Targeting Course
2-6 October 2023

The Targeting Course marked the beginning of the Military Department’s autumn Programme of Specialised Courses on International Humanitarian Law. The Course, which provides participants with an understanding of the legal considerations associated with targeting in military operations, welcomed 31 participants from Belgium, Czech Republic, Ethiopia, France, Israel, Japan, Lithuania, Mali, Netherlands, Niger, Singapore, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Thailand, Turkey, United Kingdom and the United States of America. This five-day intensive Course, at the unclassified level, is designed for planners, policy advisors, military and civilian legal counsellors and operators (commanders, leaders, targeteers, JFACs) advising on or prosecuting targets at the tactical, operational and strategic levels. Villa Ormond, Sanremo provided the ideal environment for highly professional, multicultural and international engagement among professionals from across the world. The Course was directed by Colonel (air) Rudolph Stamminger, Deputy Director of the IIHL Military Department, France, with the assistance of Major Peter Rasmussen, Defence Command, Denmark. The teaching staff consisted of Dr Claire Simmons (UK), Air Commodore (Ret) Dr William Boothby (UK), Major Christopher Clausen (USA) and Squadron Leader Dean Curt (UK).

Naval Operations and the Law
9-13 October 2023

Directed by Captain (N) Martin Fink, Associate Professor in Military Law, Netherlands Defence Army, and supervised by Commodore (retd.) David Letts, Director at the Centre for Military and Security Law at the ANU College of Law, Australia. During this specialised training, 22 participants from 11 countries of around the globe examined and understood the legal regime affecting the planning and conduct of Naval Operations across the entire spectrum of conflict. Moreover, attendees were provided with the opportunity to assess whether legal and operational gaps in the law existed and, if so, to decide on what steps could be taken to remedy the situation. The International Institute of Humanitarian Law has a strong association with maritime law having sponsored and promoted 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. We express our gratitude to the entire teaching staff, namely Professor Dr Wolff Heintschel von Heinegg and Mr Bruno Demeyere, for sharing their advanced expertise. Many thanks to the Stockton Center for sending Captain (N) Amy Larson, whose valuable contribution exemplifies the ongoing collaborative and productive partnership existing between the Institute and the US Naval War College.
The Rules of Engagement Course, which was held at Villa Ormond, Sanremo, catered for 28 participants from 19 different countries. The Course provided participants with an understanding of the functions of ROE, their formulation, implementation, interpretation and management. Throughout the week, a practical, exercise-based methodology was implemented, addressing the topics in a practice-based manner. The Course is designed as core training for Military Officers and civilian personnel, staff advisers and operators concerned with ROE in the planning, training or conduct phases of operations. The Course was directed by Lt Col. Ardan Folwaij, Royal Netherlands Army, Netherlands Defence Academy, with the assistance of Major Christopher Clausen, Fellow and Instructor at the Military Department, IIHL. The teaching staff consisted of Captain (N) Martin Fink and Colonel (air) Rudolph Stamminger. Special thanks go to the Stockton Center for sending Major John Tramazzo and Major Kevin Coble who offered their valuable contribution, once again demonstrating the collaborative and productive cooperation that exists between the Institute and the US Naval War College.

189th International Military Course on LOAC
6-17 November 2023

The 189th International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict welcomed 58 participants from 31 different countries at Villa Ormond, Sanremo. Five different classes were created, three of them held in English, one in Russian and one in Chinese. The Course provided Military Officers, including military personnel and lawyers, together with civilians, the opportunity to learn how to apply the principles and rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). The teaching methodology used for this Course involved a combination of central presentations and in-class work. The class work largely consisted of a series of exercises conducted under the guidance of the class leaders using classic current military planning and staff processes, leading the Course through a series of IHL and other relevant legal issues arising during military operations at all levels of intensity. Our attendees attained a sound knowledge of the principles and rules of IHL and were able to apply them in a practical manner in a range of operational scenarios. The Course was directed by Brigadier General (retd.) Karl Edlinger, and the teaching staff was composed of Colonel (retd.) Jim Stythe, Colonel Jerry Lane, Senior Colonel Xiadong He and Lt Col. Elena Milcenco.

IHRL Training Course
27 November – 1 December 2023

The Course is held in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross on International Human Rights Law. The Course, tailored for Police and Gendarmerie Advisers from the ICRC Armed and Security Forces (FAS) Department, consisted of lectures and practical exercises aimed at covering the general background of the development of International Human Rights Law. It focused on the use of force, weapons and other police powers, as well as detention and conditions of detention from a human rights perspective. Its key emphasis was on the responsibility and accountability of police and gendarmerie personnel in the performance of their duties. The Institute is grateful to the ICRC and, in particular, to Mr Peter Evans, Head of Unit for Relationships with Arms Carriers, and Mr Philippe Edmond Jean Cholous, Adviser to the Police and Gendarmerie, whose collaboration made this Course possible. Many thanks to Colonel Mark Dakers, former Director of the Military Department, for his valuable help and expertise. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank Ms Andreea
Manea from The Hague Academy of Applied Sciences, and Mr Abdelaziz Bio Djibril from ICRC for their valuable and professional contribution.

62nd, 63rd and 64th Courses for Directors of Courses and Trainers in IHL
4-8 December 2023

The Military Department concluded its training programme for 2023 with the 62nd, 63rd and 64th Courses for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL, which welcomed 42 participants from 16 different countries across the globe. International Humanitarian Law (IHL) mandates that States ensure their Armed Forces understand and adhere to its principles. This includes comprehensive training based on different levels of responsibility. Designed for Military Officers and military lawyers teaching LOAC and others responsible for planning LOAC education, the aim of the Course is to enable participants to analyse needs, define the objectives, develop the teaching programmes integrating them in those of the continuous education of the different categories of personnel within Armed Forces. The 62nd Course was directed by Brigadier General (retd) Karl Edlinger, the 63rd by Chef de Bataillon Jacques Corteggiani, the 64th by Senior Colonel (retd) Faouzi Aloui. It included sessions of class presentations and class work through which the participants could improve their knowledge of the Law of Armed Conflict in accordance with the requirements of the various levels of responsibility, and examine the different planning and teaching approaches needed according to specific circumstances.

