants and local employees of international organizations, members of civil society and academia.

The Course focused on the process of designing and strengthening training programmes, tailored sessions, and academic curricula on international refugee law and forced displacement. The Course also presented latest design and delivery methodologies, presentation techniques, and learning tools that the Sanremo Institute uses in online and face-to-face programmes.

The Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D. The Keynote Addresses were delivered by Prof Edoardo Greppi, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

The Course benefited from the expertise of the following facilitators and guest speakers: Mr Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; Ms Melissa Amisano, Coordinator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; Ms Martina Ranieli, Assistant Coordinator and Online Learning Platform Administrator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law; Mr Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Learning and Development Officer (Protection) - UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Ms Eve Lester, Founding Director of boniĝi and International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant with boniĝi; Ms Nicole Hoagland, Migration Policy Expert; Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Mr Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee and President of the European Network on Statelessness; Ms Leloba Pahl, International Development and Migration Policy Specialist.

The Course was coordinated by Ms Martina Ranieli, Assistant Coordinator and Online Learning Platform Administrator of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL, and Ms Anastasia Prokhorova, Online Learning Assistant at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL.

3rd Online Course on Statelessness (English)
4th April - 29th April 2022

The 3rd Online Course on Statelessness in English was delivered from the 4th April to 29th April 2022 to 67 participants from 39 countries.

The Course was organized by the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in cooperation with UNHCR and the United States Government.

The Course was attended by members of civil society and academia, as well as government officials and international civil servants, and local employees of international organizations.

The Course presented key aspects of the impacts of statelessness, the overview of stateless populations around the world, including stateless children, and the interrelation between statelessness and forced displacement. The training also aimed at promoting the use and the implementation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the #IBelong Campaign.

The Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D. The Keynote Addresses were delivered by Prof Edoardo Greppi, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

The Course benefited from the capabilities of the following facilitators and guest lecturers: Mr Azizbek Ashurov, Laureate of the UNHCR Nansen Refugee Award, Director of Ferghana Valley Lawyers Without Borders and Head of the Central Asian Network on Statelessness; Mr Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Monika Sandvik, Senior Coordinator Statelessness/
The 18th Online Course on International Refugee Law (Spanish)

4th April – 29th April 2022

The 18th Online Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in Spanish from 4th April to 29th April 2022 to 45 participants from 15 countries.
Refugees (UNHCR); Carolina Gottardo, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition (IDC); Gotzon Onandia, Human Rights Officer, OHCHR, Team of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Asylum Programme at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee and President of the European Network on Statelessness; Juan Pablo Terminillo, Senior Legal Officer, Regional Office for the Americas of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Mauricio Quijano Cáceres, Protection Programme Director, Cristosal El Salvador; Marisa Gómez Fernández, International Expert on Refugee Protection and Durable Solutions; José Samaniego, Director, Regional Office for the Americas of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

The Course was coordinated by Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator, Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL, and Silvia Cortina Fernández, Online Learning Assistant, Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL.

The 19th Online Course on International Refugee Law (French)
2nd May – 27th May 2022

The 19th Online Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in French from the 2nd to 27th May 2022 to 40 participants from 14 countries.

The Course was coordinated by the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in cooperation with the UNHCR, the United States Government and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration (SEM).

The participants consisted of government officials, members of civil society and professionals from international organizations, as well as researchers and members of the academia.

The Course encompassed strategic aspects of international refugee protection. The different stages of displacement were examined, such as the deepening of the causes that compel people to flee, the different risks encountered during the displacement cycle, as well as the search for and implementation of long-lasting and durable solutions.

The Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D. The Keynote Addresses were delivered by Professor Edoardo Greppi, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

Participants benefited from the knowledge of the following facilitators and guest speakers: Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Professor of Public Law, Co-Director of the Master’s Degree in Freedom Law, Co-Director of the D.U. Laïcité et République / Secretary General of the International Institute for Human Rights and Peace, Faculty of Law; Mr Vincent Chetail, Professor of International Law and Director of the Global Migration Centre, Geneva; Mr Jesús Pérez Sánchez, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR South Africa Multi-Country Office (SAMCO); Mr Thibaut Fleury Graff, Professor of International Public Law at the University of Paris Saclay, Judge at the National Asylum Court; Ms Eve Lester, International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Dr Khanssa Lagdami, Research Associate, World Maritime University; Dr Aref Fakhry, Associate Professor, World Maritime University; Ms Morgane Nicot, Team Leader, Knowledge Development and Innovation in the Section Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling, UNODC; Mr Ihab Serour, International Expert on International Refugee Law.

