



**Election of the new Council by the General Assembly and appointment of the new President**

*15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Sanremo*

On the occasion of the 46<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Round Table on current issues of IHL, the General Assembly of the Sanremo Institute met at Villa Ormond to elect the new Council.

The election resulted in the appointment of the following as Council Members: Ambassador Marja LEHTO (Finland), Ambassador, Senior Expert of International Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs; Professor Gabriella VENTURINI (Italy), Professor Emerita, University of Milan; Brigadier General (retd) Jan Peter SPIJK (The Netherlands), Honorary President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War; Professor Michael BOTHE (Germany), Professor Emeritus, J.W. Goethe University, Frankfurt/Main; Professor Geoffrey S. CORN (United States), Chair of Criminal Law and Director of the Center for Military Law and Policy, Texas Tech University School of Law; Professor Marco PEDRAZZI (Italy), Full Professor of International Law, University of Milan; Professor Bakhtiyar TUZMUKHAMEDOV (Russia), Vice-President of the Russian Association of International Law; Colonel Carl MARCHAND (Switzerland), Head, IHL and Human Rights Section, Swiss Armed Forces; Brigadier General Darren STEWART OBE (United Kingdom), General Editor, United Kingdom Joint Service Manual of the Law of Armed Conflict; Development, Concepts and Doctrine Centre, UK Ministry of Defence; Brigadier General Dr. Karl EDLINGER (Austria), Legal Adviser, Austrian Armed Forces; Vidar BIRKELAND (Norway), Lawyer/Medical Doctor (MD), Special advisor, Statnett SF; Professor Nils MELZER (Switzerland), Director of International Law, Policy & Humanitarian Diplomacy, ICRC, Human Rights Chair, Geneva Academy of IHL and Human Rights. The Municipality of Sanremo and the Italian Red Cross complete the list as ex officio members of the Council.

In accordance with the Statutes of the Institute, the new Council then took place right after the General Assembly, resulting in the unanimous

election of the Institute's new President, Lt. General (retd.) Giorgio Battisti.

Vice-President of the Institute since 2019, General Battisti boasts a 44-years long military career, during which he held several important command positions in Italy and abroad.

In 1993, he took part in the UN Mission in Somalia and in 1997 in Bosnia. Four times in Afghanistan, between 2001 and 2013, where he was the first Commander of the Italian Contingent of the ISAF mission in Kabul and served as Chief of Staff of the ISAF mission and as ITA-SNR (Italian Senior Representative) in Kabul. He then served as Commander of the NATO Rapid Reaction Army Corps in Italy, ending his career in the position of Commander of the Army Training and Doctrine Command (COMFORDOT).

Lt. General Battisti is the author of several essays and regularly contributes to thematic panels in conferences and seminars organised by academic, military and cultural institutions both in Italy and abroad.



**46<sup>th</sup> Round Table on Current Issues of IHL on “Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict”**

14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023, Sanremo and online



The 46 Sanremo Round Table on Current Issues of IHL, traditionally organised in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross, was held on 14-15 September 2023 in Villa Ormond, the Institute’s prestigious headquarters in Sanremo (Italy), in a hybrid format.

This year’s Round Table focused on “*Strengthening IHL compliance: the conduct of hostilities, the protection of essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary armed conflict*“, investigating some of the most crucial issues related to the conduct of hostilities and the protection of essential services. Considering the complex framework of contemporary armed conflict, the event also paid specific attention to the crucial issue of safeguarding the delivery of humanitarian assistance in such contexts.

The event was opened by a message from the Deputy Mayor, Ms Caterina Pireri, and by the opening remarks of the President of the Sanremo Institute, Professor Edoardo Greppi, and the President of the ICRC, Ms Mirjana Spoljaric, who intervened through a recorded message. The opening was then enriched by the message of the representative of the Italian Chief of Defence, Rear Admiral Lorenzani Di Renzo, Commander of the Italian Naval Military Academy of Livorno, followed by a very appreciated keynote speech drafted by Professor Michael Bothe and read by Professor Edoardo Greppi on his behalf.