13th Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination
4 September - 12 October 2023

The Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law co-organized the 13th Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination along with the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and the four Areas of Responsibility (AoRs), welcoming 28 participants from 3 country operations. The Program, delivered in French, specifically targeted Coordinators, Co-Coordinators and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and NGO partners, and was divided into three phases. The first Self-Study Phase (21 August – 1 September) 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 six weeks of the Virtual Workshop (4 September – 12 October) 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 (16 October – 23 November), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Programme in their daily work. The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Mr. Julien Marneffe, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Marie-Emilie Dozin, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Alison Kent, Global Protection Cluster; Mr. Francesco Michele, Global Protection Cluster; Mr. Eric Wyss, UNICEF; Ms. Anne-Marie Turmine, UNICEF; Ms. Stefanie Lorin, UNFPA; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IIHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, IIHL; Ms. Valentina Rossi, IIHL; Ms. Alejandra Carrillo Soubic, IIHL. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialization Program on Protection Coordination, with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination at the Department.

29th Online Course on International Refugee Law
18 September - 13 October 2023

A total number of 36 participants representing 11 countries in Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus, the Western Balkans and Central Asia, attended the first Refugee Law course delivered in Russian by the Department in 2023. The Course was organized in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration).
The Online Course examined a variety of topics, including Refugee Status Determination, Protection within the Displacement Cycle, and Protection of Stateless and Internally Displaced Persons. Due attention was given to the subject of fair and efficient asylum procedures and security considerations, as well as the standards applicable to detention and alternatives to detention. Specific insights on international frameworks, such as the Global Compact on Refugees, were provided. The Course encouraged the exchange of best practices among the participants, including inclusivity and private sector engagement.

The Online Course targeted government officials, including staff of UNHCR, representatives of the national Red Cross Societies, civil society and non-governmental organizations. Ms. Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit of the Department, opened the Online Course and also delivered the institutional remarks on behalf of the Institute, and Mr. Nabil Benbekhti, Senior Legal Officer at the Regional Bureau for Europe, did the same on behalf of UNHCR. Mr. Oleg Palii, Executive Director of the Law Center of Advocates, 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: Ms. Sophio Benashvili, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Georgia; Dr. Olga Vorontsova-Mykhallova, UNHCR Headquarters in Geneva; Mr. Denis Dzhivagha, Kazakh International Bureau on Human Rights and Rule of Law; Mr. Sergiu Gaina, UNHCR Multi-Country Office in Kazakhstan; Ms. Marina Kurochkina, Civic Organization “The Tenth of April”; Dr. Wilma Moraa Isaboke, UNHCR Global Learning and Development Center; Ms. Shoira Ruzybaeva, UNHCR Office in Bulgaria; Dr. Oleksandr Marusiak, UNHCR Office in Ukraine; Ms. Oksana Babich, UNHCR Office in Ukraine. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Arina Nachinova, Outreach Assistant (Partnerships), with the support of Ms. Anastasia Andreeva, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

9th Online Course on Statelessness
26 September - 19 October 2023

The 9th Online Course on Statelessness, co-organized in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration), was held in English and attended by 67 professionals from 32 countries. In order to give participants the tools to encourage the prevention and reduction of statelessness, they were presented with the legal framework related to the protection of statelessness, the main causes of this situation, the impact it can have on stateless persons, and the UNHCR #IBelong campaign was also shared with them. Moreover, to enhance

with refugee protection. Finally, participants were encouraged to share best practices from their own countries and were given the opportunity to discuss among themselves and also with stateless persons sharing their personal testimonies.

The program targeted government officials, including members of the judiciary, as well as UNHCR staff, representatives of the National Red Cross Societies, civil society and non-governmental organizations. The Course was opened by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, who also delivered the institutional remarks, followed by the Keynote Address delivered by Ms. Sofiia Kordonets, Head of the Program on Legal Assistance to the Statelessness Population of Ukraine in the Charitable Foundation “Right to Protection”.

The training was enriched by experienced speakers who featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Ms. Anne Laakko, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR; Ms. Valeria Cherednichenko, Division of International Protection (DIP), UNHCR; Mr. Gábor Gyulai, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Ms. Maha Mamo, Statelessness Activist and Motivational Speaker; Mr. Armando Cupi, Unione Italiana Apolidi; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IIHL; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, IIHL.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Menna Roshdy, Associate Coordinator, along with the support of Ms. Yasamin Yousif Yacoub, Online Learning Assistant in the Department.

14th Specialization Program on Protection Coordination
18 September - 29 November 2023

A cohort of 21 participants from 5 country operations attended the 14th Specialization Program on Protection Coordination, which was delivered for the first time in Spanish and organized in cooperation with the Global Protection Cluster (GPC) and the four Areas of Responsibility (AoRs).

The Program, 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 (18 – 29 September) lasted two weeks. Participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then work at their own pace. The following six weeks of the Virtual Workshop (3 October – 7 November) allowed participants to attend 12 virtual and interactive live sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. In the third and last Phase (8 – 29 November), participants were asked to reflect on how to implement the skills and knowledge gained through the Program into their daily work. 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; Mr. Francesco Michele, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Valeria Vargas Martinez, UNICEF; Ms. Jennifer Chase, UNFPA; Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., IIHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, IIHL; Ms. Valentina Rossi, IIHL; Ms. Alejandra Carrillo Soubic, IIHL.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialization Program on Protection Coordination, with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination at 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; Mr. Francesco Michele, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Valeria Vargas Martinez, UNICEF; Ms. Jennifer Chase, UNFPA; Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., IIHL; Ms. Martina Ranieli, IIHL; Ms. Valentina Rossi, IIHL; Ms. Alejandra Carrillo Soubic, IIHL. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialization Program on Protection Coordination, with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialisation Program on Protection Coordination at the Department.