The Course was managed by Ms Martina Ranieli, Coordinator, Department of International Refugee and Migration Law, International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Ms Christelle Menassa, Associate Coordinator, Department of International Refugee and Migration Law, International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Ms Yousra El Baba, Learning Assistant, International Refugee and Migration Law Department, International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Ms Paula Vega, Legal Research Associate, International Refugee and Migration Law Department, IIHL; Ms Patricia Panizzi, Project Assistant, International Refugee and Migration Law Department, IIHL.

The 20th Online Course on International Refugee Law (English)
2nd May – 27th May 2022

The 20th Online Course on International
Refugee Law was delivered in English from 2nd to 27th May 2022 to 63 participants from 41 countries.

The Course was organized by the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in cooperation with UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration (SEM) and the United States Government.

The Course was attended by government officials, members of civil society and professionals from international organizations, as well as researchers and members of the academia.

Based on the analysis of International Refugee Law and its complementarity with other bodies of law to the different displacement phases, the Course covered key aspects of the international protection of refugees.

The Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D. The Keynote Addresses were delivered by Prof Edoardo Greppi, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

The Course was enhanced by the expertise of the following facilitators and guest speakers: Mr Claudio Delfabro, Director, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Chiara Maria Natta, Associate Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Marielys Padua Soto, Online Learning Assistant, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Silvia Colombo, Learning Development Officer, UNHCR’s Global Learning and Development Centre in Budapest; Mr Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Mr Gábor Gyulai, Director of the Refugee Programme at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee and President of the European Network on Statelessness; Colonel Mark Dakers, Director of the Military Department, IIHL; Dr Mariangela Giuffré, Associate Professor in Law at Edge Hill University, a Senior Research Associate to the Refugee Law Initiative, University of London and a member of the Italian Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration; Mr Matthew Fader, Leader of Volunteer Operations and Head of Education International Search and Rescue Development, Swedish Search and Rescue Society; Ms Morgane Nicot, Team Leader, Knowledge Development and Innovation in the Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, UNODC; Ms Eve Lester, Founding Director of boniĝi and International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant with boniĝi; Professor Gabriella Venturini, Associate Member of the Institute of International Law and Council Member are of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law; Dr Wilma Moraa Isaboke, Senior Learning Development Associate at UNHCR’s Global Learning and Development Centre in Budapest; Ms Melissa Amisano, Former Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Mr Osama Salem, an International Expert involved in Humanitarian Aid, Refugee Protection and Refugee Participation.

The coordinators of the Course were: Ms Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL; Ms Chiara Maria Natta, Associate Coordinator, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IIHL.

9th Online Course on International Migration Law (Spanish)
2nd May – 27th May 2022

The 9th Online Course on International Migration Law was delivered in Spanish from 2nd May to 27th May 2022 to 61 participants from 10 countries.

The Course was organized by the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration (SEM).

Key elements characterising the migration phenomenon were covered, as well as an analysis of the obligations and concerns of States in relation to this phenomenon, and the rights and responsibilities of migrants.

The Course was directed and facilitated by the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D.
The Course benefited from the expertise of the following facilitators and guest speakers: Felipe González Morales, Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; Claudio Delfabro, Director of the Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL; Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator, Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL; Silvia Cortina Fernández, Online Learning Assistant, Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL; Paula Vega, Associate Legal Researcher, Department of International Refugee and Migrant Law, IIHL; Gianna Sanchez Moretti, Migration Law Officer, International Organization for Migration (IOM); Álvaro Botero Navarro, Head of the Refugees and Forcibly Displaced Persons Unit, Department of Social Inclusion, Organization of American States; Carlos Pérez Gallego, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer (Latin America and Caribbean Region), Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Section, UNODC; Romina I. Sijniensky, Deputy Secretary, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Carolina Gottardo, Executive Director, International Detention Coalition (IDC); Silvan Lange, Research and Data Officer, Return and Reintegration Unit, IOM; Claudette Walls, Return and Reintegration Officer a.i., Return and Reintegration Unit, IOM; Johanna Gelves Reyes, Migration Policy Officer, Policy and Research Division, IOM; Michele Klein-Solomon, Director, IOM Regional Office for Central and North America and the Caribbean.

