



The Institute is glad to announce that the **46th Round Table on Current Issues of IHL** will be held on **14th-15th September 2023 at Villa Ormond, seat of the IIHL in Sanremo (Italy)**. For all those interested in attending, the agenda of the Conference is now available for consultation on the IIHL website and registration is open! Traditionally organised in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, this year's Round Table will focus on "Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict".

187^{ème} Cours International sur le Droit des Conflits Armés

3rd - 14th April 2023, Salon-de-Provence



The first International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflicts delivered in 2023 took place at the École des commissaires des armées, based at the Salon-de-Provence airbase. The general aim of this course was to offer armed forces officers, civilian professionals, and practitioners the opportunity to learn the principles and rules of the Law of Armed Conflict and their methods of implementation. At the end of the course, participants acquired a good knowledge of these fundamental principles and rules of the Law of Armed Conflict and understood how to apply their knowledge in different theatres of operations. The course is aimed primarily at military officers, legal advisers, and judges, as well as military lawyers who have a direct professional interest in the Law of Armed Conflict or who are required in their practice to

apply it or take it into account. The course syllabus has recently been updated to take account of the contemporary operational environment for the practical application of the Law of Armed Conflict. The course was directed by Colonel Christian De Cock (Belgium) and co-directed by Lieutenant Colonel Nadine Fortin (Canada). The teaching staff was enriched by the presence of the class leaders Colonel Juste Ndahou (Congo Brazzaville); Lieutenant Colonel Pieter Van Malderen (Belgium); Commissaire principal, Guillaume Liégeois (France), Lieutenant Colonel Dominique Burgener (Switzerland), and Commissaire en chef de deuxième classe, Aghate Deweer. The Institute would also like to thank Ms Ghislaine Doucet, from the International Committee of the Red Cross, for her intervention during the second week of the course.

48th Advanced Course on International Humanitarian Law (English), 49^{ème} Cours Avancé sur le Droit des Conflits Armés (French)

17th - 21st April 2023, Sanremo



From 17th to 21st April, the Military Department successfully concluded both the 48th Advanced Course on IHL and the 49^{ème} Cours avancé sur le DIH. The courses focused on key jus ad bellum concepts which underpin and frame operations, before moving to a detailed examination of jus in bello concepts and principles in International Armed Conflicts (IAC) and Non-International Armed Conflicts (NIAC) set against current operational contexts. In addition to an eminent



faculty of academic speakers, many sessions also included experienced military operators. Immersive and challenging, the tone of the week remained operationally oriented throughout. Many thanks to all the participants for their active engagement and to the distinguished teaching staff for enriching the course with their expertise!

186th International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflicts (English, Arabic) *1st – 12th May 2023, Sanremo*

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 (ret'd) Karl Edlinger and Colonel (ret'd) 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 English Class was directed by Brigadier General (ret'd) Karl Edlinger, and the teaching staff was made up of Colonel (ret'd) James Stythe and Major Lucy Davies. The

Arabic Class was directed by Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui and Colonel Mohammed Barkr.

Detention and Captured Persons (CPERS) Course

12th – 16th June 2023, Sanremo



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 Bahrain, Estonia, Israel, and Saudi Arabia considered the interrelationship between IHL and International Human Rights Law (IHRL); 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: Ms Jelena Pejic (former ICRC Senior Legal Advisor); Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Johnson (Stockton Center for International Law, US Naval War College); Lieutenant Colonel Paddy Larkin (SO1 Legal Provost Marshal (Army), Major Rebecca Smith (SO2 Custody and Detention), Dr Claire Simmons (Senior Lecturer, Defence & International Affairs Department, Royal Military Academy Sandhurst); and from the IHL Military Department: Colonel Mark Dakers (Course Director), Colonel Rudolph Stamminger (Deputy Director of the Military Department) and Lieutenant Colonel Jim Slesman (Fellow and Instructor at the Military Department).

50th Advanced Course on International Humanitarian Law (Arabic)

19th – 23rd June 2023, Sanremo

This training, entirely held in Arabic, provided participants with a deeper understanding of IHL by focusing on key concepts of jus ad bellum and jus in bello. While providing a thorough academic and legal background on the relevant IHL concepts, the course remained operationally oriented and provided participants with the tools they needed to find, interpret and apply IHL in the

field. Some of the specific areas covered by this course included conflict classification; targeting; legality of weapons; the interrelationship between IHL and IHRL; detention; and international criminal tribunals. Fifteen participants from Libya, Oman, Syria, and Saudi Arabia, attended the course directed by Senior Colonel Faouzi Aloui from Tunisia.



Peace Support Operations (PSO) Course 19th - 23rd June 2023, Sanremo

Fourteen participants from 12 countries attended this edition of the course on PSOs. The aim of this course is to prepare civilian and military staff augmentees for Peace Support Operations



(PSOs) by examining the wide-ranging legal issues underpinning PSO mandates and mission design which shape and govern the conduct of operations of the deployed force. The key overarching teaching objectives of the course are to understand: (1) The range and nature of PSOs and their historical development; (2) The status, privileges, and immunities of Peace Keeping Forces under International and host nation law; (3) The interpretation and implementation of cease fire and peace agreements; (4) The legal boundaries of UN Security Council authorisations approving PSOs; (5) The interrelationship between mission objectives and basing agreements (e.g., MOU, MTA, SOFA); (6) The role in PSOs of the UN, of regional organisations such as the AU, of regional security forces such as the ASF, and other organisations and troop contributing nations.; (7) The interrelationship of IHL and IHRL, including the use of force, in PSOs; (8) The dynamics of new and emergent issues in PSOs; (9) The nature of criminal responsibility in PSOs.

7th Online Course on Statelessness

13th March - 7th April 2023

The 7th Online Course on Statelessness was delivered in English from the 13th of March to 7th of April 2023 to 58 participants from 30 countries.



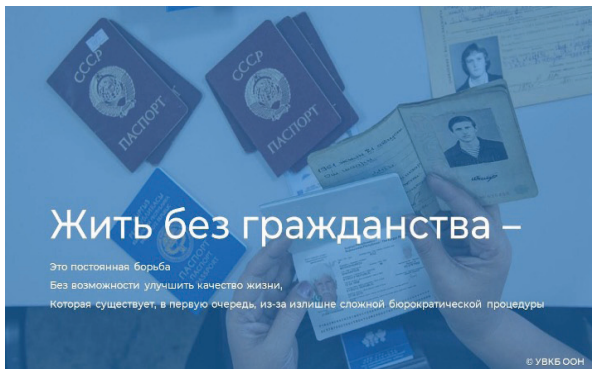
The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the online course in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration).