The first thematic session, moderated by Professor Gabriella Venturini, focused on the “*most urgent challenges posed to the application of IHL provisions to protect essential services and humanitarian assistance in contemporary conflicts*“, with the contribution of Dr. Emanuela-Chiara Gillard of the Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict; Major Ludovica Glorioso, Legal Advisor at NATO Security Force Assistance Center of Excellence; and Mark Zeitoun, Director General of the Geneva Water Hub.

Over the two days, the Institute then hosted five additional thematic sessions examining the conduct of hostilities and the protection of essential services, each of them focusing on different related topics, such as the “Compliance with IHL in the conduct of military operations”; “IHL and operational military planning and risk-assessment in modern warfare”; “Preventing the misuse of civilian populations and ensuring protection from illegal and other forms of instrumentalization”; the “Legal and operational challenges to the delivery of humanitarian assistance and protection of essential services in contemporary armed conflict”; “Key humanitarian tools for the protection and delivery of essential services: humanitarian access, humanitarian corridors and protected zones”.

The high-level analysis of these critical topics was made possible by the contribution of more than 30 internationally renowned experts, joining the conference from all over the world.

At the end of the conference, the President of the Sanremo Institute and the Director of International Law, Policy and Humanitarian Diplomacy of the ICRC, Dr. Nils Melzer, greeted the nearly 200 participants who attended the different sessions of the Round Table, who contributed to the success of the 46<sup>th</sup> edition of the flagship event of the Sanremo Institute.

**Colonel Mark Dakers Director of the Military Department: end of tenure**  
*August 2023*

On the 24<sup>th</sup> of August, Colonel Dakers, UK Army, concluded his tenure as the Director of the Military Department at the International Institute of Humanitarian Law. His association with the Institute dates back to the early 2000s, when he served as the JOC Leader during various editions of the Law of Armed Conflict Competition for Military Academies.

In September 2018, Colonel Dakers assumed the official role of Director of the Military Department. His concerted efforts yielded tremendous success as both the on-site and online courses developed by the Department garnered significant acclaim. His professionalism did not fail even when, in 2020, the Institute activated the online format in response to the pandemic, confirming its continued willingness to deal with global vulnerabilities by ensuring an innovative training system.

Colonel Dakers was also a keen promoter of the extension of the Institute’s activities beyond its traditional boundaries, particularly through his participation in external initiatives. In this regard, one notable instance was his delivery of the Targeting and Rules of Engagement Courses in Sri Lanka. This endeavour effectively projected the Institute’s mission – the promotion of international humanitarian law and its related subjects - onto a

global platform, enhancing even more its reputation.

Colonel Dakers finally played a pivotal role in facilitating a seamless return to normality. Last autumn, his contributions led to a resurgence in course attendance, attracting individuals from all corners of the world. This culminated in substantial participation numbers, particularly during the last edition of the Competition for Military Academies.

For all the above-mentioned reasons, his hard work and constant commitment, the Institute is deeply grateful to Colonel Dakers. At the same time, it is with great pleasure that the whole IHL staff would like to give its warmest welcome and heartfelt congratulations to Colonel Nigel Heppenstall on his appointment as the Director of the Department for the next three years.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law 5<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organized the 7<sup>th</sup> Online Course on Teaching Refugee Law in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The Course was delivered in English to 30 participants from 16 countries.

The Online Course outlined the latest design and delivery methodologies, presentation techniques, and learning tools that the Sanremo



Institute and the organizations of the Course's external facilitators use in online and face-to-face training. Throughout the Course, participants collaborated on a practical group exercise in which they designed their own session on international refugee law, directly applying the gained knowledge. This edition of the Course is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019, to support the capacities of governments, academic institutions, civil society, and international organizations in the promotion of international refugee law and the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

The cohort of the training included trainers from State training centers, international organizations and international NGOs engaged in capacity sharing, together with university professors and academic staff. Participants were virtually welcomed to the

opening session with a keynote lecture by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, highlighting the essential role universities and training institutions play in refugee protection.