The 13th Online Course on International Migration Law was delivered in Spanish to 42 participants from 15 countries across the Latin America and the Caribbean region. The Course was organized with the support of the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration. The Course aimed to offer its participants a general overview of the key elements that characterize the migration phenomenon, focusing on the human mobility dynamics in Latin America and the Caribbean. It analyzed the obligations and concerns of States in relation to the migration phenomenon and the rights and responsibilities of migrants. The Course investigated the international legal instruments related to migration, including the standards established by the Inter-American System for the protection of human rights. It also presented the legal framework applicable to other categories of people in need of international protection, such as refugees, children, victims of trafficking, and people subject to the illicit trafficking of people. Participants had the opportunity to discuss risks faced by migrants and fundamental aspects concerning States and migrants themselves, such as border management, detention and alternatives to detention, integration in the destination country, return and reintegration in the country of origin. Ms. Dana Graber Ladek, Head of Mission for the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Mexico, delivered the institutional remarks representing IOM, while Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, did so on behalf of the Sanremo Institute. Following this, the Keynote Address was delivered by Mr. Felipe González Morales, Former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants. Guest speakers who joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training were: Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, IIHL; Ms. Andrea Hidalgo Arce, IOM; Ms. Gianna Sánchez Moretti, IOM; Ms. Eulalia Figueras Civit, IOM; Dr. María Angeles Cano Linares, University Rey Juan Carlos; Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez Gallego, UNODC; Ms. Carolina Gottardo, International Detention Coalition; Ms. Romina I. Sijniensky, Inter-American Court of Human Rights; Ms. Morgane Reina, IOM; Ms. Iliana Yazmin Flores Pérez, IOM; Ms. Agueda Marin, European Union and NATO; Mr. Jorge Martínez Pizarro, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. 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 at the Department.

The 30th Online Course on International Refugee Law was delivered in French to 37 participants from 15 countries. The Course...
was co-organized with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration).

The audience’s professional background was diverse, with representatives of the government and judiciary, diplomats, academia staff of local NGOs, civil society organizations as well as international organizations including UNHCR. The Online Course presented the key elements of international refugee protection and was based on the analysis of International Refugee Law, and other complementary legal instruments which guarantee that the rights of people forced to move are respected and implemented. To this end, it highlighted the specific aspects of refugee protection in West and Central Africa as enshrined in the regional legal instrument. The different stages of displacement were examined, with an in-depth look at the causes that force people to flee, the different risks encountered during the displacement cycle, as well as the search for and implementation of lasting and sustainable solutions. The Course was delivered within the framework of developments generated by the Global Compact on Refugees, and successfully balanced theory and practice with high-level facilitators, both academics and practitioners, as well as refugees whose testimonies brought a unique dimension to the Course. The Course was opened by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Senior Coordinator of the Department who also delivered the institutional remarks, after which Prof. Vincent Chetail, Professor of the Geneva Graduate Institute, delivered the Keynote address. Participants benefitted from highly qualified professionals leading the sessions, namely: Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, University of Caen-Normandie; Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez, UNHCR; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IIHL; Prof. Thibaut Fleury Graff, French National Court for Asylum; Dr. Isidore Ngueuleu, World Organization Against Torture (OMCT); Dr. Khanssa Lagdami, World Maritime University (WMU); Prof. Aref Fakhry, World Maritime University (WMU); Ms. Eve Leste, boniĝi; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniĝi; Mr. Ihab Serour, Lawyer and Refugee Protection Expert; Mr. Ibrahim Sallet Mahamat, VivreEnsemble; Mr. David Safari Zabulon, Academic Advisor; Ms. Marie Eychenne, UNHCR. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and was coordinated by Ms. Muriel Sognigbê-Sangbana, Associate Coordinator, with the support of Ms. Cyrine Hammemi, Online Learning Assistant at the Department.

Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement
17 October – 9 November 2023

The Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement was organized with the contributions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration). The training was delivered in English and welcomed 68 participants coming from 46 countries. Participants of the Course were provided with key insights into the latest research on the multidimensional links between climate vulnerabilities, conflict, insecurity and displacement. A thorough analysis of the existing legal framework, guiding principles and recommendations, including the Nansen Initiative’s Agenda for Protection, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement, and the work of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, was conducted with a view to facilitate their operationalization at the local, national and regional levels. Training also focused on key skills and best practices related to disaster prevention and management as well as on the integration of climate risks into legislation, protection operations, and durable solutions for the displaced. The pool of participants included government officials, members of judiciary, diplomats, representatives of UN agencies as well as academia, local NGOs and civil society organizations and staff of international organizations. Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department opened the Course with the institutional remarks which were followed by Mr. Andrew Harper, Special Advisor to the High Commissioner for Climate Action, UNHCR, who gave the Keynote address. The relevant actors engaged in protection activities within climate-vulnerable contexts who took part in facilitating the sessions of the Course included: Prof. John Sweeney, Maynooth University; Ms. Koko Warner, IOM Global Data Institute (GDI); Ms. Elizabeth Ferris, Georgetown University; Ms. Jane McAdam, University of New South Wales; Mr. Matthew Scott, Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law;
Ms. Alice Baillat, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC); Dr. Pia Oberoi, Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR); Ms. Lucy Daxbacher, IGAD; Mr. Andrés Pérez Esquivel, Argentine Ministry of Interior Migrations Directorate; Prof. Alexander Aleinikoff, Zolberg, Institute on Migration and Mobility; Ms. Nina Birken, Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms. Silvi Llosa, DRR specialist and independent consultant; Mr. Thomas Smarzyc, German Red Cross; Mr. Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Mr. Lorenzo Guadagn, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Ms. Aimée-Noël Mbiyozo, Institute for Security Studies; Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Secretariat of the Union for the Mediterranean; Ms. Giovanna Gini, Oxford University; Mr. Levan Dadiani, Rural Communities Development Agency (RCDA); Ms. Pefi Kingi, South Pacific Islander Organization; Mr. Vassili Yuzhanin, Head of the International Migration Law Unit at IOM, delivered the institutional remarks representing IOM, while Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, did so on behalf of the Sanremo Institute. The Keynote address was delivered by Ms. Pia Oberoi, Senior Advisor on Migration and Human Rights (Asia Pacific) at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Ms. Marie Mcauliffe, UNHCR; Ms. Marina Manke, IOM; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, IIHL; Ms. Gianna Sanchez Moretti, IOM; Ms. Reshma Mathews, IOM; Ms. Eve Lester, boni ĝi; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boni ĝi; Prof. Aref Fakhry, World Maritime University (WMU); Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Ms. Zoi Sakelladou, UNODC; Ms. Marina Cakic, IOM; Ms. Aleksandra Izydorczyk, IOM; Ms. Joanne Irvine, IOM; Mr. Stéphane Jaquemet, International Catholic Migration Commission.

