

## The Sanremo Round Table

Since its foundation, the Sanremo Institute, in the context of its institutional and statutory objectives of training, research and dissemination of the IHL provisions in force, has organized an annual **Round Table on Current Issues of International Humanitarian Law**, which is regularly held in Sanremo.

The **Sanremo Round Table** offers a **forum for dialogue and key reflection on the most current issues of international humanitarian law** and has gradually become an appointment appreciated by the international and global community of experts and professionals in the sector.

The Round Table allows **personalities from the scientific, diplomatic, institutional and military worlds** to meet periodically and informally in Sanremo to discuss in depth and from their **different perspectives**, the most topical issues related to the **promotion, respect and evolution** of IHL.



More than **50 years** of meetings under the auspices of the Institute and in conjunction with its intense activity carried out on the training and academic levels, have contributed to giving life to what is recognized worldwide as "**humanitarian dialogue in the spirit of Sanremo**".

## The International Institute of Humanitarian Law

The Institute was established in Sanremo on 26 September **1970** as "**an independent, non-profit, humanitarian organization**" by a group of international lawyers to provide an **international forum** dedicated to humanitarian issues.

Since then, the IIDU has made a constant effort to disseminate the principles and standards of International Humanitarian Law, Refugee and Migration Law and Human Rights on a global scale, with the **mission to promote their dissemination, application and development**.

Over the years, due to its dedication and the enthusiasm, eagerness, and skill of all those involved in its activities, the Institute has earned an **international reputation as a center of excellence** in the training, research, and dissemination of humanitarian law and related topics.

In **2023** alone, the Sanremo Institute has organised over **70 courses, expert meetings, workshops and awareness-raising initiatives** that benefitted over **3,100 participants** from **156 countries**.

The Institute also promotes IHL through **high level conferences** such as the **annual Sanremo Round Table** and by producing **publications** that provide practical advice to military and civilian operators in key areas of IHL, Human Rights and other complementary bodies of law.

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## Sanremo Round Table on Current Issues of IHL

*"From the Battle of Solferino of 1859 to  
the Geneva Conventions of 1949:  
Challenges, and Future Prospects of  
International Humanitarian Law"*

12-13 September 2024

*Sanremo (Italy) and Online*

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## Military Department



In collaboration with the **International Committee of the Red Cross**, governments and other relevant organizations, the **Military Department** structures its training with the aim to promote the knowledge and practical application of IHL.

The Department organizes its activities at three levels: **IHL Foundation Courses** presenting to the participants a practical and operational introduction to the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC); **Advanced Courses on IHL**, specifically designed for experienced military and civilian legal advisers, providing them with an in-depth knowledge of LOAC; **Specialized Courses** offering an enhanced practical understanding of specific areas of IHL; **Workshops** emphasizing the exchange of views and experiences between practitioners and experts, as well as the sharing of different national approaches. The Department has also organised the **Competition on IHL for Military Academies** for more than 20 years, involving more than 100 aspiring officers from military schools around the world.

The courses are delivered in **7 different languages**: English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Arabic, Russian and Chinese.

During the pandemic training courses were specifically designed for the online environment and while 2022 has seen a return to courses in Sanremo these **online activities** will continue to complement those held at the Institute. The Military Department is also capable of delivering courses in **other locations**, in Italy and abroad, in all continents.

## Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law

The **Department of International Refugee Law and Migration Law**, through its capacity-building program, aims at advancing the knowledge and skills of government and civil society officials, as well as military personnel, engaged in the protection of forcibly displaced and stateless persons worldwide.

As the **leading capacity-building partner of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees** and the **International Organization for Migration**, the Department has been proudly contributing to their mandates by promoting international law, policies, and best practices for safeguarding and upholding the human rights of persons in need of protection.

The Department's Courses are now delivered by a selection of more than **160 international experts in 5 different languages** (English, French, Spanish, Arabic, and Russian) and across **4 time zones**. These figures, along with its distinctive **interactive and innovative teaching methodology**, place the Department at the forefront in the designing and implementation of global capacity-building programs on **International Refugee Law, International Migration Law, Internal Displacement, and Statelessness**.

The Department is a proactive advocate of the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact for Migration and has made pledges at the International Migration Review Forum and the Global Refugee Forum.



## Special Projects Department



The Special Projects Department develops a range of complementary initiatives to further the mission of the Institute and enhance its global impact and international standing.

Projects and initiatives include the **Proyectos Especiales y Actividades de Capacitación para Latinoamérica**, the **Sanremo Summer School**, and the **Diplôme Universitaire en Droit International Humanitaire**, organised in collaboration with the Institut de la Paix et du Développement of the Université Côte d'Azur, thematic workshops, conferences, and webinars.

The SPD sees the continuous consolidation of new partnerships with national and international organisations as crucial to its purpose. In close cooperation with its partners, the Department has developed, among others, the **Course on International Disaster Law** with IFRC Disaster Law and the Italian Red Cross, and the online **Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations** in collaboration with the Gender Issues Program of OSCE. The Department also enriches the offer by planning initiatives focusing on **specific areas of IHL application** such as the protection of cultural property, the protection of water resources, and in counter-terrorism operations.

Finally, the Department actively participates in **multi-stakeholder projects** in citizenship and peace education and cultural integration.