The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Prof. Yianna Vovides, Center for New Designs in Learning and Scholarship (CNDLS) at Georgetown University; Ms. Beanta Alberink, (former) Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Michela Albertazzi, International Labour Organisation (ITCILO); Ms. Lujza Bojchova Golubova, UNITAR Division for Peace and Peacekeeping Training Programme Unit; Ms. Sofia Paoloni, UNITAR Division for Peace and Peacekeeping Training Programme Unit; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator, with the support of Ms. Malika Karieva, Academic Unit Associate Coordinator and Ms. Abigail Stoffer Ghercea, Academic Unit Assistant of the Department.

### 27<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law 12<sup>th</sup> June - 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A total number of 39 participants representing 14 countries attended the 27<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law, which was delivered in Spanish and organized in cooperation with the 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.

With a focus on the forced displacement situation in Latin America and the Caribbean, the Course presented a detailed analysis of the key elements that make up International Refugee Law, as well as the regional legal framework established by the 1984 Cartagena Declaration and the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights.



The Course dealt with the particularities of the regional forced displacement situation, in



particular the phenomenon of mixed movements and an analysis of the risks and vulnerabilities that these people encounter throughout their journey. Experiences and best practices of local and international NGOs working directly with refugees in dealing with and preventing those risks were presented. Specific attention was also devoted to the search for durable solutions and inclusion of refugees, in line with the Global Compact for Refugees and cooperation mechanisms established regionally such as the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS) and the Quito Process.

The Online Course targeted government officials, personnel of local and international NGOs, staff of international organizations and other protection practitioners. Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, opened the Online Course and also delivered the institutional remarks. Mr. Juan Pablo Terminiello, Senior Legal Officer of the Regional Bureau for the Americas at UNHCR addressed the audience with the Keynote Speech.

The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Prof. Liliana Lyra Jubilut, Universidade Católica de Santos; Mr. Juan Ignacio Mondelli, UNHCR Uruguay; Ms. Sibylle Kapferer, UNHCR; Mr. Massimo Frigo, UNHCR; Ms. Sofía Cardona Huerta, UNHCR Mexico; Mr. Gotzon Onandia, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Ms. Romina I. Sijniensky, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Ms. Carolina Gottardo, International Detention Coalition; Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez Gallego, UNODC; Ms. Cristina García, HIAS; Mr. Juan Carlos Pacheco, HIAS; Ms. Veronica Rigual Vasquez, La Casita Hispanic Cultural Center; Mr. José Samaniego, UNHCR; Ms. Marisa Gómez Fernández, International expert; Ms. Karmen Issam Sakhr, UNHCR.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator and Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate, with the support of Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

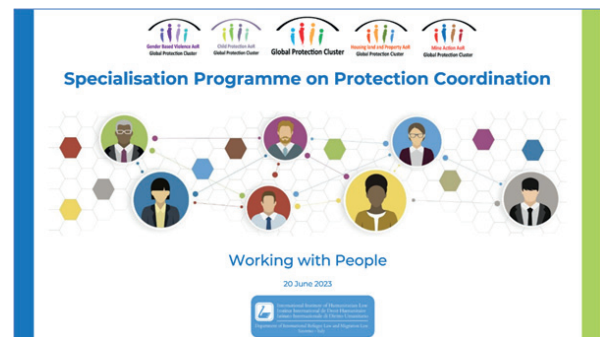
### **11<sup>th</sup> Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination**

*12<sup>th</sup> June - 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

Delivered in English, the 11<sup>th</sup> Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination, co-organized in cooperation with the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and the four Areas of Responsibility, trained 31 professionals from the South Sudan Country Operation.

