

NAVAL OPERATIONS AND THE LAW

The International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL) has a strong association with international law and naval operations having sponsored the publication of the *San Remo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea*. This Manual 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. Participants will examine the following key areas:

- a. Law of the Sea principles relevant to naval operations
- b. International law and the use of force
- c. Maritime claims and disputes
- d. The use of force in maritime law enforcement
- e. Counter – piracy operations
- f. Rules of Engagement in the maritime context
- g. Naval Warfare

The members of teaching staff are subject matter experts in the field of naval operations and law from around the world.

TEACHING METHODS

The teaching methodology used for this course will comprise of a combination of classroom presentations, discussions and exercises. The focus will be on examining the legal and policy issues that military and civilian officials in the conduct of Naval Operations will face. One session is 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
- 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.

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PROGRAMME

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Monday, 7 October

08.30 – 09.00	Registration of participants
09.00 – 09.15	Course opening
09.15 – 09.30	Staff and participant introductions
09.30 - 10.30	International Law and Use of Force. General principles
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
15.00 - 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 – 16.50	<i>Class Exercise 1 (law of the sea)</i>
17.00 - 18.00	Informal welcome (Villa Ormond)

Tuesday, 8 October

08.30 - 10.00	Maritime Security Operations (MSO)
10.00 - 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 - 11.45	Maritime Law Enforcement
11.45 - 12.30	<i>Class Exercise 2 (Maritime security operations)</i>
12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 - 14.15	Counter-Piracy operations
14.15 – 15.00	Protection of maritime infrastructure
15.00 - 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 - 16.20	Coalition operations and current events in maritime security

Wednesday, 9 October

08.30 - 09.30	Introduction to the 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	Maritime Targeting

12.30 - 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 - 15.00	<i>Class Exercise 3 (naval warfare)</i>
15.00 - 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 - 16.45	Rules of Engagement in the Maritime Context

Thursday, 10 October

08.30 - 10.00	Impact of new technologies in Naval Operations
10.00 – 10.30	Morning Coffee
10.30 - 11.30	Movement of People at Sea and the Duty to Render Assistance
11.30 – 12.30	Protective measures (GC II) in Naval Warfare
12.30 – 13.30	LUNCH
13.30 – 15.00	Class Exercise 4 (IHL at sea)
15.00 - 15.20	Afternoon Tea
15.20 - 16.30	Student presentations on contemporary issues / experience
20.00	Course Dinner

Friday, 11 October

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