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## **Sanremo New Voices on International Humanitarian Law – Essay Competition –**

On the occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, the International Institute of Humanitarian Law and the International Committee of the Red Cross are pleased to launch their fourth edition of the “**Sanremo New Voices in International Humanitarian Law**” essay competition.

*The winner will be invited to present at the Round Table in Sanremo (Italy) on 14-15 September 2023 and to publish the essay in the conference Proceedings.*

The topic of the 2023 Round Table will be “*Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict*”

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

*Protecting civilians including categories particularly at risk from illegal forms of instrumentalization<sup>1</sup>*

*Protection of essential services from direct and indirect effects of military operations during contemporary armed conflict*

*Challenges in the provision of humanitarian assistance during contemporary armed conflicts*

**IHL and starvation, hunger and famine in armed conflict**

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<sup>1</sup> The contributions may focus on specific case studies but should also identify and/or propose possible solutions based on enhancing existing provisions or better complying with them.

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

- Written by one person, in English or French, and **no longer than 2500 words** (including footnotes);
- Submitted by a person who is **either between 18 and 35 years old, or is enrolled in a PhD programme, provided that the person is no more than 38 years old;**
- Submitted by a person who is **not a staff member of the IIHL or of the ICRC** (interns/associates are eligible);
- Received by the organizers **by 18 August 2023** (midnight, Rome time).

All essays must be submitted, in PDF format, to [edoardo.gimigliano@iihl.org](mailto:edoardo.gimigliano@iihl.org) and to [alessia.ibba@iihl.org](mailto:alessia.ibba@iihl.org) (Subject: ‘Submission for the 2023 essay competition – Name of the author’).

# Rules and Procedures of the Essay Competition

## Eligibility of submissions

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- Fall under one of three broad topics: “Planning and preparedness for post-conflict from military and/or humanitarian perspectives”; “Legal and military challenges in Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations”; “Legal status of evacuees from NEOs and legal responsibility for them”
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## Submission procedure

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- Please make sure that the essay does not contain the author’s name in order to facilitate anonymous review. However, it must contain the title of the essay.
- Please include the following information in the cover email: Full name of the author; full address and email address; phone number; date of birth; affiliation/occupation; title of the essay; a sentence stating that the author is the sole author of the essay and that the essay meets all eligibility criteria.
- By submitting an essay, candidates confirm that they fulfil the eligibility requirements of the competition. The organizers may request formal proof of eligibility.
- The organizers will acknowledge receipt of all essays.

## Selection procedure

- The organizers will review the essays and select a winner based on its substantive quality, along with its relevance to the above-proposed topics. The persons reviewing the essays will not know the identity of the author.
- The winner will be invited to present the essay as part of a panel during the 46<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law, which will take place on 14-15 September 2023 in Sanremo, Italy. The co-organizers will fund travel costs and accommodation for the winner.
- Once a winner is selected, all participants will be notified.