The first Self-Study Phase (30<sup>th</sup> May - 9<sup>th</sup> July) lasted two weeks. Participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then

work at their own pace on micro-learning components both individually and in groups through peer-to-peer activities. The following four weeks of the Virtual Workshop (12<sup>th</sup> June - 13<sup>th</sup> July) allowed participants to attend 12 virtual and interactive live sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. All sessions were facilitated by experienced professionals from a wide range of organizations. In the third and last Phase (17<sup>th</sup> July - 6<sup>th</sup> September), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their daily work. During this Phase, participants filled in an evaluation form first and then attended a final meeting facilitated by the GPC to discuss jointly the impact of the Course on their work in protection coordination and to see which areas/thematic of the Course should be changed/added to better support their own learning and professional development.



The program targeted Coordinators, Co-coordinators and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and NGO partners. The Course was opened by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator of the Department who also delivered the institutional remarks, followed by the Keynote Address, delivered by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department.

The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Mr. Julien Marneffe, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Marie-Emilie Dozin, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Alison Kent, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Gry Hjeltnes, Global Protection Cluster; Mr. Francesco Michele, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Nancy Polutan-Teulieres, Global Protection Cluster; Dr. Jim Robinson, Housing Land and Property Area of Responsibility of Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms. Christelle Loupforest, Mine Action Area of Responsibility in UNICEF; Ms. Astrid Halaand, Gender-Based Violence Area of Responsibility in UNFPA; Ms. Stefanie Lorin, UNFPA; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Valentina Rossi, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL.

The Online Course was coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination at the Department.

## 28<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law

19<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> July 2023

A cohort of 60 participants from 32 countries attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Online Course on International Refugee Law, which was delivered in English and organized in cooperation with the 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.



During the Online Course, participants were presented with the key aspects of the international protection of refugees through topics that ranged from 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 training was conducted in light of the developments generated by the Global Compact on Refugees.

The online training targeted government officials, members of the judiciary, diplomats, scholars to representatives of local NGOs and international organizations, including UNHCR as well as the National Red Cross. The Course was opened by Ms. Martina Ranieli of the Department who also delivered the institutional remarks. Dr. Madeline Garlick, from the Division of International Protection at UNHCR, delivered the Keynote Address to the cohort.

The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez, UNHCR; Prof. Andrew Schoenholtz, Center for Applied Legal Studies at Georgetown University Law Centre; Dr. Mariagiulia Giuffrè, Edge Hill

University; Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Ms. Zoi Sakelliadou, UNODC; Ms. Eve Lester, boniği; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniği; Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Mr. Barthelemy Mwanza, Global Refugee Youth Network; Mr. Emmanuel Ushindi, Advocacy Training & Education Hub (ATE-Hub); Mr. Osama Salem, International expert; Ms. Marie Eychenne, UNHCR; Mr. John Andrew Young, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Ms. Dalila Zenati, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IIHL.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Chiara Maria Natta, Associate Coordinator and Ms. Silvia Cortina Fernández, Project Implementation Associate, in cooperation with Ms. Yasamin Yousif Yacoub, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

## Online Course on International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students

26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023, Côte d'Azur University, Nice

The Online Course on International Refugee Law for Postgraduate Students of the Côte d'Azur University in Nice was delivered in English to 14 postgraduate students from the University. The Course was organized in close cooperation with the Côte d'Azur University.

The Online Course provided in-depth knowledge on the international protection of refugees, emphasizing the synergies between international refugee law and other legal bodies to ensure forcibly displaced persons' rights are upheld. The Course unravelled the complexities of different displacement phases, from the root causes that compel individuals to flee to the potential risks during displacement and the pursuit of long-term, sustainable solutions.