International Migration Review Forum
17th May – 20th May 2022

On 17th May, the Institute pledged to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration at the International Migration Review Forum.

The Forum took place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York and was hosted by the President of the UN General Assembly.

The Institute, through its Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, pledged to develop and deliver capacity-building programmes on International Migration Law for government officials,
members of the civil society and academia worldwide in line with the Global Compact on Migration.

The Institute also committed itself to provide scholarships to candidates from the Global South, ensuring geographical and professional diversity and gender balance in the selection of participants in its training.

**UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2022**

*1st June – 2nd June 2022*

From 1st June to 2nd June, the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio Delfabro, attended the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit 2022, reiterating the Institute’s commitment to the UN Global Compact.

During the event, thousands of forward-thinking business leaders, SDG stakeholders, activists, policymakers, and emerging leaders from around the world were brought together to take action on the SDGs and shape the future.


The Institute continues to adhere to the Ten Principles in all its activities, joining thousands of global leaders and stakeholders in rebuilding a just, equitable and resilient world.

**The UNHCR Global Consultations with Non-Governmental Organizations**

*7th June – 10th June 2022*

From 7th June to 10th June, the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Mr Claudio Delfabro, and the Lead Coordinator of the Department, Ms Martina Ranieli, participated in the 2022 UNHCR Global Consultations with NGOs, organized by UNHCR and ICVA.

The Consultations have become a popular networking opportunity for those working on displacement and protection issues, as well as an opportunity to meet with all UNHCR’s senior executives, including the High Commissioner.

Mr Delfabro and Ms Ranieli attended the main thematic sessions on Localization and Climate Action, and side events, joining over 500 representatives from around the world to discuss global themes in the protection of forcibly displaced people, and how to strengthen partnerships, and establish new connections with stakeholders in the field.

**2nd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection**

*13th June 2022*

On 13th June, the team of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law welcomed 34 Participants from 20 countries worldwide on the occasion of the launching of the second edition of the Online Course for Advocacy for Protection.

Over a period of three weeks, 14 international experts and guest speakers shared with participants best practices, insightful reflections, and useful strategies on how to ensure the participation of uprooted persons in decision-making processes affecting their lives and how to enhance field-based advocacy activities.

The opening Keynote speech was delivered by Mr Claudio Delfabro D., Director of the Department, who addressed the key challenges and presented viable opportunities of Advocacy for Protection.

**Global Community of Practice on Education Pathways**

*15th June – 16th June 2022*

From 15th to 16th June 2022, the Institute participated in the Global Community of Practice on Education Pathways, comprising universities from all over the world, civil society organizations, and UNHCR working towards ensuring access to tertiary education in third countries for refugee students.

From refugee networks and post-secondary institutions to foundations, associations, states, and NGOs, the CoP promotes broad membership from a wide range of actors already delivering or supporting third-country education pathways or services for refugee students.

The Institute joined discussions on the development of tangible activities to implement and further the goals of the Global Community of Practice on Education Pathways, with Mr Delfabro speaking as a panellist in a discussion on "How to Develop, Design and Engage Stakeholders".

The Institute is proud to have contributed to the exchange of ideas on education pathways and will continue advancing the goals of the Global Compact on Refugees through its courses and activities.
CITIZED: Transnational Project Meetings

Lyon 5th April – 6th April
and Vienna 2nd May – 3rd May

The months between April and June were particularly fruitful for the development of the project CITIZED - Policy implementation support and teacher empowerment for CITIZenship Education, as two Transnational Project Meetings (TPM) took place (one of them was delayed due to COVID-19 travel restrictions). In this regard, at the beginning of April, the CITIZED partnership gathered in Lyon for a two-day meeting hosted by FREREF. The meeting mainly served as a fundamental step to progress on two outputs of the project: the Teachers’ Competences Framework to Implement Citizenship Education; the Whole School Approach Support Toolkit. Additionally, the other phases of the project were discussed, and foundations were laid for the design of modular Teacher Training paths and the drafting of policy recommendations.

On 2nd and 3rd June 2022, the second transnational project meeting of CITIZED was held in Vienna, hosted by polis – The Austrian Centre for Citizenship Education in Schools. In particular, the partners of the project discussed the final phase of the development of the CITIZED Toolkit, addressed not only to school governance bodies, teachers and students, but also to teacher trainers, communities around schools and parents.

