

## GENERAL COURSE AIMS & OBJECTIVES

A newer course built on previous IIHL Workshops, which examines the major elements and issues concerning detention & CPERS in a wide range of operational contexts.

Through our 45 years of experience in providing training to the military, the course has been designed by those who have current & actual operational experience of the issues examined.

The course is designed for military officers and civil servants involved with the planning, conduct, and oversight of operations that may involve detention & CPERS issues. It is suitable for both Legal Advisors (LEGADS) and other staff officers throughout the Chain of Command and is tri-service in nature.

The course is designed to equip those involved in operations with a clear understanding of:

- The legal basis for detention & CPERS status in IAC & NIAC.
- The planning and conduct of detention.
- Intelligence Exploitation.
- Detention Oversight.
- Detention in specific types of operations.

Training is conducted by means of central presentations, question and answer sessions, small group exercises, and case studies. As a result, the subject matter is considered from both a theoretical and practical perspective and is very interactive.

The Faculty Staff are leading practitioners drawn from both the military and civilian environments, encompassing a substantial range of experience and perspectives.

The course is taught in English at an unclassified level and under Chatham House Rules.

## ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1.100. This should be remitted before the start of the course, or on arrival, in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are accepted.

The registration fee covers:

- Course materials
- Lunch and coffee breaks on working days
- Welcome function & Course dinner
- Transport from/to Nice Airport

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant, such as hotel accommodation, laundry, telephone calls, or any other per diem incidentals. Participants must ensure that they bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses.

Transfers to/from Nice airport to Sanremo will be arranged. Details of timings for this service will be provided as part of the registration process.

Administrative queries on the workshop should be directed to the IIHL Military Department: [military.department@iihl.org](mailto:military.department@iihl.org). For any further information, please consult our website:

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## Detention & CPERS Course

Sanremo, 2 – 6 June 2025

### PROGRAMME



#### DIRECTOR

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#### TEACHING STAFF

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**Day 1 - Monday 2 June**

08.30 -09.00	Registration of Participants
09.00-09.15	Opening Ceremony Col. Nigel Heppenstall <i>Director Military Department IIHL</i>
09.15-9.20	Introductions and Course Administration LTC Steve Szymanski
9.20-10.00	Tour de Table
10.00-10.30	Break/ Course Photo
10.30-11.30	Introduction to International Law- Dr. Claire Simmons
11.30-12.30	Conflict Classification- LTC Szymanski
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-15:30	Overview and Grounds for Detention in IAC and NIAC - Ms. Jelena Pejic
15.30 -15.45	Break
15.45-17:00	Group Discussions: Detention in IAC and NIAC
17.00	Ice Breaker

**Day 2 - Tuesday 3 June**

08.45-09.00	Course Administration – LTC Szymanski
09.00-10.00	Detention under International Human Rights Law - Dr. Simmons
10.00-10.15	Break
10.15-11.15	Interplay Between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law when Detaining in Armed Conflict - Dr. Simmons
11.15-12.30	Treatment & Procedural Safeguards in Detention - Ms. Pejic
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Conditions of Detention (Law) – Ms. Pejic and Dr. Simmons
14.30-15.30	Condition of Detention (Practice) – Maj Rebecca Smith
15.30-15.45	Coffee Break
15.45-17.15	Practical Exercise Syndicate Leads

**Day 3 - Wednesday 4 June**

08.45-09.00	Course Administration – LTC Szymanski
09.00-10.15	Detention of Vulnerable Individuals – Maj Smith
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-11.30	Detention Inspections and the Role of the ICRC Ms. Pejic
11.30-12.30	Intelligence and Evidence Collection in Detention Operations - LTC Aaron Johnson
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Interrogation and Tactical Questioning LTC Johnson
14.30-15.30	Planning for Detention Operations - Maj Smith

**15.30-17.00 Practical Exercise – Syndicate Leads****Day 4 - Thursday 5 June**

08.45-09.00	Course Administration – LTC Szymanski
09.00-10.15	Case Study: Detention in Mali – Colonel Rudolph Stamminger
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-11.30	Detention During Partnered/Multinational Operations – Mr. Chris Jenks
11.30-12.30	Legal Aspects of Detainee Transfer – Mr. Jenks
12.30-13.30	Lunch
13.30-14.30	Detention Obligations Upon Cessation of Hostilities – Release & Repatriation – LTC Szymanski
14.30-15.30	Accountability in Detention Operations- Dr. Simmons & Maj Smith
15.30-15.45	Break
15.45-17.15	Practical Exercise – Syndicate Leads
20.00	Course Dinner

**Day 5 - Friday 6 June**

09.00-09.15	Course Administration- LTC Szymanski
09.15-10.15	Detention in Maritime Operations Dr. Rob McLaughlin
10.15-10.30	Break
10.30-12.00	Capstone Discussion, Q&A- Teaching Staff
12.00-12.30	Course Closing Ceremony Col Nigel Heppenstall
12.30-13.30	Lunch