The training adopted a cross-cutting approach to explore specialized issues such as human trafficking and migrant smuggling as well as the protection of stateless and internally displaced persons. The Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D, Director of the Department. Guest speakers who joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training were namely: Prof. Thibaut Fleury Graff, Graduate School of Law at the Paris Saclay University (UVSQ); Mr. Nikola Kovačević, Center for Social Development IDEAS; Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Ms. Sanjula Weerasinghe, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Prof. Elizabeth Ferris, Institute for the Study of International Migration; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniği; Dr. Khansa Lagdami, World Maritime University (WMU); Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Ms. Eve Lester, boniği; Ms. Melissa Amisano, (Former) Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law

in IHL; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL.



The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator, in cooperation with Ms. Malika Karieva, Academic Unit Associate Coordinator and Ms. Abigail Stoffer Ghercea, Academic Unit Assistant of the Department.

### 12<sup>th</sup> Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination (Residential Workshop)

26<sup>th</sup> June – 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination, consisting of three Phases and delivered in English, welcomed 18 participants from 11 country operations. The training was co-organized with the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and the four Areas of Responsibility (AoRs).

The Programme, which specifically targeted Coordinators, Co-coordinators and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and NGO partners, was divided into three phases.



The first Self-Study Phase (27 June – 7 July) lasted two weeks. Participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then work at their own pace on micro-learning components both individually and in groups through peer-to-peer activities. The second Phase of the Workshop (10 – 14 July) was residential, and it was held at the Sanremo Institute headquarters. Participants attended a total of sixteen one-and-a-half hour-long live sessions, facilitated by the Sanremo Programme Team and experts from the GPC and the AoRs. During the live sessions, participants were able to discuss and practice the knowledge and skills needed for effective

protection coordination in detail. Case scenarios, role plays and groupwork were used throughout the week to make the learning experience unforgettable and engaging. In the third and last Phase (17 July – 19 September), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme into their daily work. During this Phase, participants filled in an evaluation form first and then attended a final meeting facilitated by the GPC to discuss jointly the impact of the course on their work in protection coordination, and to see which areas/thematic of the course should be changed/added to better support their own learning and professional development.

The inter-agency blended learning programme included highly qualified professionals to lead the sessions, namely: Mr. Julien Marneffe, Global Protection Cluster; Dr. Jim Robinson, Housing Land and Property Area of Responsibility in the Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms. Christelle Loupforest, Mine Action Area of Responsibility; Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Ms. Valentina Rossi, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL.

The program was coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialisation Programme on Protection Coordination of the Department.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum on Complementary Pathways for Admission of Refugees to Third Countries

10<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2023



The Academic Unit of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Forum on Complementary Pathways for Admission of Refugees to Third Countries, which was delivered in English to 152 participants from 68 countries. This second edition of the Forum was organized with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. The International Forum raised awareness about and advocated for the expansion of complementary



pathways for the safe admission of refugees to third countries, facilitating refugees' self-reliance and eventual access to durable solutions. These complementary routes directly contribute to equal responsibility-sharing and help meet the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) objectives. The participants of the Forum had the opportunity to identify and discuss the international institutional framework and the stakeholders involved in various forms of complementary pathways for admission. The Forum presented best practices from different countries and regions in the world, highlighting creative ways of addressing challenges in establishing and maintaining pathways and scaling existing initiatives to make them available to a higher number of refugees. This Forum is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum in 2019 to develop curricula focused on key areas in need of support of the GCR.