The online workshops targeted government officials, including members of judiciary, as well as staff of UNHCR, members of civil society, international NGOs and academics. The online course was designed to respond to the international need to increase the knowledge and capacities of governments and local actors involved in eradicating statelessness. The content of the course was designed around the four pillars identified by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to respond to statelessness, namely, the identification, prevention, reduction, and protection of stateless persons. Through the training, participants shared good practices from different regions and contexts, engaged in activities and real-life case studies and scenarios, and explored the international legal and policy framework surrounding statelessness. Participants gained greater insight and were provided tools to understand further the ramifications and solutions in both contexts of statelessness, in situ and within the migratory context. The first session was opened by Ms. Monika Sandvik, Senior Statelessness Coordinator and Head of Section in UNHCR and by Ms. Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator and Head of Institutional Engagement of the Department. The Keynote Address was then delivered by Ms. Sofiiia Kordonets, Head of the Program on Legal Assistance to the Statelessness Population of Ukraine in the Charitable Foundation "Right to Protection". The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Mr. Sam Mosallai, Legal Officer (Statelessness) at UNHCR; Ms. Valeriia Cherednichenko, Statelessness Officer in the Regional Bureau for Europe at

UNHCR; Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Organisational and Development Director at Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Trustee of European Network on Statelessness; Ms. Maha Mamo, Statelessness Activist and Motivational Speaker; Mr. Thomas McGee, PhD Researcher at Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness at the University of Melbourne School of Law; Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration law, IHL. The online course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Chiara Maria Natta, Associate Coordinator at the Department in cooperation with Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate; Ms. Anastasiia Andreeva, Online Learning Assistant; Mr. Simone Delicati, Associate Legal Researcher & Content Developer and Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Online Learning Assistant.

8th Online Course on Statelessness 20th March – 14th April 2023

From the 20th of March to the 14th of April 2023, the 8th Online Course on Statelessness was delivered in Russian to 36 participants from 11 countries.



The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the Online Course in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration). The participant pool of the course consisted of government officials, including members of judiciary, as well as UNHCR staff, representatives of the National Red Cross, civil society, and non-governmental organisations. The online course examined a variety of topics relating to statelessness, such as: causes and Impact of statelessness; nationality and statelessness in International Law; and identification of statelessness and status determination. The training explored the link between refugee protection and statelessness and provided specific insights on international initiatives such as the UNHCR #IBelong Campaign. In this perspective, the international response to statelessness and policies to prevent and end statelessness were

shared with the audience. The course further encouraged the exchange of best practices between participants bringing particular attention to positive developments in the elimination of statelessness in Kyrgyzstan. Participants were virtually welcomed to the opening session by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, along with Ms. Angela Li Rosi, UNHCR Deputy Regional Director for Europe. The Keynote Address was then delivered by Mr. Azizbek Ashurov, Lawyer, Nansen Award Laureate and Executive Director of PU Ferghana Valley Lawyers Without Borders. The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Mr. Oleg Palii, Executive Director at Legal Centre for Lawyers; Mr. Denis Dzhivaga, Executive Director at Kazakh International Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law; Ms. Ekaterina Kiseleva, Associate Professor at the Department of International Law in the Law Institute and Peoples' Friendship University of Russia (RUDN University); Ms. Valeriia Cherednichenko, Statelessness Officer in the Regional Bureau for Europe at UNHCR; Mr. Sergiu Gaina, Statelessness Officer for UNHCR Kazakhstan; Ms. Maha Mamo, Statelessness Activist and Motivational Speaker; Mr. Iulian Popov, Head of Statelessness and Information Unit, Asylum and Integration Directorate for the Bureau of Migration and Asylum at the Ministry of Internal Affairs (MIA) in Moldova; Mr. Alexander Snitko, Manager of Statelessness Projects at the Civic Organization "The Tenth of April". The online course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Arina Nachinova, Outreach Assistant and Ms. Anastasiia Andreeva, Online Learning Assistant.

11th Online Course on International Migration Law 25th April – 19th May 2023

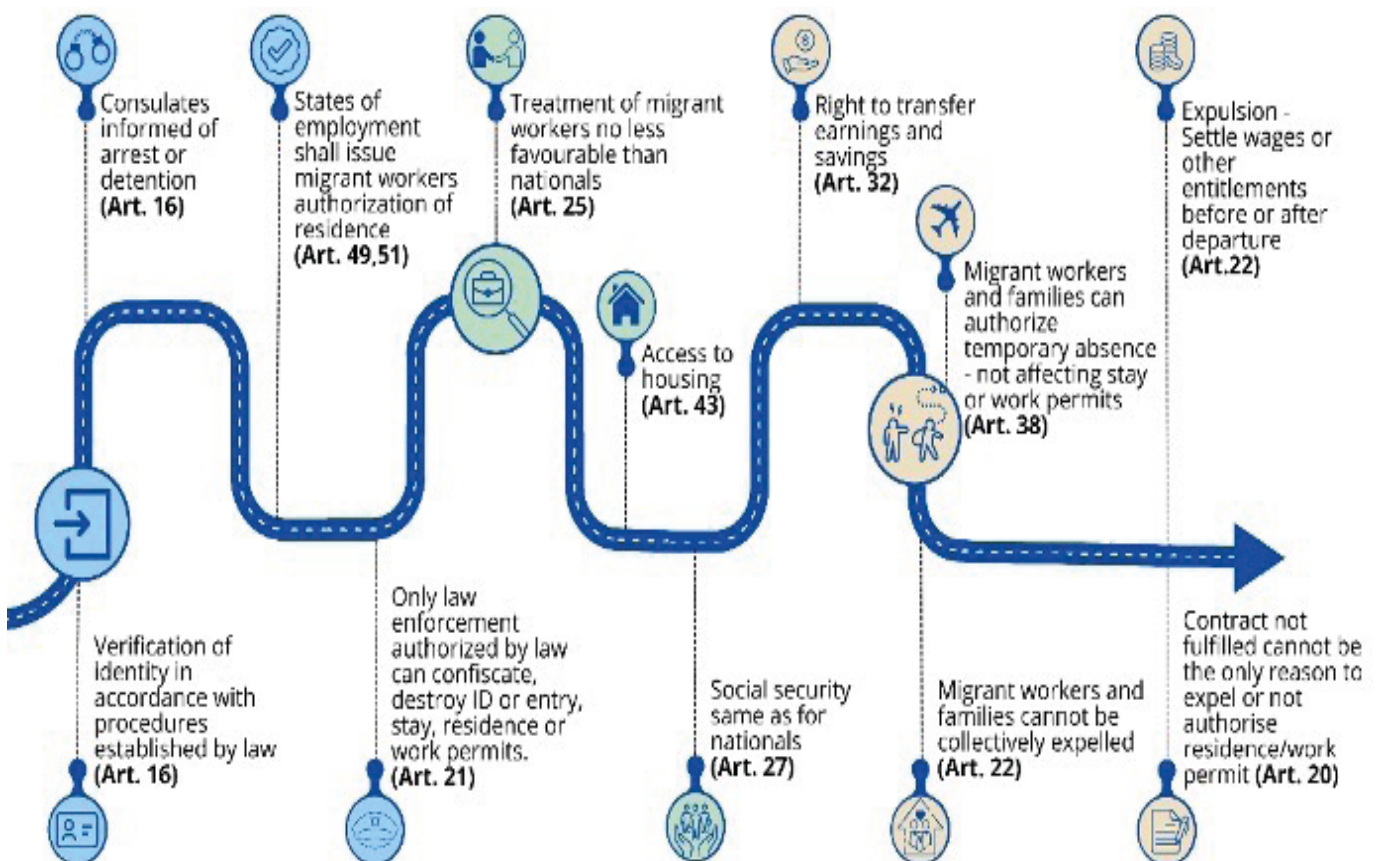
A total number of 46 participants representing 31 countries attended the 11th Online Course on International Migration Law, delivered in English from the 25th of April to the 19th of May 2023.