Both transnational project meetings represented an enriching opportunity for the smooth development of CITIZED, allowing a deep exchange of knowledge between all partners.

Peace Games project meeting

Lyon, 6th April – 7th April 2022

The Peace Games transnational project meeting took place in Lyon from 6th to 7th April. During the first day, a Multiplier Event also took place, during which some local stakeholders presented their activities and some matching issues with the project Peace Games emerged.

Besides, the TPM in Lyon represented a great opportunity for the partners to discuss the state-of-the-art of the pilot actions, a working session conducted by the partner FH Joanneum. The Journal of Piloting Actions was also presented. In addition, other relevant issues related to the projects were discussed.

Erasmus+ Projects: the Developments of the Projects PERFECT and LaS

Tolentino (Italy) 26th April – 28th April 2022 and Milan (Italy) 13th June – 14th June 2022

Between April and June, the partnerships of the two new Erasmus+ projects PERFECT - PERform and sHarE IoCal hisTories and LaS - Arguing at School had the opportunity to attend their first in-presence meetings.

From 26th to 28th April, the European Design Workshop together with the first Transnational Project Meeting was hosted by the project coordinator, the Lucatelli School, in Tolentino (Italy). The European Design
Workshop represented the first interactive activity of the project PERFECT and resulted in fruitful collaboration among schools, which began to conceive the five cultural products by sharing experiences, suggestions and inputs. The European Design Workshop was a successful moment in the creation of intercultural dialogue and multicultural openness.

Whereas, on 13th and 14th June, the kick-off meeting of LaS took place in Milan (Italy) thanks to the Centro Psicopedagogico per l’educazione e la gestione dei conflitti (CPPP) that, as project coordinator, hosted the meeting. This occasion represented a crucial moment to start the planning of the first project result through collaborative and interactive workshops among the partnerships.

First MUST-a-Lab Transnational Project Meeting in Modena (Italy)

Modena, 9th May – 10th May 2022

On 9th and 10th May 2022, the first transnational project meeting of the MUST-a-Lab project took place in Modena (Italy), hosted by the Municipality of Modena in the historical townhall, for two fruitful working days.

The MUST-a-Lab - MUlti-STakeholder Labs for migrants and stakeholders project, launched in January 2022, aims at creating a systemic and long-term involvement of migrants and asylum seekers in six European municipalities through the establishment of Policy Labs. In this context, different types of local stakeholders – e.g., policy stakeholders, grassroots stakeholders, and migrant stakeholders – are brought together to discuss and improve existing local policies and integration strategies.

The project, co-funded by the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund (AMIF) of the European Commission, is implemented by a European partnership coordinated by the City of Mechelen (Belgium) and involving, along with the Sanremo Institute, the City of Modena (Italy), the City of Fuenlabrada (Spain), the Public Benefit Organization of the Municipality of Livadia (K.E.DH.L.) (Greece), the District Council of the 7th District of Vienna (BV 7) (Austria), the City of Pont-de-Clai (France), the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE) (Italy), Karel de Grote Hogeschool (Belgium) and the Fondation des Régions Européennes pour la Recherche, l’Education, et la Formation (FREREF) (France). During its meeting in Modena, the partnership discussed the activities carried out in the first five months of project implementation and started to organise the preparatory activities for the establishment of the Policy Labs, to be officially established and developed in the second year (2023). The MUST-a-Lab partners will be meeting again for a second on-site project meeting in Spain in November, this time hosted by the Municipality of Fuenlabrada.

Study visit in Sanremo of the Master in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response

18th May – 19th May 2022

On 18th and 19th May 2022, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law hosted the students of the Master in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response, organised by the Interdepartmental University School for Strategic Sciences (SUISS) of the University of Turin, in collaboration with the Italian Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies, the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage, the Conservation and Restoration Center “La Venaria Reale”, and the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

After a welcome address delivered by the Secretary-General of the Institute Ms Stefania Baldini, the Keynote Speech by Prof. Fausto Pocar, IIHL Honorary President, opened the study visit by discussing “Cultural Property and Military Necessity: the Case of Mostar.
Following an interactive session chaired by Colonel Mark Dakers, Director of the Military Department of the Sanremo Institute, on "Q&A on the Challenges of IHL Application", the representatives of the organising institutions took the floor to greet the participants. Institutional greetings were delivered by Col. Michele Strippoli, Head of Training Office at the Italian Army Education and Training Command and School of Applied Military Studies; Maj. Claudio Sanzò, Commander of the Carabinieri Command for the Protection of Cultural Heritage of Lombardy; and Prof. Edoardo Greppi, President of the IIHL and Director of the Master course.