The training targeted government officials, academic institutions, civil society and international organizations who can positively influence the protection of refugees. The following Panelists and Spotlight Speakers took part in the Forum: Dr. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner-Protection of UNHCR; Ms. Cindy Munro, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN in Geneva; Mr. Martin Anderson, RefugePoint; Ms. Michelle Manks, Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways; Mr. Saber Juma Hammed, Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law in IHL; Mr. Tidjani Abakar, University of Bordeaux; Dr. Shada Bokir, University of Vienna; Ms. Maysoun Darweesh, Kurdish Initiative for Refugees Inc.; Mr. Bilal Al Sayyed, West London NHS Trust; Ms. Sarah Wiseman, Shapiro Foundation; Dr. Domenico Tabasso, World Bank - UNHCR Joint Data Center on Forced Displacement (JDC); Ms. Jennifer L'Esperance, Department of Labour, Skills and Immigration of Nova Scotia; Ms. Gemma Hyslop, Fragomen; Ms. Andrée Ménard, World University Service of Canada (WUSC); Ms. Anna Gekht, Division of International Protection (DIP) at UNHCR; Ms. Stephanie Cousins, Talent Beyond Boundaries; Mr. Barry Quinn, Irish Refugee Protection Programme; Ms. Safa Ezzeddine, UNHCR France; Ms. Rachel Beck, Talent Beyond Boundaries; Ms. Mary Maker, UNHCR Goodwill Ambassador; Ms. Bahati Ernestine Maganjo, RefugePoint; Mr. JeanPaul Kasika, Africa Refugee-Led Network; Ms. Lauren Henton, Refugee Resettlement and Integration Unit at the UK Home Office; Ms. Perrine Raquez, Federal Agency for the Reception of Asylum Seekers; Ms. Kristine Rembach, International Refugee Assistance Project (IRAP) Europe; Dr. Luisa Bianco, UNHCR Italy; Mr. Cian K. W. O'Brien, UNHCR; Ms. Eilis Pourbaix, Permanent Mission of Canada to the UN in Geneva; Dr. Geoff Gilbert, Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network; Ms. Hannah Elford, UNHCR; Dr. Rebecca Granato, Global Task Force on Third Country Education Pathways.

The Forum was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department

and moderated by Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator with the support of Ms. Malika Karieva, Academic Unit Associate Coordinator and Ms. Abigail Stoffer Ghercea, Academic Unit Assistant of the Department.

### **Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law for Senior Jordanian Officials**

*17<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Jordan*



The Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio Delfabro and Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator, along with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in Jordan, cooperated in the implementation of the Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law for Senior Jordanian Officials between the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of July 2023 in Amman, Jordan. The training was designed to support the key objectives of the Global Compact for Refugees and to encourage a meaningful role of Jordan in the upcoming Global Refugee Forum in December 2023.

With the objective of filling the existing gaps in international protection in Jordan, the three-day workshop, trained 24 senior government officials from Jordan occupying crucial functions in various Ministerial Departments. Mr. Claudio Delfabro shared the opening panel with Dr. Hakim Al Kharisha from the Ministry of Interior of the Kingdom of Jordan, Brigadier General Dr. Tamer Al-Maaytah, Director of Syrian Refugee Affairs Directorate and Mr. Igor Ivancic, Assistant Representative of UNHCR Jordan. All the sessions of the workshop were delivered in Arabic by an experienced team of facilitators who, through engaging and dynamic sessions, addressed a wide spectrum of topics spanning from the asylum regime, the protection of forcibly displaced persons, detention and alternatives to detention, and national security considerations to durable solutions and complementary pathways.

### **Meeting with the High Commissioner of the Office of UNHCR and Masterclass on Protection**

*21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, Geneva*

On the 21<sup>st</sup> of August, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, welcomed the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio Delfabro, and the Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, Ms. Martina Ranieli, at the UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Delfabro expressed the warmest appreciation of the Sanremo Institute

to UNHCR for 40 Years of meaningful partnership and discussed further avenues to strengthen our cooperation and advance the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons worldwide.



On the 23<sup>rd</sup> of August, in the context of the series of meetings and events to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our partnership with UNHCR, Mr. Claudio Delfabro was invited to deliver a masterclass on the future of protection. The event was co-organized by the UNHCR Division on International Protection and the Global Learning and Development Center. Attended by several UNHCR colleagues from various divisions, Director Delfabro presented future perspectives in the protection realm by analyzing them through technological, geopolitical and social lenses.