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organized the Online Course in cooperation with the support of the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The online workshops targeted government officials, members of judiciary, diplomats, representatives of the academia, international experts as well as staff of non-profit organisations, international organisations, and the Red Cross. Participants had the opportunity to analyse the complex nature of today's migratory continuum, by looking at the trends, causes, and associated risks that migrants face throughout their journeys. Participants increased their knowledge of policies regarding integration in the country of destination and return and reintegration in the

country of origin. Various sessions highlighted the importance of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the increased understanding that migration has to be tackled through international cooperation so that it may allow for the sustained development of both host countries and countries of origin. Participants were also given opportunities to share good practices regarding various aspects of migration that were covered throughout the training. The online course was opened by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and the institutional remarks were delivered by Ms. Eva Åkerman Börje, Director of the Department of Policy and Research at IOM. Ms. Pia Oberoi, Senior Advisor on Migration and Human Rights for the Asia Pacific Region, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), addressed the audience during the Keynote Address. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Mr. Jonathan Prentice, Head of Secretariat at the United Nations Network on Migration; Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz, Professor of Law at Aberystwyth University and Former Vice-President of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings; Mr. Vassiliy Yuzhanin, Head of International Migration Law Unit at the Department of Policy and Research, IOM; Ms. Joanne Irvine, Head of Migration & Sustainable Development Division, IOM; Mr. Stéphane Jaquet, Director of Policy at the International Catholic Migration Commission; Prof. Thibaut Fleury Graff, International Law Professor and the Director of the Graduate School of Law, Paris at Saclay University (UVSQ) and UNHCR Judge at the French National

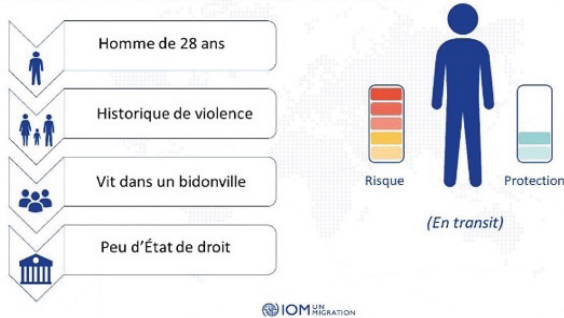
Court for Asylum; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL; Ms. Gianna Sanchez Moretti, Migration Law Officer at the International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Ms. Reshma Mathews, International Migration Law Specialist at the International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Ms. Eve Lester, Founding Director of *boniği* and International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr. Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant in *boniği*; Dr. Mariagiulia Giuffrè, Associate Professor in Law at Edge Hill University, Senior Research Associate for the Refugee Law Initiative at the University of London and 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 in the Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Mr. Ace Dela Cruz, Project Coordinator at the Joint Global Initiative on Diversity in the Inclusion and Social Cohesion (DISC), IOM; Ms. Marina Cacic, Return and Reintegration Focus Officer, IOM; Ms. Emily Thuo, Return and Reintegration Project Officer, IOM; Dr. Nicholas R. Micinski, Librarian Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Affairs at the University of Maine; Ms. Michele LeVoy, Director of Platform for International Cooperation on Undocumented Migrants (PICUM). The online course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Chiara Maria Natta, Associate Coordinator of the Department; Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate and supported by Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Online Learning Assistant.



12th Online Course on International Migration Law

25th April – 19th May 2023

Facteurs de risque ou de protection ?



Delivered in French, the 12th Online Course on International Migration Law trained 29 participants from 14 countries between the 25th of April to the 19th of May 2023.

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the online course in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The online workshops targeted from government officials, members of judiciary, diplomats to staff of international organizations, including the International Organization for Migration (IOM). Centred on the migration issues contextualized for Africa, where the majority of participants reside and work, the course explored the main obligations and responsibilities of States as well as current trends, risks and causes of migration. The course examined the international legal framework and regional instruments and gave special consideration to the Global Compact for Migration. Through the diverse sessions, participants gained a comprehensive understanding of specific phenomena related to migration, including the issues of working migrants, trafficking and smuggling of migrants, detention and alternatives to detention, and integration, return and reintegration of migrants. The online course was opened by Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Human Rights at the University of Caen-Normandie (France) and Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, who also delivered the institutional remarks. The Keynote Address was delivered by Ms. Maya Sahli Fadel, African Union Special Rapporteur on Refugees, Asylum Seekers, Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons at the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and Ms. Cisse Mariama Mohamed, Director of the Special Liaison Office for IOM in Addis Ababa. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely:

Prof. Thibaut Fleury Graff, International Law Professor and the Director of the Graduate School of Law, Paris Saclay University (UVSQ) and UNHCR judge at the French National Court for Asylum; Mr. Stéphane Jaquemet, Director of Policy at the International Catholic Migration Commission; Ms. Eulalia Figueras Civit, Migration Law Specialist at the International Migration Law Unit, IOM; Ms. Joanne Irvine, Head of Migration & Sustainable Development Division, IOM; Dr. Fatima Diallo, Executive Director of the Centre for Research and Action on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (CRADESC); Ms. Anne Althaus, Migration Law Officer, IOM; Ms. Eve Lester, Founding Director at boniği and International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr. Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant at boniği; Prof. Aref Fakhri, Associate Professor at the World Maritime University (WMU); Dr. Isidore Ngueuleu, Senior Human Rights Advisor for the Africa Region at the World Organization Against Torture (OMCT); Ms. Noëlle Darbellay, Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration (AVRR) Officer, IOM; Ms. Iliana Yazmin Flores, Return and Reintegration Officer, IOM. The online course was directed by Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Human Rights at the University of Caen-Normandie (France), and coordinated by Ms. Christelle Menassa, Associate Coordinator of the Department with the support of Ms. Essma El Abidi, Online Learning Assistant.

