

## NAVAL OPERATIONS AND THE LAW

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) has a strong association with maritime law having sponsored the publication of the *San Remo 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. The Naval Operations and the Law course will examine the legal regimes affecting the planning and conduct of Naval Operations across the entire spectrum of conflict. This approach will provide participants with an opportunity to assess whether legal and operational gaps in the law exist and, if so, what steps can be taken to remedy the situation. Participants will examine the following:

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

The members of teaching staff are subject matter experts in the field of naval operations and law from around the world. Participants will receive a copy of the *San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea* and the *Sanremo Rules of Engagement Handbook* for use during the course.

## TEACHING METHODS

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

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

## ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1.100 Euro which should be remitted before the start of the course or paid upon arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are also accepted. The registration fee covers:

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

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

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to [patrizia@iihl.org](mailto:patrizia@iihl.org)

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## Naval Operations and the Law

Sanremo, 7 – 11 October 2024



## PROGRAMME

Course Director  
TBD

Teaching Staff  
TBD

**Monday, 7 October 2024**

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

**Tuesday, 8 October 2024**

08.30 – 10.00	Maritime Security Operations
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 11.45	Maritime Law Enforcement
11.45 – 12.30	Class Ex. 2 (Maritime Ops)
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 14.15	<b>Counter-Piracy operations</b> CAPT(N) Martin FINK
14.15 – 15.00	<b>Protection of maritime infrastructure (e.g. cables and pipelines)</b>
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	Coalition Naval Operations

**Wednesday, 9 October 2024**

08.30 – 09.30	Intro to Law of Naval Warfare
09.30 – 10.00	Means & Methods of Naval Warfare
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 11.30	Means & Methods of Naval Warfare
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Maritime Targeting</b>
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Class Exercise 3 (Naval warfare)
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.45	Rules of Engagement in the Maritime Context

**Thursday, 10 October 2024**

08.30 – 10.00	<b>Impact of new technologies in Naval Operations</b>
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 – 11.30	<b>Movement of People at Sea and the Duty to Render Assistance</b>
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Student presentations on contemporary issues</b> Students / teaching staff
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	<b>Protective measures (GC II) in Naval Warfare</b>
15.00 – 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.30	Protective measures (cont.) and Class Ex. 4
20.00	Course Dinner (Restaurant TBA)

**Friday, 11 October 2024**

09.00 – 10.00	Final Exercise preparation Teaching staff
10.00 – 10.15	Morning Coffee
10.15 – 11.00	Final Exercise preparation (cont.) Teaching staff
11.00 – 12.00	Final Exercise Back-brief Teaching staff
12.10 – 12.30	Course Closing Ceremony
12.30 – 13.00	Lunch & Depart