#### **UNHCR-IOM eLearning Course “The Protection of Migrants and Refugees Moving by Sea”** 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The launch of the UNHCR-IOM eLearning Course “The Protection of Migrants and Refugees Moving by Sea”, was attended by Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, on behalf of the Department on the 19<sup>th</sup> of September in Geneva. The eLearning re-states the obligation of relevant actors to protect people at sea even after their rescue and disembarkation, to ensure their safety and human rights, including access to asylum and the prohibition of cruel, inhumane or degrading treatment or arbitrary detention. The event featured institutional remarks from UNHCR and IOM and included a panel discussion focusing on the relevance of today’s legal framework, operational challenges and way forward to prevent the loss of lives at sea.



The Department is proud to collaborate with UNHCR,

the UN Refugee Agency and IOM - UN Migration and to advance the protection of forcibly displaced persons moving via maritime routes by hosting the eLearning on its Online Learning Platform, making it accessible to everyone free of charge.

#### **Arguing at School: Learning Teaching Training Activities (LTTA) week, Transnational Project Meeting and Multiplier Event in Ogulin** 28<sup>th</sup> August – 1<sup>st</sup> September, Ogulin (Croatia)

During the last week of August, from August 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, the Learning Teaching Training Activity (LTTA) of the project Arguing at School took place in Ogulin, Croatia.

The LTTA aimed to train educators and teachers from various nations (Italy, Croatia, Slovenia, Malta, and Romania) on three innovative psychopedagogical approaches designed to give children and adolescents the competence to manage conflicts autonomously. These three approaches include the "Litigare bene" method by Daniele Novara, developed by CPP in Italy and implemented in a few schools in other countries like Croatia; the Friendship Cards, created by the Relationships are Forever Foundation, is used in Malta and translated into 20 languages; the Peer Mediation method developed and used in Croatia. The primary emphasis was on underscoring the idea that adults (parents, educators, or teachers) should no longer take an active role in resolving children's disputes. Instead, they should instruct adolescents in emotional intelligence, which, coupled with communication skills, will empower students to navigate their conflicts (such as disagreements with classmates) independently. On the 1<sup>st</sup> of September 2023, the Transnational Project Meeting took place. The meeting was hosted by the Croatian partners of the school Osnovna škola Ivana Gorana Kovačića Vrbovsko.

During the TPM. The consortium discussed some key steps to be taken in the implementation of the project. Among others, the Policy Labs, which will be coordinated by the IIHL, will take place between Autumn 2023 and Spring 2024, starting from the first Policy Lab in Milan in October 2023.





### **GOTALK: Kick-off meeting in Antwerp** *21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup> September, Antwerp (Belgium)*

Recently approved, the CERV project GO TALK officially started in September 2023 with its Kick-off meeting, which took place in Antwerp, Belgium. The meeting was hosted by the Karel de Grote University College, the coordinator of the project.

GOTALK's general objective is improving the level of inclusiveness, sustainability and policy impact of children councils that operate in daily-life environments; aiming to develop more systemic facilitation of meaningful, safe and inclusive children's participation rights in decision-making processes. The project will last two years and will mainly take place in Italy and Belgium.



### **New European project proposal: SolLabs** *September 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 solidarity. The project proposal was presented 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 among whom universities, NGOs and local administrations. Titled SolLabs - Participatory processes to Explore Solidarity in Education and Policy Making - the project responds to the need to bring solidarity into public debate at all levels and aims at developing a conceptual framework and a method to design and run participatory Policy Labs having a focus on Solidarity as a guiding policy principle and involving people needing solidarity in the policy-making debate and operational cycle.

