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Disaster Law

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9th

International Disaster Law Course

18-27 November 2024

Hybrid (Online & Sanremo, Italy)

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Background

Disasters are among the largest threats to human security and development the world is facing today. Is international law stepping up? Are humanitarian actors, institutions and scholars ready to face challenges raised by disasters caused by natural hazards or human activities?

This **hybrid specialised course** will provide a comprehensive overview of the **existing international provisions and key regulatory issues related to the prevention and management of disasters**, including through a **residential specialized workshop** focusing on the challenges they pose and how they are addressed in the **EU context**.

Target audience

Staff of **governments, international and regional organizations, NGOs, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, academics, graduate and post-graduate students** with an interest in humanitarian assistance and disaster management issues.

Structure

Through a mixture of online and on-site lectures, practical exercises, self-assessment tools and interactive group works, the course, organised by the Sanremo Institute in collaboration with the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Disaster Law** and with the support of the **Italian Red Cross**, will provide a dynamic and tailored learning environment to all participants.

Online

5-day **online training on the legal and operational framework** for disaster governance and relief operations

Hybrid

5-day online training + 3-day **residential specialised workshop on EU Disaster Law** in Sanremo

Online course

The online section of the course will feature both **live** and **self-paced sessions**, including learning opportunities of different kinds.

Live sessions will be held on Zoom on the date and at the time described in the following agenda.

Self-paced activities will be all accessible through the **IIHL online learning platform**, whose individual access credentials will be shared by the course secretariat right before the beginning of the of the training period.

The online part of the training will particularly address topics including the **basics of international and regional disaster law**, the **interplay between Disaster Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and Refugee Law**, the overall legal **framework of Disaster Risk Prevention and Preparedness**, and an introduction to **Disaster Response and Management**.

Module 1

Opening session and course overview

18 November 2024

Live session at 1.00 pm (CET), approx. 30 min.

- **Gian Luca BERUTO**
Secretary-General a.i., IIHL
- **Isabelle GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- **Giulio BARTOLINI**
Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of IDL

Module 2

Disaster Law - International, Regional and Domestic Legal frameworks

18 November 2024

Live session at 1.30 pm (CET), approx. 90 min.

Main Facilitators

- **Giulio BARTOLINI**
Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of IDL
- **Tommaso NATOLI**
IFRC Disaster Law and Italian Red Cross
- **Isabelle GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

Module 3

IDL and IHL, Human Rights Law, Refugee Law and IDPs

19 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

Main Facilitators

- **Emanuele SOMMARIO**
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (Italy)
- **Walter KAELIN**
University of Bern, Former Representative of the UNSG on the Human Rights of IDPs

Module 4

Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Preparedness

20 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

Main Facilitators

- **Marie ARONSSON-STORRIER**
University College Cork
- **Stella NGUGI**
IFRC Disaster Law Coordinator, Africa Region

Module 5

Disaster Response and Management

21 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

Main Facilitators

- **Dug CUBIE**
University College Cork
- **Isabelle GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

Module 6

Thematic workshop: cluster approach, role of international organisations and Human Rights law

22 November 2024

Live workshop with experts at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

Main Facilitators

- **Flavia ZORZI GIUSTINIANI**
Link Campus University
- **Marina SKURIC PRODANOVIC**
Chief, System-wide Approaches and Practices Section, Coordination Division, UN OCHA
- **Gian Luca BURCI**
Former Legal Counsel, WHO; Adjunct Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute



Are you a confirmed participant **looking for the IIHL online learning platform?**

Scan the QR code and start the training!

Residential specialised workshop

(Provisional, as of 11/10/2024)

The on-site section of the course will focus on the regional dimension of Disaster Law in Europe, addressing issues of utmost importance such as the interplay between IDL and EU Law; EU policies & standards in Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Preparedness; Disaster Response and Management strategies and practices at the EU level; and the EU external action in the Disasters domain, with specific reference to humanitarian aid and collaborations between the EU and other regional and international entities.

Module 7

Opening and interplay IDL-EU Law

25 November 2024

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Main Facilitators

- Isabelle **GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- Federico **FERRI**
Associate Professor of EU Law, University of Bologna
- Grega **GROBOVSEK**
Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-ECHO

Welcome cocktail

25 November 2024

5.30 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Module 8

EU policies & standards in disaster risk reduction, prevention and preparedness

26 November 2024

9.00 am (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Main Facilitators

- Isabelle **GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- EU Commission Joint Research Centre representative
TBD

Module 9

Disaster response and management at the EU level

26 November 2024

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Main Facilitators

- Isabelle **GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- Grega **GROBOVSEK**
Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-ECHO
- Tommaso **NATOLI**
IFRC Disaster Law and Italian Red Cross

Social dinner

26 November 2024

8.00 pm (CET), Sanremo (Italy)

Module 10

EU beyond its borders in disasters: external action and international humanitarian aid

27 November 2024

9.00 am (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Main Facilitators

- EU Humanitarian Aid representative
TBD
- Federico **CASOLARI**
Professor of EU Law, University of Bologna

Module 11

Closing session

27 November 2024

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

Main Speakers

- Gian Luca **BERUTO**
Secretary-General a.i., IIHL
- Isabelle **GRANGER**
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- Grega **GROBOVSEK**
Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-ECHO

Certificate awarding ceremony

27 November 2024

2.30 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)