The 14th Online Course on International Migration Law
23 October - 16 November 2023

The 14th Online Course on International Migration Law was implemented by the Department with the support of the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Delivered in English, the Course welcomed a cohort of 57 participants from 38 countries.

The Course presented the key aspects of the migration phenomenon from different perspectives including the obligations and concerns of States and the rights and responsibilities of migrants. The audience had the opportunity to analyze the complex nature of today’s migratory phenomenon, including trends, causes, journeys and associated risks, integration in the country of destination and return and reintegration in the country of origin. The Course studied the key components of migration management and governance, and the link with sustainable development. For this, participants were exposed to the current developments generated by the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. The participants included government officials, members of judiciary, diplomats, as well as staff of international organizations and national non-governmental organizations. Mr. Vassily Yuzhanin, Head of the International Migration Law Unit at IOM, delivered the institutional remarks representing IOM, while Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, did so on behalf of the Sanremo Institute. The Keynote address was delivered by Ms. Pia Oberoi, Senior Advisor on Migration and Human Rights (Asia Pacific) at the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Ms. Marie Mcauliffe, UNHCR; Ms. Marina Manke, IOM; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, IIHL; Ms. Gianna Sanchez Moretti, IOM; Ms. Reshma Mathews, IOM; Ms. Eve Lester, boni ĝi; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boni ĝi; Prof. Aref Fakhry, World Maritime University (WMU); Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Ms. Zoi Sakelladou, UNODC; Ms. Marina Cakic, IOM; Ms. Aleksandra Izydorczyk, IOM; Ms. Joanne Irvine, IOM; Mr. Stéphane Jaquemet, International Catholic Migration Commission.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Martina Ranieli, Head of Institutional Engagement, with the support of Mr. Simone Delicati, Institutional Engagement Associate, and Ms. Mouna El Moudni, Junior Collaborator of the Department.

Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law
30 October - 17 November 2023

The 1st edition of the Academic Forum on the Promotion of Refugee Law was convened with the contributions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. Thirty-four participants from 23 countries benefitted from the expertise of panelists from esteemed academic institutions across the globe who presented their initiatives, which included study and research programs, summer schools, moot court competitions, and legal clinics.

The Forum was designed to support the strategic proliferation of academic initiatives related to refugee law and amplify the role of academia in refugee protection, which is becoming increasingly critical in the face of unprecedented numbers of forcibly displaced persons, necessitating a whole-of-society approach. Both panelists and
participants had the opportunity to exchange best practices, share their work, and learn from each other in practical discussions, which served as the basis to inspire action from participants in the creation or further development of their own initiatives. This event is part of the pledges made by the Department at the Global Refugee Forum 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 Forum was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and moderated and coordinated by Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Academic Unit Coordinator, along with the support of Ms. Malika Karieva, Academic Unit Associate Coordinator and Ms. Abigail Stoffer Ghercia, Academic Unit Assistant of the Department.

13th Online Course on Internal Displacement
13 November – 8 December 2023

The Department organized the 13th Online Course on Internal Displacement in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration) as well as the Office of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The Course was delivered in Spanish to 31 participants from 9 countries. The Course offered its participants a detailed analysis of the key elements that make up the legal framework for the protection of internally displaced persons and addressed other fundamental issues to ensure respect for the human rights of these persons, more specifically within the context of the Latin America and the Caribbean region. To this end, the Guiding Principles of Internal Displacement and the standards established by the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights on the matter were studied. The causes and consequences of internal displacement were also examined, as well as the protection risks faced by people who have been forced to move. Additionally, special attention was devoted to finding and achieving durable solutions in accordance with the work carried out by the United Nations Secretary-General’s High-Level Panel on Internal Displacement and its Action Agenda. The Course was opened by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, who also gave the institutional remarks. This was followed by a Keynote address by Mr. Vicente Anzelli of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC). The cohort of the training involved government officials, staff of international organizations, including UNHCR and IOM, staff of NGOs, representatives of the National Red Cross and academia. The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Ms. Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica, Instituto de Estudios Sobre Conflictos y Acción Humanitaria (IECAH); Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, IIHL; Mr. Andrés Celis, UNHCR Costa Rica; Mr. Juan Carlos Méndez, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Mr. Mauricio Alberto Quijano Cáceres, Cristosal; Mr. Fernando de Medina-Rosales, Norwegian Refugee Council; Mr. Óscar Iván Rico, Joint Internally Displaced Persons Profiling Service (JIPS); Ms. Natália Ferreira de Castro, Office of the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Human Rights (OHCHR); Mr. Pedro Mendes, Joint Internally Displaced Persons Profiling Service (JIPS); Ms. Greta Zeender, Office of the UN Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement; Ms. Carolina Reyes Rosiñol, UNHCR Mexico; Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, coordinated by Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator, and with the support of Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

31st Online Course on International Refugee Law
13 November – 8 December 2023

A total number of 51 participants representing 32 countries attended the 31st 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.