12th Online Course on Internal Displacement

2nd – 26th May 2023



Une solution durable est réalisée lorsque « les PDI n'ont plus de besoins spécifiques d'assistance et de protection liés à leur déplacement et que ces personnes peuvent jouir de leurs droits humains sans discrimination résultant de leur déplacement ».

Between the 2nd to the 26th of May 2023, a cohort of 34 participants from 11 countries attended the 12th Online Course on Internal Displacement, delivered in French.

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the online course in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration) and with the support of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons.

The online workshops targeted government

officials, members of judiciary, diplomats, scholars to representatives of local NGOs and international organisations. During the online course, participants explored key aspects of the protection of internally displaced persons (IDPs) by looking at the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and regional obligations established by the Kampala Convention and the Great Lakes Protocol. A particular focus was dedicated to the domestication of the Kampala Convention into national jurisdiction. The course also examined the causes and consequences of internal displacement with a particular focus on conflict and disaster displacement. The protection risks faced by individuals throughout the displacement cycle, as well as other cross-cutting issues affecting internally displaced persons' rights, such as housing, land and property and access to documentation, were also discussed. Moreover, a series of practical tools for data collection and coordination mechanisms among different stakeholders working with IDPs were presented. The workshop ultimately addressed the search and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions for IDPs in line with the work of the United Nations Secretary-General's Action Agenda on Internal Displacement. The online course was opened by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department who also delivered the institutional remarks. The Keynote Address was delivered by Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Ms. Greta Zeender, Senior Policy Adviser at the Office of the UN Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement; Ms. Kim Mancini, Legal Adviser at the Office of the Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, UNHCR; Mr. Aliou S. Maiga, Senior Protection Cluster Coordination Officer, UNHCR Niger; Colonel Chris De Cock, Legal Advisor for the European External Action Service in the European Union; Mr. Lorenzo Guadagno, Project Coordinator in Platform on Disaster Displacement; Ms. Barbara McCallin, Global Housing Land and Property Advisor in Danish Refugee Council; Mr. Oswald Muderwa Chishugi, Regional GBV in Emergencies Coordinator for the West and Central Africa at UNFPA; Mr. Andrés Lizcano Rodríguez, Regional Advisor for the Americas in the Joint Internal Displacement Profiling System (JIPS); Mr. Abdoulaye Sawadogo, Head of Office in OCHA Haiti; Ms. Corina Demottaz, Head of Knowledge Sharing & Communications in Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Service (JIPS); Ms. Aude Galli, Coordinator in Regional Durable Solutions Secretariat (ReDSS); Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law at IIHL. The online course was coordinated by Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator of the Department, in cooperation with Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate and Ms. Essma El Abidi, Online Learning Assistant.

Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for the MENA Region

22nd – 25th May 2023, Sanremo



The Tailored Workshop on Statelessness for the MENA Region was organised at the headquarters of the Sanremo Institute and delivered in Arabic from the 22nd to the 25th of May 2023 for 31 participants from 11 countries.

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the first in-person workshop since the pandemic in cooperation and with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

The training targeted government officials, members of judiciary, diplomats of the MENA region as well as representatives of inter-governmental organisations such as the League of Arab States. The workshop responded to the need for increased knowledge and capacity to prevent, reduce and resolve statelessness and to protect stateless people worldwide, with a regional focus on the Middle East and North Africa. Besides the international legal framework related to nationality, the programme addressed the causes and impacts of statelessness, gave an overview of stateless populations around the world, including stateless children, and examined the interrelation between statelessness and forced displacement. The workshop also provided a space for participants to share best practices and successful experiences of countries globally and in the MENA region that could help address the statelessness issue. The training also promoted the use and implementation of the UNHCR's Global Action Plan to End Statelessness as part of the #IBelong Campaign launched in 2014. During the opening session, participants were welcomed to Sanremo by Mr. Lane Krainyk, Protection Officer at UNHCR MENA and Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator of the Department, while the Keynote Address was delivered by Ms. Sofiia Kordonets, Head of the Program on Legal Assistance to the Statelessness Population of Ukraine, Charitable Foundation "Right to Protection". The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team to facilitate during the training: Ms. Ameera Azzam, Senior Learning Development Officer, UNHCR MENA; Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department

of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL; Ms. Fawzia Istaiteyah, Associate Legal Officer for the Legal Unit, UNHCR; Ms. Hagir Musa, Senior Government Liaison Officer, UNHCR Egypt; Mr. Ihab Srour, Egyptian-Canadian Lawyer and Protection Expert. The workshop was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator of the Department and Ms. Christelle Menassa, Associate Coordinator.

Specialists' Course on International Refugee Law

14th March – 9th June 2023



The Specialists' Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in English from the 14th of March till the 9th of June 2023 and welcomed 43 participants coming from 16 countries.

The Course was organised with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Representation in Serbia, along with the Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade in Serbia.

The pool of participants consisted of students at the bachelor and postgraduate level, some of which were also professionally active in the field of refugee protection through NGOs and civil society organisations, coming mainly from Serbia and the Balkans, but also including participants from regions, such as the rest of Europe, Africa and Asia. The comprehensive 12-week agenda of the course included 24 individual sessions, allowing participants an in-depth experience of various aspects of refugee protection, such as the applicable international legal framework; definitions, rights and responsibilities of refugees and other persons in need of protection; UNHCR's mandate and its highlight operations around the world; mixed movements and related risks such as human trafficking and migrant smuggling; protection within the displacement cycle and working with vulnerable categories; the interaction of refugee protection with global development and phenomena such as climate change; responsibility sharing and the Global Compact on Refugees. The Keynote Address for the course was delivered by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of