The two-day event was chaired by Professor Giovanna Segre of the University of Turin, Deputy-Director of the Master course, Prof. Alessio Re, Secretary-General of the Fondazione Santagata per l'economia della cultura.

On this occasion, the partnership between the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the Master in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response once again proved the strong interest of the organising institutions in promoting the protection of cultural heritage (CPP), consolidating the students’ ability to enhance the role of culture in addressing social reconciliation and economic recovery in areas affected by armed conflict and other crisis.

Lifelong Learning Lab 2022 in Nice (France)
30th May – 31st May 2022

On 30th and 31st May 2022, the Institute was invited to join the 2022 edition of the "Lifelong Learning Lab – National Training for Education Stakeholders", organised by the Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP) under the patronage of the French Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The initiative took place at the École Universitaire de Recherche d’Économie et de Management of the Université Côte d’Azur in Nice (France) and was focused on ‘Lifelong Learning Entitlements for the Future of Europe’.

The Lifelong Learning Platform (LLLP) is a network of European organizations active in the field of education, training, and youth that aims to voice citizens’ concerns about lifelong learning.

During the two-day event, representatives of the Université Côte d’Azur and the City of Nice joined European Commission officials from the DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, French ministerial officials and NGO experts for a fruitful discussion on urgent education and training-related topics.

Through keynote speeches and interactive sessions and workshops, particular attention was devoted to issues like the "EU decision-making in education and training: European education area governance" and "The EU agenda in education and training: practices of cooperation between policy makers, education stakeholders and civil society". On Day 2, the perspective of the conference was gradually moved to the French context, with a specific focus on future possibilities for collaboration among participant organizations in the discussed fields.

The event constituted a valuable opportunity for the Institute to promote the participation of relevant stakeholders in the following Final Conference of the CHILD-UP project, scheduled for 9th-10th June 2022 in Brussels (Belgium).

2nd Executive Council Meeting of the Education Inspiring Peace Laboratory
Sanremo, 1st June 2022

On June 1st, the Second Meeting of the Executive Council of the Education Inspiring Peace Laboratory (EIP Lab) was held at Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy), hosted by the International Institute of Humanitarian Law.

The first part of the meeting was devoted to providing participants with an update on the most recent institutional developments concerning the physical seat of the Lab. The session thus progressed with the presentation of the active projects of the EIP Lab (CHILD-UP, CITIZED, Peace Games, Must-A-Lab, PERFECT and Arguing at School) followed by the introduction of the latest project proposals submitted within different EU funding programmes (LICEAL, IN-DEED and GO TALK), stressing the importance of creating new synergies among the different projects.

The last part of the Executive Council meeting was then dedicated to a brainstorming session focused on some practical overarching issues to be addressed by the body. The key points dealt with concerned the research capacity, the promotion of innovative practice, the support for policy implementation to be provided by the Lab and the open communication tasks.

During the session, an operational plan for the collection of contributions to be integrated into an EIP Lab newsletter and yearly EIP Lab Report of Activities was also designed and approved.
The International Institute of Humanitarian Law organized, in collaboration with the University of Liège and the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE), the international final Conference of the EU-funded project “CHILD-UP”. The conference was held in Brussels (Belgium) on 9th and 10th June 2022 and focused on “Dialogue for Hybrid Integration – Narratives and Promotion of Agency of Children with Migrant Background”.

The project “Children Hybrid Integration: Learning Dialogue as a Way of Upgrading Policies of Participation – CHILD-UP” was funded by the Horizon 2020 programme of the European Union for a period of 3 years, from January 2019 to June 2022, which was extended for 6 months due to the impact of the pandemic. The partnership, coordinated by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia (UNIMORE), included the Centre for the Research, Training and Consultancy at the Protestant University of Dresden (ZFVB gMBH), the Jagiellonian University of Krakow (UJ), the University of Liège (ULIEGE), the University of Northampton Higher Education Corporation (UON), the Malmoe University (MAU), the Seinäjoki University of Applied Sciences (SeAMK), the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL), the European School Heads Association (ESHA), and the Fondation des Régions Européennes pour la Recherche, l’Éducation et la Formation (FREREF). The project researched the social conditions and the degree of migrant children’s integration in 7 selected EU countries through social participation, taking into primary account gender differences, legal status and age groups, with the final aim of proposing an innovative approach to understanding and transforming their social condition through the agency.