The Course presented the key aspects of the international protection of refugees and covered a range of topics, 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 Course was conducted in light of the developments generated by the Global Compact on Refugees.
The Online Course targeted government officials, including Military Officials, members of the judiciary, and representatives of international organizations, national and international NGOs, and academia. Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, opened the Online Course and also delivered the institutional remarks. Dr Madeline Garlick of the Division of International Protection (DIP) at UNHCR addressed the audience with the Keynote address. The training was enriched by the high-level profiles featured in the pool of guest speakers and facilitators, namely: Mr. Ihab Serour, Lawyer and Refugee Protection Expert; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, IIHL; Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez, UNHCR; Ms. Loretta Mary Jesudoss, UNHCR; Prof. Aref Fakhry, World Maritime University (WMU); Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Ms. Eve Lester, boniĝi; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniĝi; Ms. Zoi Sakelliadou, UNODC; Mr. Matthew Scott, Raoul Wallenberg Institute; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IIHL; Ms. Marie Eychenne, UNHCR; Ms. Jacqueline Strecker, UNHCR; Ms. Marije Van Kempen, UNHCR; Ms. Emily Venturi, UNHCR. The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Menna Roshy, Associate Coordinator, along with the support of Ms. Cyrine Hammemi, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

The 3rd Online Course on Advocacy for Protection, organized in cooperation with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration), was delivered in English and trained 35 professionals from 22 countries.

The Online Course on Advocacy for Protection presented the key elements for supporting the transformation of policies, public perception of refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), stateless people and migrants. Based on the main protection principles deriving from International Refugee Law, Human Rights Law and Humanitarian Law, the Course assessed challenges and opportunities related to given protection situations and identified relevant stakeholders towards which advocacy interventions could be addressed.
new challenges arise. To enhance the efficacy of ongoing efforts undertaken by the UNHCR in overcoming these multiple obstacles, the Department and UNHCR joined forces to build a cohort of UNHCR focal points on complementary pathways able to further disseminate information on the subject through the use of training methodology, and ultimately strengthen opportunities for establishing new pathways and expanding existing programs. Participants were trained through group activities, panel discussions, and the exchange of best practices, culminating in a practical exercise in which they designed and delivered their own training interventions. The training was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and the participants benefitted from the facilitation of experts on complementary pathways from both UNHCR and the Sanremo team, namely, Ms. Anna Gekht and Ms. Hester Moore from the Division of International Protection (DIP) at UNHCR, with Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski of the Department in IIHL.

15th Specialization Program on Protection Coordination (Ethiopia)
4 - 8 December 2023

The Program specifically targeted Coordinators, Co-Coordinators and local actors working in the Ethiopia Operation and was divided into two phases. The first Self-Study Phase (24 November – 8 December) lasted two weeks. Participants had the possibility to meet online for a first live session and then work at their own pace. The following week of the Residential Workshop (11 October – 14 December) allowed participants to attend 16 live and interactive live sessions on hard and soft skills related to effective protection coordination. This was the first time that the SPPC was delivered at the field level.

The training was enriched by the high-level profiles of the facilitators, namely: Mr. Julien Marneffe, Global Protection Cluster; Ms. Francesca Chiaudani, United Nations Mine Action Service; Ms. Nourhan Mahjoub, UNICEF; Ms. Valentina Rossi, IIHL; and Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department.

The Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department and coordinated by Ms. Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialization Program on Protection Coordination with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Specialization Program on Protection Coordination at the Department.

Participation in UNHCR Executive Committee and Memorandum of Understanding Signing of the De'Mello Chair
9 - 13 October 2023

The 74th session of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the High Commissioner’s Programme took place from 9 to 13 October 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, and the Department was invited to actively participate and take the floor during the side events, including ‘Protecting people displaced across borders in the context of the impact of climate change and disasters’. On this occasion, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio Delfabro D., announced that the Institute will join the multistakeholder pledge on climate action led by the Government of Ethiopia. On 9 October, in the framework of ExCom, the Sanremo Institute was proud to announce the signing of a partnership with UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency, to become part of the global Sergio Vieira de Mello, an international network of academic institutions cooperating to promote International Refugee Law through teaching, research and community outreach. The Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, on behalf of UNHCR, and Mr. Claudio Delfabro D., Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, on behalf of the Institute. The Institute continues to look towards advancing the whole-of-society approach and the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) objectives.

Launch of the Centre for Humanitarian Action at Sea
19 October 2023

On 19 October, the Department was invited to join the launch of the ‘Centre for Humanitarian Action at Sea’s High-Level Dialogue Platform’. Approximately 40 participants from various sectors, including the maritime industry, UN agencies, humanitarian organizations,
academic institutions, state representatives, and more, attended the inaugural meeting of the dialogue platform. This platform will convene in Geneva to engage in ongoing discussions on critical issues around Maritime Search and Rescue throughout the year. The launch was organized by the IFRC, SOS Méditerranée and the Geneva Centre for Security Policy.

**Training of Trainers on the Words into Action on Disaster Displacement Workshop**

24 - 27 October 2023

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), along with the support of the Department, developed and delivered a training of trainers (ToT) at the Sanremo Institute with the aim of promoting the sustainability of the Course and the continued use of the Words into Action tools by the disaster displacement community, as well as to form a roster of trainers that would contribute a diversity of languages, background and expertise to future trainings.

The training was delivered between 24 and 27 October and welcomed 25 participants from 15 different countries.

**VII International Congress of International Environmental Law: Global Environmental Governance Under Examination**

26 October 2023

On 26 October, the Director of the Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law, Claudio Delfabro D., had the honour of participating in a panel discussion at the VII International Congress of International Environmental Law at the Catholic University of Santos in Brazil, where he spoke about climate change and displacement. The discussion was held in Spanish and Portuguese and saw the participation of 270 attendees.

