

NAVAL OPERATIONS AND THE LAW

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) has a strong association with maritime law having sponsored the publication of the *Sanremo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea*. This text is globally recognised as a key reference book for naval practitioners and others. Professor Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg one of the foremost experts in maritime and naval operations law, and one of the authors of the *Sanremo Manual*, will be a member of the teaching staff for this course. We are also pleased to announce that the course will include an overview of the *Sanremo Rules of Engagement Handbook* using expert staff who have practical experience in ROE development, and use in practice, during Naval Operations across the maritime environment. The involvement of other naval operations subject matter experts from around the world will also occur.

The Naval Operations course will examine the legal regime affecting the planning and conduct of Naval Operations across the entire spectrum of conflict. This approach will provide participants with an opportunity to assess whether legal and operational gaps in the law exist and, if so, what steps can be taken to remedy the situation. Participants will examine the following:

- a. Law of the Sea principles relevant to naval operations
- b. International law and the use of force
- c. Rules of Engagement in the maritime context
- d. Maritime claims and disputes
- e. Maritime Law Enforcement
- f. Anti-Piracy operations
- g. Drug Enforcement operations
- h. Terrorism and counter-proliferation issues
- i. Naval Warfare
- j. Peace operations in the maritime domain

Participants will receive a copy of the *San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea* and the *Sanremo Rules of Engagement Handbook* for use during the course and to retain following course completion.

TEACHING METHODS

The teaching methodology used for this course will comprise a combination of central presentations, class discussions and exercises. The focus will be on examining the legal and policy issues facing deployed military and civilian officials in the conduct of Naval Operations. One course session has been allocated for participants to provide a brief to the course on an area of their interest.

Interaction between all participants is encouraged as is the development of innovative and practical ways to apply (where applicable) both the spirit of, and obligations created under, IHL.

ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1000 Euro which should be remitted before the start of the course or paid upon arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are also accepted. The registration fee covers:

- Transfers to/from Nice Airport
- Course materials, including the *Sanremo Manual* and *Sanremo ROE Handbook*
- Lunch and coffee breaks on working days
- Course Welcome Cocktail
- Course Dinner
- Photograph, and Diploma

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

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

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Sanremo, 9 – 13 October 2023



DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday, 9 October 2023

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	Course opening
09.15 – 09.30	Staff and participant introductions
09.30 – 10.30	International Law & Use of Force (general principles, maritime issues)
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Coffee
11.00 – 12.30	Law of the Sea and Naval Operations
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Maritime Claims and Disputes (incl. excessive claims, FON program, regional disputes etc)
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	Class Ex. 1 (International law, Law of the Sea & maritime claims/disputes)
17.00 – 18.00	Informal welcome (Villa Ormond)

Tuesday, 10 October 2023

08.30 – 10.00	Maritime Security Operations
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 11.45	Maritime Law Enforcement
11.45 – 12.30	Class Ex. 2 (Maritime Ops)
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Counter-Piracy operations
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	Coalition Naval Operations

Wednesday, 11 October 2023

08.30 – 09.30	Intro to Law of Naval Warfare
09.30 – 10.00	Means & Methods of Naval Warfare
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 12.15	Means & Methods of Naval Warfare
11.45 – 12.30	Maritime Targeting
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Class Exercise 3 (Naval warfare)
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	Rules of Engagement in the Maritime Context

Thursday, 12 October 2023

08.30 – 10.00	Protective measures (GC II) in Naval Warfare
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 11.30	Protective measures (cont.) and Class Ex. 4
11.30 – 12.30	Movement of People at Sea and the Duty to Render Assistance
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Impact of new technologies in Naval Operations (UAVs, UMS, Cyber etc)
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	Contemporary Issues in Naval Operations and/or Student presentations
20.00	Course Dinner (Restaurant TBA)

Friday, 13 October 2023

9.00 – 10.00	Final Exercise preparation
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Coffee
10.15 – 11.15	Final Exercise preparation (cont.)
11.15 – 12.00	Final Exercise Back-brief
12.10 – 12.30	Course Closing Ceremony
12.30 – 13.00	Lunch & Depart