

Core subjects

● International Humanitarian Law

IHL, or the Law of Armed Conflict, restricts the **methods of warfare** and **safeguards those who are not directly engaged in hostilities**, upholding a basic standard of human dignity during times of conflict.

● International Human Rights Law

Human rights are **universal and intrinsic to all individuals, irrespective of their status**. In compliance with its expansive treaty law, States are required to **respect, protect, and fulfill** human rights.

● Refugee Law and Migration Law

In the global context of mass displacement, Refugee Law **safeguards those escaping persecution**, and Migration Law outlines the **obligations and concerns of States** and the **rights and responsibilities of migrants**.

● Disaster Law

As disaster risks increase due to extensive urbanisation, the climate crisis, and other major global challenges; existing regulations, and new international legal frameworks and best practices are progressively evolving to **improve and coordinate disaster prevention, response, and recovery efforts**.

The Department

Officially established in 2022, the Special Projects Department of the Sanremo Institute develops a range of complementary training and dissemination initiatives **to further the mission of the Institute and enhance its global impact and international standing**.

The Department sees the continuous consolidation of **new partnerships** with governments, national, intergovernmental and non-governmental international organisations as crucial to its institutional purpose.

Through the close collaboration with its partners in **targeted initiatives** and **multi-year projects**, the Department strives to remain at the forefront of global training efforts in international law applicable to humanitarian crises and emergencies.

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Special Projects Department

2025 Calendar of activities

January - December 2025

On-site, Online, and Hybrid

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Training offer



Language

Look for the flag to get more details on the language of delivery of the activity.

4th Course on Integrating Gender perspectives into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios

6-30 October 2025, *online*



In collaboration with **OSCE, Gender Issues**, the course addresses topical issues affecting humanitarian crises through the lens of gender.

10th International Disaster Law Course

3-30 October 2025, *Hybrid*



In collaboration with **IFRC Disaster Law** and the **Italian Red Cross**, the course explores disaster in its normative and operational facets.

25th Sanremo Summer School

30 June - 11 July 2025, *Sanremo*



The multidisciplinary summer school of the Sanremo Institute explores **IHL, Human Rights, Refugee and Migration Law**, and other legal frameworks for humanitarian crises.

48th Sanremo Round Table on current issues of IHL



10 - 12 September 2025, *Hybrid*



The Sanremo Round Table is the **flagship event of the Institute**, organized every year in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross.

Course on Cultural Property Protection in Crisis

9-30 May 2025, *Online*



The course addresses the legal protection afforded to **cultural assets and heritage in armed conflicts** and other emergencies.

Course on the Law Applicable in Conflict Scenarios, Internal Disturbances, and Other Situations of Violence

3-26 February 2025, *Hybrid (on-site in Brasilia)*



The course is designed for the **National School for Training and Specialisation of Military and Civil Judges of Brazil**, focusing on the legal framework applicable to different situations of violence.

Course on Maritime Surveillance Operations

November 2025, *Online*



This course addresses the operational legal challenges of **specific transnational threats at sea**.

Academic cooperation

Module on Water Protection



The Online Module on water protection in conflict is delivered in cooperation with the **Geneva Water Hub** in the Université de Genève.

Master in Cultural Property Protection in Crisis Response



The Master aims to **improve cultural heritage protection** from conflicts, illicit activities, natural disasters, and climate change.

Diplôme Universitaire en Droit International Humanitaire



Born of the longstanding collaboration with the **Institut de la Paix et du Développement (IdPD)** de l'Université Côte d'Azur.

2025 Thematic Priorities

(under development)

Missing Persons



Disability

Civilian Harm Mitigation



Civil Protection

Counter-Terrorism



Water Protection