**IDP Law and Policy Workshop in Mozambique**

22 - 24 November 2023

A three-day ‘Workshop on the Domestication of the Kampala Convention’, was organized by the Government of Mozambique - Ministry of Justice, Constitutional and Religious Affairs and National Institute for the Management and Reduction of the Risk of Disasters - in collaboration with UNHCR and the Sanremo Institute. The aim of the event was to support Mozambique’s efforts in safeguarding the rights and well-being of internally displaced persons. The Workshop discussed different approaches to strengthen and incorporate the African Union Convention for the Protection and Assistance of Internally Displaced Persons in Africa into the national, legal and policy framework on internal displacement in Mozambique. The objectives of the training were to enhance the understanding of the Kampala Convention and its obligations and discuss ways to strengthen Mozambique’s domestic framework for IDP protection by domesticating the Kampala Convention. Notable Speakers included Dr. Chaloka Beyani, former Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs and Ms. Martina Caterina, Legal Officer and Chair of the Global Protection Cluster Task Team on Law and Policy.

**Mission to Ethiopia and Keynote Speech during the Consultation Workshop on Promoting a Human Rights-based Approach to Migration Management**

5 - 8 December 2023

The Ethiopian Human Rights Commission (EHRC) welcomed a delegation from the Institute on 5 December at its Addis Ababa office. The delegation included Mr. Claudio Delfabro D., Director of the Department and Ms. Fiorella Spizzuoco, Outreach Assistant of the Department at IIHL. During their visit to the EHRC, the IIHL team embarked on a series of fruitful discussions involving multiple rounds of in-depth dialogue with thematic commissioners, directors of relevant departments and dedicated staff members within the Commission’s Department of the Rights of Refugees, IDPs and Migrants. This focused dialogue facilitated a comprehensive exploration of potential areas of collaboration between the EHRC and the IIHL, laying the groundwork for future joint initiatives in addressing critical issues such as refugee protection, internal displacement, human rights and migration governance. On 7 December, the Director of the Department, Mr. Claudio Delfabro, was welcomed by the Deputy Director General, Biruhtesfa Mulugeta, to discuss possible avenues of cooperation on capacity building training for the RRS Ethiopia Officials at their headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Department was also invited by the EHRC to deliver the Keynote address at
the Consultation Workshop on Promoting a Human Rights-based Approach to Migration Management on 8 December. The Consultation brought together government officials and representatives of the civil society, including displaced women associations, academia, United Nations agencies, embassies and donors.

Global Refugee Forum
13 – 15 December 2023

Between 13 and 15 December 2023 the Department participated in the second Global Refugee Forum in Geneva and joined international stakeholders in pledging concrete and tailored initiatives for the year 2024. The pledges included strengthening the Institute’s role as a convener of high-level initiatives on refugee protection, enhancing support to universities and governmental training institutions, and ensuring meaningful engagement of individuals with lived experience of forced displacement and statelessness. Additionally, the Department pledged to mainstream development, climate change and protection at sea-related considerations within its course content. These pledges would foster international cooperation on refugee protection and would enable the Department to continue to scale up the Sanremo Institute’s historical humanitarian commitment and efforts to be at the forefront of capacity development.

Fourth Transnational Project Meeting of the MUST-a-Lab Project Consortium in Vienna, Austria
18 - 20 October 2023, Vienna

The MUST-a-Lab Project Consortium, hosted by the Human Rights Office of the Municipality, gathered in Vienna, from 18 to 20 October, 2023. The Project “MUlti STakeholders Labs for Migrants and Stakeholders” - funded by the Asylum, Migration and Inclusion Fund of the European Commission - aims at incorporating the Policy Lab methodology in the policy-making process of six local administrations involved as project partners, to co-design new policies and practices for the integration of migrants together with the final beneficiaries. For this purpose, three gatherings of the Policy Labs took place throughout the end of 2022 and 2023 in Mechelen (Belgium), Grenoble Alpes Métropole (France), Modena (Italy), Vienna (Austria), Fuenlabrada (Spain) and Livadia (Greece). The Vienna meeting’s primary objective was to review the preliminary outcomes of the Policy Labs held in the six cities, and to plan the final one, from which would result in a collection of Policy Recommendations that the Municipalities would approve and adopt in 2024. As the Project aims at producing a long-term impact on the policy making process in terms of participatory democracy, 2024 will be a crucial year for the partners to multiply and disseminate the Policy Lab approach and results on a national, European and international level. For this purpose, the main focus of the meeting was on defining a roadmap for organising dissemination events and creating networks with other cities, organisations and projects that could be interested in replicating and learning from the MUST-a-Lab experience. As the partner in charge of conveying the Policy Lab methodology and of coordinating the engagement, communication and dissemination activities, the Institute has played and will keep on playing a very crucial role in the implementation of the MUST-a-Lab Project over the next year.

The LICEAL Project Consortium gathered in Almuñécar, Spain
6 - 7 November 2023, Almuñécar

The LICEAL Project Consortium, hosted by the Spanish partner Learning Designers in Almuñécar, Spain, was held on 6 and 7 November. The “LInking Citizenship and Employability Perspectives in Adult Learning Strategies and Practices” Project - funded by the Erasmus + programme - aims at highlighting the connection between better employability opportunities and Citizenship competences, as described in the Council of Europe’s “Reference Framework of Competences for Democratic Culture” (RFCDC), among the NEETs of all ages. The Project is coordinated by Association EDIAS (France) in partnership with the International Institute of Humanitarian Law (Italy); the Fondation des Régions Européennes pour la Recherche, l’Éducation et la Formation (France); Comitato Promotore S-NODI Gabriele Nigro (Italy); Democracy and Human Rights Education in Europe (Belgium); Learning Designers (Spain); Wiener Forum für Demokratie und Menschenrechte
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(Austria); Bogazici Universitesi (Turkey); Pôle emploi Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (France). The LICEAL partnership is currently working on three important products: an Analytical Review of Best Practices on linking Citizenship Education and Employability, a Toolkit for adult learners who wish to find better employment opportunities through Citizenship competences, and a collection of Guidelines to support adult educators in integrating Citizenship Education in their training paths. The Transnational Project Meeting focused on a very important step in the creation of these outputs: their validation through stakeholders’ consultation. In Almuñeçar, the partners had the chance to review internally the final draft of the Analytical Review and the structure and concept of the Toolkit and the Guidelines, while also planning the validation through the stakeholders, establishing their number and professional qualification together with the appropriate deadlines. In 2024 we will have the chance to present these important results.