International Refugee Law and Migration Law. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Prof. Ivana Krstic, Full Professor and Director at the Centre for Human Rights for the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade; Dr. Bojana Cuckovic, Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Belgrade; Mr. Soufiane Adjali, Representative, UNHCR Serbia; Ms. Ljubimka Mitrovic, Associate Protection Officer, UNHCR Serbia; Prof. Andrew Schoenholtz, Professor, Practice, Human Rights Institute and Director of the Center for Applied Legal Studies at Georgetown University; Prof. Francois Crepeau, Full Professor at the Faculty of Law, McGill University; Ms. Carol Sakr, Community-Based Protection Associate, UNHCR Lebanon; Ms. Elise Currie Roberts, Senior Refugee Status Determination Officer in the Refugee Status Determination Section for the Division of International Protection, UNHCR; Prof. Elizabeth Ferris, Research Professor and Director of the Institute for the Study of International Migration at the School of Foreign Service in Georgetown University; Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Organisational and Development Director at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee and Trustee of European Network on Statelessness; Prof. Geoff Gilbert, Professor of the University of Essex and Co-Chair of Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network; Mr. Jacopo Giorgi, Senior Legal Officer of the Division of International Protection at the Policy and Law Service in UNHCR; Prof. Liliana Lyra Jubilut, Professor of the Universidade Catolica de Santos and Co-Chair of Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network; Dr. Marko Davinic, Associate Professor of the Department of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Belgrade; Mr. Marko Milanovic, Director of the Centre for Social Development IDEAS RS; Dr. Nicholas Micinski, Assistant Librarian Professor at the University of Maine; Mr. Nikola Kovacevic, Senior Legal Advisor and Coordinator of the Asylum and Migration Programme at the Centre for Social Development IDEAS; Ms. Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator and Head of Institutional Engagement at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL. The training was coordinated by Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Coordinator of the Academic Unit of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law with the support of Ms. Abigail Stoffer, Academic Unit Assistant at the Department, jointly with Professors Ivana Krstic and Bojana Cuckovic on behalf of the Faculty of Law of the University of Belgrade in Serbia, and Ms. Ljubimka Mitrovic on behalf of the UNHCR Representation in Serbia.

26th Online Course on International Refugee Law

29th May – 23rd June 2023



The 26th Online Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in French from the 29th of May to the 23rd of June 2023 to 41 participants from 12 countries.

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organised the online course in cooperation with United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration) and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The online course targeted government officials, including members of judiciary and diplomats, representatives of Permanent Missions to the UN Office in Geneva as well staff from local NGOs and international organisations. During the online course, participants explored the key aspects of the international protection of refugees. The topics covered included the analysis of International Refugee Law and its complementarity with other bodies of law to the different displacement phases. The causes that force people to flee, the protection risks encountered through the displacement cycle, and the search and implementation of durable and sustainable solutions were also examined. Additional refugee-related issues were further analysed through a cross-cutting approach, such as gender-based violence and the protection of internally displaced and stateless people. The course was conducted in light of the developments generated by the Global Compact on Refugees. The online course was opened by Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Human Rights at the University of Caen-Normandie (France), and Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, while Ms. Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator and Head of Institutional Engagement of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, delivered the institutional remarks. The Keynote Address was delivered by Prof. Vincent Chetail, Professor of International Law and Director of the Global Migration Centre at the Geneva Graduate Institute.

The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez, Senior Protection Officer, UNHCR; Prof. Thibaut Fleury Graff, International Law Professor and the Director of the Graduate School of Law in Paris Saclay University (UVSQ) and UNHCR Judge at the French National Court for Asylum; Dr. Isidore Ngueuleu, Senior Human Rights Advisor for the Africa Region in World Organization Against Torture (OMCT); Prof. Seline Trevisanut, Professor of International Law and Sustainability at Utrecht University; Ms. Eve Lester, Founding Director of *boniği* and International Expert on the Human Rights of Refugees and Migrants; Mr. Hayat Akbari, Research and Development Consultant of *boniği*; Mr. Ihab Srour, Egyptian-Canadian Lawyer and Protection Expert; Mr. Ibrahim Sallet Mahamat, President of *Vivre Ensemble*; Ms. Sophie Crozet, Expert on Durable Solutions at OCHA; Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator at the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, IHL. The online course was directed by Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Human Rights at the University of Caen-Normandie (France) and coordinated by Ms. Christelle Menassa, Associate Coordinator of the Department and Ms. Chloe Naret, Associate Coordinator of the Department, in cooperation with Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate and Ms. Essma El Abidi, Online Learning Assistant.

2023 Inter Agency Coordination Course (IACC) Emergency Roster Group

23rd – 26th May 2023, Sanremo



The Inter-Agency Coordination Course (IACC) Emergency Roster Workshop 2023 was hosted at the headquarters of the Sanremo Institute, bringing together a total of 33 UNHCR Inter-Agency Coordinators from 18 countries. This workshop aimed to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to excel in their critical roles in emergency settings, while also providing a platform for networking and knowledge exchange. The diverse backgrounds and perspectives of the participants enriched discussions, fostering a comprehensive understanding of Inter-Agency Coordination intricacies. The workshop lays a solid foundation for effective contributions to

emergency response efforts improving the lives of forcibly displaced individuals globally.

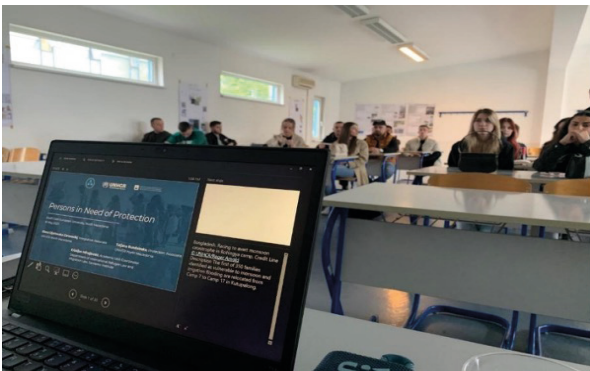
Lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa

25th May 2023, Pretoria

On the 25th of May 2023, Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, gave a guest LLM lecture at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. The lecture delved into the interplay and complementarity between the international refugee and humanitarian legal frameworks, emphasizing their roles in various contexts, including armed conflicts. Legal norms such as non-refoulement were analysed, shedding light on how these laws function in practice, such as in the case of released prisoners of war seeking asylum. This lecture marks the beginning of the cooperative relationship between the University of Pretoria and the Department's Academic Unit. These efforts are part of the Department's pledges to the Global Refugee Forum, namely, to support academic and governmental training institutions in the development of curricula and initiatives to support the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Statelessness sessions with UNHCR North Macedonia, South-East European University

12th April – 29th May 2023



The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, in collaboration with UNHCR North Macedonia, delivered a series of five sessions on statelessness spanning from the 12th of April till the 29th of May to students at the bachelor level and PhD candidates at the South-East European University. This invitation marked a significant step towards integrating statelessness and related topics into the university's existing curricula. The sessions provided comprehensive insights into the complexities and challenges faced by stateless individuals. Through engaging discussions and interactive learning, students gained a deeper understanding of the legal and humanitarian aspects surrounding statelessness.

Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws & Policies on Internal Displacement

6th – 9th June 2023, Sanremo



Between the 6th till the 9th of June, the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law hosted the first Cross-Regional Forum on Implementing Laws and Policies on Internal Displacement at the Sanremo Institute along with the support of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur. The primary objective of the Forum was to explore the opportunities and means to effectively implement legal and policy frameworks on internal displacement. A total number of 31 senior government officials from Azerbaijan, Colombia, Georgia, Honduras, Iraq, Mexico, Mozambique, the Philippines, Somalia, and Ukraine came together to exchange best practices and strategies employed at national and regional levels. The forum marked a significant step forward in addressing the challenges associated with internal displacement. By equipping senior government officials with valuable knowledge and insights, the Forum empowered them to make informed decisions and take effective action in their respective regions and countries.

Course on Advocacy for Protection with UNHCR Bosnia & Herzegovina, Sarajevo

14th – 16th June 2023, Sarajevo

Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, and Ms. Martina Ranieli, Lead Coordinator and Head of Institutional Engagement of the Department, conducted a comprehensive two and a half-day training on Advocacy for Protection in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH). This training was designed to enhance the skills and knowledge of UNHCR staff, representatives of the office of the Ombudsman, and the NGO Vaša Prava BiH (VP). The Advocacy for Protection training covered a wide range of topics and methodologies, equipping participants with practical skills to effectively advocate for the rights and well-being of refugees and asylum seekers. By investing in the capacity-building of key stakeholders,

the training aimed to strengthen the protection environment in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The knowledge and skills gained by participants will further enable them to better support refugees and asylum seekers, ensuring their rights are respected and their voices are heard and amplified.

During the last day, the audience was expanded as it welcomed representatives of the Court of Justice, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, Ministry of Security- Sector for Asylum, Ministry of Security -Service for Foreigners' Affairs.

Statelessness Awareness Toolkit with Unione Italiana Apolidi



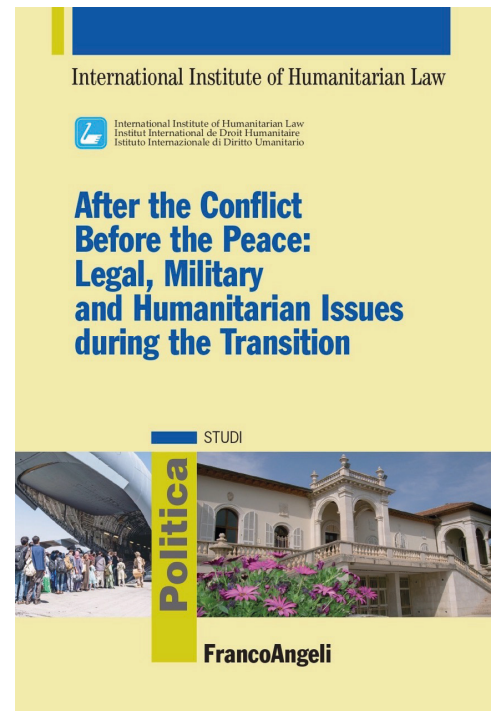
In close cooperation with Unione Italiana Apolidi (UNIA), a stateless-led organisation with the aim of improving the condition of stateless people in Italy, the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law developed the content and design of a Statelessness Awareness Toolkit. The toolkit aims at carrying out the activities and objectives of the “inVISIBLE project”, whose funding was awarded to UNIA through UNHCR’s Refugee Led Innovation Fund. The inVISIBLE project has a two-fold objective: to raise awareness and foster research within universities about statelessness as well as to develop and strengthen the skills and capacities of those who will deliver the workshops.

The toolkit comprises three sections mainly: firstly, the focus on the Italian legal framework concerning stateless persons in Italy; secondly stimulation exercise for students to put themselves in the shoes of stateless persons and foster reflection and discussion on such conditions; and lastly a focus on a series of case studies capturing real events happening across the world.

Publication of the 2022 “Proceedings of the Round Table on Current Issues of IHL” June 2023

In June 2023, the Institute published its 2022 “Proceedings of the Round Table on Current Issues of IHL”, the annual thematic volume that has become, over the years, an internationally recognised reference text for practitioners and academics on specific issues related to IHL and its application. The publication reports all the contributions delivered by the experts involved in the 45th

Round Table on current issues of IHL, jointly organised by the Institute and the International Committee of the Red Cross and held in Sanremo from 7th to 9th September 2022.



The 45th edition of the Round Table, with the participation of high-level international experts and practitioners, investigated some of the crucial issues regarding the application of IHL in post-conflict situations, by examining the lessons learned from recent operations, as well as the legal, military and humanitarian aspects during post-conflict transitions. This included, among other key questions, the legal responsibility of military and humanitarian practitioners towards the civilian population; the challenges related to the evacuation of non-combatants from conflict areas and the legal status of evacuated civilians; responsibility of governments and individuals towards refugees and IDPs; disarmament and infrastructure reconstruction processes.

The 2022 Proceedings are now available for free download on the IIHL website.

Second Online Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives Into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios June 2023

In June 2023, the Institute announced the new edition of its Online Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives Into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios, which will be held online from the 23rd of October to the 17th of November 2023 and organised in collaboration with the OSCE, Gender Issues Programme, in the Office of the Secretary-General. The course will be specifically designed to address the most topical gender-related aspects of humanitarian crises worldwide, such as the importance of Gender

Mainstreaming; Sexual Exploitation and Abuse; Conflict-related Sexual Violence; Trafficking in Human Beings, Smuggling of Migrants and Gender Perspective; Gender and Terrorism; Gender-related Risks of Detention; and Women's Engagement in Peace Processes. The course will involve internationally renowned facilitators and will aim at providing participants with the legal knowledge and key analytical tools necessary to comply with and apply the existing international rules governing international operations and other complex scenarios. Moreover, it will use as its reference the "Sanremo Handbook on Gender" and promote its use on the field.

Peace Games in practice at the IHL

3rd April 2023, Sanremo

On April 3rd, the IHL in collaboration with the EIP Lab and the Cassini Institute, hosted 60 students from the school "Istituto Comprensivo Littardi" from Imperia. On this occasion, the IHL and the EIP Lab organised some activities aimed at encouraging students to reflect on the concepts of peace, war, conflict and violence and learn citizenship and peace skills through both an initial interactive presentation and the performance of selected games. More specifically, the morning included an interactive presentation of the Institute's activities, and some group sessions during which students had the opportunity to play various games taken from the "Peace Games" catalogue (ERASMUS+ Peace Games project). Some of the proposed games were: The Mind, Feelinks, Hellapagos and Totem. At the end of the morning, a further reflection session encouraged students to reflect upon what they learnt during the activities. In the games' implementation, the IHL/EIP Lab team was supported by the students of Cassini High School, who served as facilitators.