The Conference was held in Brussels over two days, with the contribution of 41 speakers who discussed, within different thematic sessions, both the research results and the policy-related outcomes of the project.

Professor Adrian Holliday, among the most distinguished international experts in the field of applied linguistics and intercultural education, delivered a keynote speech on “The Importance of Recovering Hybrid Realities”, followed by three interactive parallel sessions on Research, Practices and Policy-making, aimed at boosting new ideas and exchanging the perspectives of different categories of relevant stakeholders in the field of the integration of migrant children in the European educational systems.

The second day of the Conference was devoted to a hackathon session coordinated by the IIHL, ESHA and FREREF, whose results were then elaborated by a final “Ideas Forum” which involved representatives of institutions and organizations active in the field of education, including the DG Education and Culture of the European Commission, the UNHCR Division of Resilience and Solutions, the City of London Corporation, the Lifelong Learning Platform, and SINGA France.

IIHL General Assembly meeting

20th June 2022

The annual meeting of the General Assembly of the Institute was convened online to approve the final accounts for the year 2021. During the meeting, which was chaired by the President of the Institute, Prof. Edoardo Greppi, the Secretary-General, Ms Baldini, provided an introduction to the report of activities for 2021, as well as the report of the external auditors, followed by the presentation of the activities of each Department of the Institute, namely the Military Department, the Refugee Law Department and the Special Projects Department.

The General Assembly expressed great appreciation for the work done by the Institute and congratulated the Secretary-General as well as the Directors of the Departments. Eventually, the General Assembly approved

The welcome addresses – delivered by Claudio Baraldi from UNIMORE (project coordinator), Bernard De Vos, representing the Federation Wallonie-Bruxelles, and Marco Martinello, from the Centre for Ethnic and Migration Studies of the University of Liège – were followed by the presentation of the project results by the representatives of the different research partners of the consortium, namely Claudio Baraldi and Sara Amadasi (UNIMORE), Shannon Damery, (CEDEM, University of Liège), Aino Alaverdyan (Seinäjoki University of Applied Science, SeAMK), Justyna Struzik (Jagiellonian University in Krakow), and Federico Farini (University of Northampton UON).
The Research, which started with a kick-off event held at the beginning of November 2021 and ended in June 2022 with its final publication, was carried on together with different partners from Argentina, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Spain.

Following the Workshop held in March, where academic experts from the Institute and from the project partners coming from the above-mentioned countries participated and discussed about their contributions and about the two fundamental objectives pursued by the Project, the first outcome of their research was produced: a working paper referring to the main aspects of the results of the four lines of research, also containing a description of the suggested post-pandemic scenarios and a list of the most important recommendations to be considered by policy makers both in Europe and in Latin America. This document is already available in Spanish, in English and in Italian.

The second outcome of the research was an academic publication, in the form of a digital book, containing the diagnoses of each of the four lines of research (with the relevant references to sources), as well as an extensive description of the findings and the advice produced as a result.

Both products can be found on the IIHL website, at the following link: https://iihl.org/publicaciones-proyecto-la-compleja-actualidad-latinoamericana/

The Research Project was represented by Professor Fausto Pocar, who has guided and oriented the research group, and directed by Professor Roberto A. Moreno.

IN-DEED and GOTALK: newly submitted Project Proposals

The Special Projects Department presented two project proposals between April and May. On the one hand, the Department participated in the Horizon Europe Call with the project proposal on education to democracy INDEED - Inclusive Democratic citizenship as a key Education aim. The project proposal was conceived in partnership with the University of Turin, Roskilde University, FREREF, POLIS, the University of Northampton, the University of Bucharest, the University of Cote D’Azur, the University of Catalonia, and the Bosphorus University.