The Institute participated as a Methodology Partner in the Third Policy Lab in Modena, Italy, for the Implementation of the MUST-a-Lab project
8-11 November 2023, Modena, Italy

On 8 and 11 November, the city of Modena hosted two meetings consisting of its third Policy Lab session, in the framework of the European Project MUST-a-Lab. The Institute’s staff had the chance to witness part of the consultation under the leadership of Claudio Dondi, Senior Expert in Education, collaborating with the Special Projects Department and presiding over the development of the Policy Labs all over Europe. The third Policy Lab is a crucial step of this participatory democracy methodology, as it fosters the analysis of the proposals on migrant integration policies coming from participants, the review of the results of the micro-experimentation carried out in the previous months, and the drafting of pertaining Policy Recommendations. In particular, on Saturday 11 November, participants, divided into pairs, reviewed a total of seven policy challenges and answered them on the basis of the micro-experiments results, of their needs, and of the policies they would like to see approved by the local government. The diversity of backgrounds represented in the Policy Lab - migrant descents, newly arrived migrants, sports associations, NGOs, professionals, social workers and many more - brought an unmatched value to the democratic consultation, results of which will be submitted to Modena’s city government in 2024.

CITIZED: Teachers’ Training Event at the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia
10 November 2023, Reggio Emilia

The Teachers’ Training Event, “Educazione alla cittadinanza: come insegnare la materia?”, in the framework of the Project CITIZED - Policy Implementation Support and Teacher Empowerment for Citizenship Education - took place in Reggio Emilia on 10 November 2023. The event was organised on the occasion of the series of open meetings on Citizenship: “Identità e Cittadinanza... Una via da seguire” and the inauguration of the exhibition on Identity and Citizenship organised by the University of Modena and Reggio Emilia and the Municipality of Reggio Emilia. The event offered teachers and teachers in training the opportunity to learn more about the situation of Citizenship Education in Italy and in Europe, and to present the Course: “Educating for citizenship: bullying and cyberbullying, gender equality, diversity, inclusion and freedom of expression” to teachers and future teachers. The Course was developed within the framework of the CITIZED Project, as a training course on Citizenship Education focusing on four specific topics: bullying and cyberbullying, gender equality, diversity, inclusion and freedom of expression. In order for the Course to be better explained, the audience was invited to participate in certain activities extracted from the Course itself, which also represented an occasion for discussion and exchange between the more experienced teachers and the teachers to be.

CITIZED Final Transnational Project Meeting in Brussels
27 November 2023, Brussels, Belgium

The Final TPM of the Project CITIZED - Policy Implementation Support and Teacher Empowerment for Citizenship Education - took place in Brussels on 27 November. All partners gathered to discuss the Project, which came to an end at the end of November, to finalise its outcomes and their dissemination, and to discuss the organisation of the Final Conference. Moreover, the meeting was an occasion to explore possible follow-ups to the CITIZED Project, as the partnership had a brainstorming on the aspects they would like to develop in future projects.
CITIZED Final Conference within the LifeLong Learning Week in Brussels
28-29 November 2023, Brussels, Belgium

The Final Event of the Project CITIZED - Policy Implementation Support and Teacher Empowerment for Citizenship Education - took place in Brussels on 28 and 29 November. The Project, coordinated by the Institute and including partners from Austria, Belgium, France and Malta, focused on the enhancement of teacher capacity-building initiatives in the field of citizenship education and on their empowerment. The Project also fostered the efforts in the field of schools by filling existing implementation gaps between policy statements and daily practice in the schools through the suggestion of evidence-based policy improvements. The Final Conference was composed of two events, the first focusing on the practical tools developed within the Project and the second on the policy recommendations on citizenship education. Both events were hosted within the framework of the Lifelong Learning Week, annually organised by the Lifelong Learning Platform, and registered the participation of both high-level educational experts and policy makers, including members of the European Parliament, ministerial officials, school heads, teachers and representatives of many different educational stakeholders.

PERFECT Transnational Project Meeting in Malta
12 October 2023, La Valletta, Malta

The Transnational Project Meeting of the Project PERFECT took place in Malta on 12 and 13 October. Partners gathered in La Valletta to discuss the development of the different phases of the Project. More specifically, the school partners reported on the development of the different performances made by the students which will be presented in Sanremo at the end of February. The meeting also served for partners to align on the other outputs of the Project.

Arguing at School First Policy Lab in Milan
21 October 2023, Milan, Italy

The first Policy Lab of the Project “Arguing at School” was held in Milan on 21 October. The Policy Lab was organised by the IIHL, the CPPP and the school “Il Sassolino”. The agenda of the Policy Lab included a brief explanation of the day, the identification of the challenges related to conflicts at school and a working group session on the possible actions to address these challenges. Almost 35 participants were present, representing different levels of the educational sectors (teachers, head school teachers, local policymakers, educators). The participants will meet again in January to further develop the proposals drafted in October. Policy Labs, supported by the IIHL, will also take place in the countries of other partners: Romania, Croatia and Malta.