Third Transnational Project Meeting of the Project MUST-a-Lab in Livadia, Greece

19th – 21st April 2023, Livadia



The MUST-a-Lab Project, funded by the Asylum, Migration, and Integration Fund (AMIF), aims to foster inclusive and participatory decision-making processes for the integration and social inclusion of migrants and young citizens with a migrant background in the

six cities whose local administration joined the consortium: Mechelen (Belgium), Modena (Italy), Livadia (Greece), Fuenlabrada (Spain), Vienna (Austria) and Grenoble (France).

From the 19th to the 21st of April 2023, the project partners gathered in Livadia, Greece, for their third in-person meeting, hosted by the Koinofelis Epicheirisi Dimou Levadeon – K.E.DH.L. With the occasion, the consortium welcomed a new partner from France, replacing the city of Pont-De-Claix: the administration of Grenoble Alpes Métropole. The new partner joined the capacity-building activities between April and June 2023 and had its first workshops for grassroots stakeholders and institutional stakeholders in June 2023. The three-day event primarily focused on reviewing the upcoming activities and deliverables of the project, while also preparing for a crucial phase: the selection and implementation of the "micro-experiments." The micro-experiments are a direct outcome of the consultations held in the Policy Labs, where migrants, policy makers, young citizens, and other stakeholders came together with concrete proposals to enhance inclusion and integration services in their cities. The micro-experiments will be implemented from June to November 2023 in the six local contexts involved in the project, effectively turning these proposals into tangible initiatives.

During the meeting, which featured the hybrid participation of Policy Lab Facilitators, participants had the opportunity to express their expectations and analyse the factors that contribute to the success or failure of their chosen experiments. Participants left Greece with a heightened awareness of the actions that lay ahead and a strong sense of mutual support among the consortium members.

Policy Labs in Action all over Europe: a Participatory Democracy Experience

The Project "MULTI-STakeholders Labs for migrants and stakeholders" is currently implementing Policy Labs in six local administrations across Europe: Mechelen in Belgium, Modena in Italy, Fuenlabrada in Spain, Livadia in Greece, Grenoble in France and Vienna in Austria.

The general objective of the project is to adopt a bottom-up approach in designing local integration strategies for migrants and citizens with a migratory background, in order to bring Policy Makers closer to final beneficiaries of the local policies. The Policy Lab approach foresees a horizontal dialogue between the participants, be they grassroots stakeholders or field experts: in this scenario, a fundamental role is played by the Facilitator, a figure devoted to allowing all the voices be heard and to avoiding overpowering and elitist dynamics.

Five of the six local administrations involved – with the exception of Grenoble Alpes Métropole,

which just recently officially joined the process – have completed the first round of consultations, consisting of a Preparatory Workshop for grassroots and institutional stakeholders and two Policy Labs. During these events, participants had the opportunity to get to know each other, bring their personal and professional experience to the table, and design together proposals to address the needs and criticalities detected in their cities. At the beginning of the project, each of the five local administrations chose specific policy challenges based on the local context analysis. These challenges included increasing the sense of belonging at school for pupils with migrant roots, promoting respect for human rights through democratic participation and education, improving social and health services for migrants, involving young people with a migrant background through volunteering opportunities, sports and job orientation, and encouraging the political participation of youth through associationism.

Consultation with the Local Stakeholders Reference Groups, the International Stakeholders Reference Group and the Policy Labs participants have partly confirmed and partly modified these challenges. Now, the partner cities have the important task of implementing the proposed solutions through micro-experiments that will develop between June and November 2023.

Arguing at School: Transnational Project Meeting and Multiplier Event in Bucharest *11th-12th May 2023, Bucharest*



From May 11th to May 12th, the Litigare a Scuola consortium met in Bucharest, Romania, for the Transnational Project Meeting and for a Multiplier Event organised within the project activities. The meeting was hosted by the Romanian partners Innovate4Future and Colegiul Sfantul Sava. During the Transnational Project Meeting, which took place on May 11th, several steps forward were made in the implementation of the project. Among others, partners discussed the further development of the Theoretical Framework of the three methods implemented within the project, its dissemination strategies, the structure of the toolkit to be tested in Autumn, the guidelines for the Whole School Approach

and, finally, the first steps of the implementation of the Policy Labs - coordinated by the IHL team - to develop a set of policy recommendations. During the Multiplier Event, taking place on May 12th, the partners presented the project and its products to an audience of 50 persons (other 30 persons were connected online). The ME was well attended and several guests also intervened in the event talking about their experiences. In the afternoon, the audience was divided into different groups that were asked to present strategies to tackle three issues related to conflict transformation at school: firstly, general awareness of the need for methods; secondly, curriculum changes in the education system; finally, the promotion of methods in teacher training. The results of the brainstorming will be used as a basis for the creation of the policy recommendations, which, as mentioned, will be defined after the policy labs (Autumn 2023 – Spring 2024).

LICEAL: Transnational Project Meeting in Vienna

25th -26th May 2023, Vienna



On May 25th and 26th, the partnership LICEAL - Linking Citizenship and Employability perspectives in Adult Learning strategies and practices - gathered in Vienna, Austria, to discuss the development of the project. The meeting was organised and hosted by Wiener Forum für Demokratie und Menschenrechte and involved all partners of the project.

The Transnational Project Meeting allowed all partners to share their ideas about the upcoming steps of the project and how to implement them in the future, in particular, the interweaving between the different work packages and the stakeholders' involvement. The first important project deliverable that will be released in July 2023 and that was reviewed by the participants in Vienna is the Analytical Review of Adult Learning Practices linking Citizenship and Employability Learning Outcomes: the review will include a series of relevant best practices and projects on this topic, selected by each partner and coming from all over the World. Another important result that was presented in Vienna was a systematisation, carried out by DARE Network, of the most relevant competences of Citizenship Education emerging

from the research activity, divided into clusters and graphically representing the most important skills for a better inclusion of adults in the labour market. The next Transnational Project Meeting of LICEAL will take place in Almuñécar, Spain, in November 2023.

CITIZED: Transnational Project Meeting in Nice

8th June 2023, Nice

On June 8th, the CITIZED partnership gathered in Nice, France, to discuss the development of the project. The meeting was organised and hosted by Côte d'Azur University and involved all partners of the project. During the Transnational Project Meeting, the partnership made several steps forward in the implementation of the project. Among the issues discussed by the partners were



the further development of the Whole School Approach Toolkit and of the modular training path for teacher training. Moreover, the implementation and the results of the Policy Labs - coordinated by the IIHL team - were discussed, along with its resulting set of policy recommendations. All project results will be available soon.