### **Project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question still to be solved" - WEBINAR** *7<sup>th</sup> September 2023*

On 7 September 2023, a free webinar was held as a corollary of the activities carried out by the project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question still to be solved". The event addressed the main aspects considered in the course of the Project: results, diagnosis and conclusions. The first presentation was given by

Dr. Juan Carlos Torres (Academic Coordinator of the Master's Degree in Policies for the Prevention of Youth Violence in a Culture of Peace at the Don Bosco University of El Salvador), who spoke on the topic of "Prevention and Security"; Dr Antonio Gil Fons (Coordinator of the Bachelor's Degree in Peacebuilding and Security at the University Centre of Tlajomulco, University of Guadalajara, Mexico) spoke on "The role of universities in peacebuilding"; Finally, Dr. Gladys Solarte Mancipe (Criminal Lawyer, Master in International Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law - Colombia) spoke on "Security and democratic life in Latin America".



### **Project "Security and democratic life in Latin America: a question still to be solved" - Publication** *September 2023*

At the end of September, the publication elaborated in the framework of the project, in English, Spanish and Italian, is in press. The publication includes a reference to the research carried out in each of the countries involved (Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Venezuela); the articles selected from the "call for papers" carried out; the conclusions obtained in the "laboratory" and additional information.

### **Project "Women and Security: better policing = more urban security, less violence against women"**

*June - September 2023*



The aim of the project "Women and Security: better policing = more urban security, less violence against women" is to prevent violence against women by strengthening the "community policing" capacities of local security institutions and to promote the participation of women in decision-making processes related to citizen security, with a view to obtaining conclusions that can be exported to other scenarios. In the United Mexican States, the State of Guanajuato is one of the entities with the highest number of femicides at the national level; at the end of 2022 alone, 400 women were killed in the State, according to data from the Executive Secretariat of the National Public Security System. From the end of June to September, the following activities were carried out: Diagnostic, Training workshop for women (24-07/04-08), held in the Los Castillos Polygon of the City Council of León, Guanajuato; Local Police training workshop (07-08/25-08), held at the Metropolitan Public Security Academy of León (Guanajuato) and a Focus group (18-09/29-09) carried out to learn about the experiences and interactions of the participants with the actors of the security and justice systems.

**At the Sanremo headquarters, the IHL and the National School for the Training of Magistrates of the Military Justice of the Federal Republic of Brazil signed a framework academic cooperation agreement**  
26 September 2023, Sanremo

On 26 September 2023, an Academic Cooperation Agreement was signed between IHL and ENAJUM with the aim of facilitating the exchange of information, experiences and personnel between the signatory institutions, as well as the development of joint initiatives of academic nature related to



the broad context of IHL and IHRL in scenarios of armed conflict and other situations of violence. The ENAJUM delegation was represented by its Director, Dr. Artur Vidigal; Deputy Director, Admiral Leonardo Puntel; Judge, Dr. Luiz Fernando Pessôa; and Captain Alexandre Peres.

For the IHL, the Secretary-General, Mr. Gian Luca Beruto, Prof. Roberto A. Moreno, Colonel (R) of the Brazilian Army Eduardo Bittencourt Cavalcanti and Ms Sara Rossi participated in the event.

### **Approval of the Project "Narcotrafficking and Corruption in Latin America: ¿A New Role for Women?"**

*July 2023*

The Analysis and Programming Unit (UAP) of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, on 31<sup>st</sup> July 2023, informed the IHL of the approval of the project "Narcotrafficking and Corruption in Latin America: ¿A New Role for Women?", submitted by the Special Training and Activities Department for Latin America.

The proposed research has two objectives. First, it will seek to confirm what recent studies indicate: the role of women in drug trafficking is increasing and diversifying into roles traditionally occupied by men. Secondly, it will explore the paths of women who commit drug trafficking-related crimes.

Understanding the factors that influence the trajectories of women compared to men within criminal structures will provide keys to better understand the functioning of drug trafficking and its disruptive effects, as well as to promote measures at the national, regional and international levels to neutralise or mitigate them.

It is important to note that this is the second project funded by the UAP and that, like the previous one ('Complex Latin American Current Events: Contributions for a Positive Evolution' - 2021/2022), it is a work of academic research, bringing together prestigious international specialists and aimed at improving security policies and law enforcement training in a broad sense.