Online Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios
23 October-16 November 2023, online

The Online Course on "Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios" took place from 23 October to 16 November 2023. The training, designed to address the most topical gender-related issues currently affecting humanitarian crises worldwide involving 14 participants from 13 different countries, was designed by the Special Projects Department of the Institute in collaboration with the OSCE, Gender Issues Programme, in the Office of the OSCE Secretary-General. The Course was opened by the introductory remarks delivered by Mr. Gian Luca Beruto, IIHL Secretary-General a.i., and Dr. Lara Scarpitta, OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, followed by the Keynote address given by Ms Catherine Renee Andela, Chief of Gender Unit at DPO and Senior Gender Adviser. The Course, composed of 6 modules, covered some of the key gender-related aspects of armed conflict and humanitarian crisis scenarios more in general, such as: the importance of gender mainstreaming; the critical issue of sexual exploitation and abuse (with a practical focus on prevention, investigation, reporting and accountability); the gender-related implications of terrorism and counter-terrorism; the trafficking in human beings, smuggling of migrants and gender perspective; conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV); and gender-related risks of detention and deprivation of liberty. The sessions were all facilitated by some of the most prominent international practitioners in the respective fields, including Mr Martin Dexborg (OSCE); Ms Paolina Massidda (ICC); Mr Ulrich Garms (UNODC); Professor Ryszard Piotrowicz (Aberystwyth University); Ms Elmaja Bavčić (OSCE); and Professor Julia Muraszkwiewicz (University of Amsterdam). To conclude the course learning experience, the Institute organised an interactive workshop on "Women’s Engagement in Peace Processes and Integration of Gender Perspectives in Peacebuilding". The workshop, moderated by Professor Gabriella Venturini, Member of the IIHL Council, was enriched by the contribution of some globally-renowned women leaders active in different regions of the world in empowering the role of women on the difficult road to peace, including Fawzia Koofi, President, Movement of Change for Afghanistan (Afghanistan); Anna Popsui, Head, Young Leaders for Peace-building (Ukraine); Loredana Teodorescu, President, Women in International Security Italy; Head, Mediterranean Women Mediators Network.
The printed and digital editions of the publication produced in the framework of the Project "Security and Democratic Life in Latin America: a question still to be solved", have been available as of December 2023 in its Spanish, English and Italian language versions. It 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; the conclusions reached in the “laboratory” and additional information.

Project "Women and Security: a better police = + urban security, - violence against women"

As a corollary to the activities carried out, a webinar was held on 16 November in which a group of experts who had participated in the activities of the Project described the main aspects considered during the course of the Project: findings, diagnosis and conclusions. The speakers at this event, which had an audience of more than a hundred people, were:
- Ms Daira Arana Aguilar
- Ms Adriana Rosalía Fuentes Beltrán
- Ms Ángela Oviedo Mirelles
- Ms Arísteth Hernández Tapia
- Dr Alejandrina María José Sanabria Córdova
- Mr Héctor E. Quilantán de la Rosa

It should also be noted that the publication produced within the framework of the Project, in Spanish, English and Italian, is currently in press. It includes a reference to the activities carried out with women’s groups in the Los Castillos Polygon, as well as with members of the local police of León (State of Guanajuato, Mexico). It also contains a "Guide for Women’s Access to the Security and Justice System" and a "Guide for the Use and Application of the Police Action Protocol for the Care and Protection of Women Victims of gender-based Violence". Both "Guides" are accompanied by specially designed graphic designs and videos to aid their understanding and dissemination.

Project "Drug Trafficking and Corruption in Latin America: a new role for women?"

A Workshop was held between 27 September and 4 October, with the participation of the members of the research team and the Project management. The purpose of the Workshop was to coordinate the activities to be carried out in collaboration with the participating entities.

Two working groups were formed, one to carry out the research in Colombia and the other for Mexico. All of them under the coordination of the Project Director, Prof. Roberto A. Moreno and Prof. Nicole Jenne.

The Workshop was followed by survey work. Independently of the working meetings within each team, two general virtual meetings were held: the first one on 6 and 9 November and the second one on 28 and 29 November. In these meetings, aspects related to the research methodology and the findings verified to date were analysed. On 20 December, the first partial report was received from each team, which was analysed and gave rise to orientative indications from the Directorate.

Project “Security and Democratic Life in Latin America: a community commitment”

The Directorate General for Globalisation and Global Issues of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, by Prot 194919 of 3 November 2023, communicated to the IIHL the approval of the Project “Security and Democratic Life in Latin America: a community commitment”, presented by the Directorate of Special Projects and Training Activities for Latin America.

The general objective of the Project is to explore the possibility of complementing security policies with an eminently coercive bias, with preventive
tools - that is, aiming not only at neutralising criminal action, but also at reducing the factors that feed it and proposing exportable models.

The activities will be carried out mainly in the Republic of El Salvador, with the collaboration of the Don Bosco University and the Attorney General’s Office of the Republic.

At the end of this workshop, diagnostic work, preceding the face-to-face activities to be carried out in El Salvador. The on-site activities are planned to take place between 8 and 27 May 2024. To this end, three working teams have been set up to work with youth, women and local police, respectively.

**Special Course on “Naval Surveillance Operations at Sea” - Second Edition / 2023**

This Course was an "online course" in "b-learning" mode, with synchronous and asynchronous activities, developed on the IIHL’s virtual platform. It lasted from Friday 13 October to Friday 24 November 2023. Three weekly synchronous (Zoom) sessions were held (Monday, Wednesday and Friday), each lasting one hundred and twenty minutes (120’). The asynchronous activities consisted of recorded lectures, videos, interactive exercises, readings, assignments on the platform and various modes of verification and evaluation.

It was aimed at a wide audience of personnel from shipowners, shipping companies, ship carriers or others involved in maritime trade; members of public and private organisations related to the subject; lecturers in related subjects; and undergraduate students.

It aimed to consider a broad set of capabilities to address and mitigate the impact of terrorism; proliferation of weapons of mass destruction; piracy; illegal migration; human trafficking; illicit drug and arms trafficking; cyber threats; as well as attacks on marine resources, excluding other aspects such as maritime accidents and natural disasters.