On the other hand, the IIHL collaborated in the writing of a project proposal for the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme (CERV). The project proposal, on children’s democratic participation in the educational systems and entitled GOTALK - Inclusive children’s councils leading to democratic exchange, was presented in collaboration with the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Karel de Grote University of Applied Sciences and Arts (KdG), the Centre of Expertise for Pedagogical Support in Day Care and School, Fondazione 35, and Municipal Education of Antwerp (AGBSO).


The Research Project titled, “The complex current situation in Latin America: contributions for a positive evolution”, has been developed by the Institute - through its Special Projects and Training Activities for Latin America Programme - with the collaboration and financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. The support of the Ministry is provided in the framework of the contribution under Article 23-bis of Presidential Decree 18 of 5th January 1967.

The "Training course for law enforcement agents in democracy" (Pilot Course) took place from 22nd April until 6th May 2022. It was delivered in Spanish, in b-learning modality, through the Zoom platform.

This Pilot Course was delivered within the framework of the Project “Security and democratic life: a challenge for Latin America” – submitted by the Special Projects and Training Activities for Latin America Programme and financed by the Directorate-General for Globalization and Global Issues of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This Project is being represented by Professor Fausto Pocar and directed by Professor Roberto A. Moreno.
The training aimed at providing a “model training programme” for members of the security forces of Latin American countries, especially Colombia, with the objective of enabling them to carry out operations corresponding to their respective areas of responsibility in accordance with international standards, the principles of the rule of law and, ultimately, of a democratic system of life.

The Course included 4 Modules developing the following topics: Conflicts and types of conflicts; Peace negotiation in a State; Mediation; Differences between negotiation and mediation; Communicational and psychological profiles; Vulnerable populations I (migrants, refugees, internally displaced); Vulnerable populations II (women, boys and girls, indigenous peoples); Peace operations and conflict resolution.

The Director of the Course was Professor Roberto A. Moreno (IIHL) supported by the following teachers (in alphabetical order by country): Lic Ángela L. CONTRERAS GUTIÉRREZ (Colombia); Abog Luisa F. LÓPEZ PEÑA (Colombia); Abog Jhenifer MOJICA FLOREZ (Colombia); Abog Pedro S. PÁEZ PIRAZÁN (Colombia); Dra Alejandra M. J. SANABRIA (El Salvador); Dr Omar A. GARCÍA CALDERÓN (Honduras); Lic Sergio G. GRYN (Israel); Dr Eraldo CASSINI (Italy), Mag Daira ARANA AGUILAR (Mexico); Mag Montserrat MARTÍNEZ TÉLLEZ (Mexico); Mag María D. ROMERO REAL (Spain); and Abog Isabel DURÁN MURILLO (Switzerland).

The total number of participants amounted to 44 from 8 different Latin American countries.
The Workshop on “Training of Trainers for a Democratic Life”
17th June – 15th July 2022

The Workshop on “Training of trainers for a democratic life” is taking place from the 17th of June until the 15th of July 2022 and it is being delivered in Spanish, in b-learning modality, through the Zoom platform.

This Training Workshop is carried out within the framework of the Project “Security and democratic life: a challenge for Latin America” – submitted by the Special Projects and Training Activities for Latin America Programme and financed by the Directorate-General for Globalization and Global Issues of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. This Project is being represented by Professor Fausto Pocar and directed by Professor Roberto A. Moreno.

The objective of this training is to promote knowledge and dissemination of the rights inherent to the integral protection of the human person, as well as the tools and mechanisms for their effective implementation, through the training of people and entities in a position to replicate such content.

The Workshop includes 4 Modules developing the following topics: Pedagogical techniques for occasional trainers; Human Rights: international and regional dimensions of the integral protection of the human person; Groups in situation of vulnerability: public policy considerations for their protection; Democratic tools and mechanisms for the exercise of human rights and the protection of the individual.

The Director of the Workshop was Professor Roberto A. Moreno (IIHL), supported by the following teachers (in alphabetical order by country): Gral Ismael CIFUENTES (Guatemala), Dr Omar A. GARCÍA CALDERÓN (Honduras); Mag Daira ARANA AGUILAR (Mexico); Mag Mauricio BASTIEN OLVERA (Mexico); Mag Montserrat MARTÍNEZ TELLEZ (Mexico); Prof Marcos Pablo MOLOENZKI (Mexico); and CN Víctor Jesús GONZÁLEZ JÁUREGUI (Peru).

The number of participants was 32 coming from 6 different Latin American countries.