CITIZED: Policy Workshop in Nice

9th June 2023, Nice

Within the framework of the ERASMUS+ project (KA3) CITIZED (policy implementation support and teacher empowerment for CITIZENSHIP Education), a series of 5 Policy Workshops took place, one per each partner country: Malta, Belgium, Austria, France and Italy. The workshop served to contribute to the policy debate in all EU member States starting from a cross-cutting discussion at all levels involved.

The Policy Workshop in France took place in Nice on June 9th 2023 at the Inspé de l'académie de Nice from 9.00 am to 1.00 pm. A series of speeches were delivered in the first part of the morning. More specifically, the speakers who intervened were the following: Franck Brillet - Directeur de l'Institut National Supérieur du Professorat et de l'Éducation (Inspé) de l'Académie de Nice - UCA; Frédérique Cauchi-Bianchi - Directrice de l'École Académique de Formation Continue - Rectorat

de l'Académie de Nice (Topic of the speech: Education to citizenship: Needs for in-service training for school teachers); Romain Millet - Chef du Service Environnement Scolaire, Direction Éducation, and Pierre Fiori - Conseiller Municipal délégué à la Citoyenneté à l'école - Ville de Nice (Topic of the speech: The citizenship policy for the schools of the City of Nice: a proactive approach based on a partnership with the educational community). Hence, the partners also presented some of the outputs of the project: the challenges to citizenship education identified, the modules for teachers training created and the citizenship education toolkit produced. In the second part of the morning working groups were created in order to discuss the needs in terms of citizenship education both at the institutional level and at the school level. The results of the workshop are recorded in a report and will soon be analysed and combined with what emerged in the other policy workshops.

CITIZED: Policy Workshop in Bologna

12th June 2023, Nice

The Policy Workshop in Italy, entitled "Citizenship Education in Italy: Challenges and Opportunities" took place in Bologna, on June 12th 2023. It was held at the Golinelli Foundation. As mentioned, the event was part of the activities of the ERASMUS+ CITIZED Project. The event was open to researchers, students and academics, local and school authorities, teachers, school leaders and, in general, associations and citizens interested in the topic. Some speakers intervened in the first part of the event: Patrizio Bianchi - Professor of Applied Economics at the University of Ferrara, UNESCO Chair of "Education, Growth and Equality," former Minister of Education; Raffella Curioni, Delegate for schools of ANCI Emilia-Romagna and Councillor of the Municipality of Reggio Emilia; Annalisa Quinto, University of Bologna, UNESCO Chair in Global Citizenship Education; Federica Manzoli, University of Modena and Reggio Emilia, Ithaca Project. Following these talks, participants were able to visit the school area of the Golinelli Foundation (School of Ideas). Once the visit was over, Dr. Claudio Dondi presented the results of the CITIZED project and the activity of the second part of the workshop, which consisted of a working group session. The participants could choose which questions they wanted to discuss among the following: 1. How to raise school and local community awareness of the mission of citizenship education? 2. How to help teachers develop the social and relationship skills of citizenship? 3. How to and why assess civic skills? The discussion was very fruitful and led to a set of key issues that will soon be integrated in a comprehensive report together with the series of proposals that emerged in the other policy workshops. All the proposals will, therefore, lead to a set of policy recommendations as the project has foreseen.

New European Project Proposal: ALPACA

June 2023

In June, the Special Projects Department team of the Institute worked on the development of a new EU project proposal in the field of anti-discrimination. The proposal was conceived within the framework of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) funding programme of the European Union, in collaboration with an international partnership including different categories of institutions including universities, NGOs and local administrations. The project is titled ALPACA - Anti-discrimination Legislation and Practice: Awareness, Co-creation and Action - and aims at promoting innovative and comprehensive anti-discrimination and anti-racist initiatives by enhancing reflection-awareness and co-creation of effective actions, in three interconnected contexts: 1) school; 2) local community; 3) national and European policies. The activities of the project will take place in three cities: Modena (Italy), Vienna (Austria) and The Hague (The Netherlands). In this framework, the IIHL would coordinate the project activities and in particular would lead the Policy Labs, an innovative participatory democracy methodology of increasing importance that will play a fundamental role in ALPACA. The Policy Lab is an interactive participatory approach that brings together stakeholders from diverse backgrounds - including policy makers - to collaboratively develop policies and interventions.

Guadalajara International Seminar

18th - 20th May 2023, Guadalajara



The "Guadalajara International Seminar", held between 18th and 20th May 2023, was hosted in the modern facilities of the Public Library of the State of Jalisco, in Guadalajara, Mexico. The event had been included in the framework of the Project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question to be solved".

This project, developed by the Special Projects Department of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, enjoyed the collaboration of the University of Guadalajara (Mexico), the University Centre of Tlajomulco and the International Network of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law (Mexico), as well

as the financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

During the course of the seminar, internationally renowned experts gave presentations that attracted the interest of many participants from a wide range of sectors, including national and local government officials, representatives of the judiciary and the public prosecutor's office, military and municipal authorities, academics, journalists and students.

International Seminar of San Salvador

22nd - 23rd May 2023, San Salvador



The "International Seminar of San Salvador" took place in the city of San Salvador, Republic of El Salvador on 22nd-23rd May 2023. It was organised by the Special Projects Department of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, in the context of the Project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question to be solved" and was hosted at the headquarters of the University of Don Bosco, an academic institution that collaborated in its realisation. It also received financial support from the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

This meeting brought together delegations from Honduras and Guatemala, which allowed an important group of specialists to address the issue of security in the region, the applicable legal regulations, as well as the training in this area of the various institutions involved in its maintenance.

International Seminar in Bogota

25th - 27th May 2023, Bogota

The International Seminar in Bogota (Colombia) was held between 25th and 27th May 2023, in the framework of the Project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question to be resolved", developed by the Department of Special Projects of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law of Sanremo (Italy), with the financial support of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.

The meeting was attended by delegations from Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, a circumstance that enriched the treatment of the topics considered. Such topics were linked to the

scenarios of armed conflict, other situations of violence and transitional processes.

Colombia's military attaché and representative of the Italian Embassy, Colonel Sergio di Sarno; the Rector of the Latin American and Caribbean University based in Venezuela, Dr Elmo Bell-Smithe Durán; and the President of the Centre for Social and Legal Studies of Ecuador, Dr Tatiana Ordeñana Serra, together with local authorities, civilians, military and police officers, academics, journalists and students, took an active part in the meeting.

