



End-of-Year Message from the President

Dear Friends of the Sanremo Institute,

This year has been a very positive one for the Institute, thanks to the achievements of the three Departments in the field of training and dissemination of International Humanitarian Law/Law of Armed Conflict, Refugee Law and Migration Law, Disaster Law, and many other topics.

The Institute welcomed the attendance at Villa Ormond of 2.291 military personnel, diplomats, academics, legal experts, and humanitarian workers from 150 countries. Additionally, 1.736 participants engaged in its online courses.

This remarkable international participation not only highlights the Institute's growing global influence but also brings significant benefits to the city of Sanremo in many ways.

With this in mind, and with great anticipation for a 2025 filled with both traditional and pilot impactful initiatives, I sincerely thank you for your continued support.

Lt. Gen (rtd) Giorgio Battisti

The President visits the Italian Chief of Defence Lieutenant General Luciano Portolano

6th November 2024



On Wednesday, November 6th, the President of the Institute, Lt. General (rtd.) Giorgio Battisti, met with the Italian Chief of the Defence Staff, Lt. General Luciano Portolano.

During the visit, President Battisti and Lt.

General Portolano underscored the importance of disseminating International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to bolster compliance within international operations and awareness among broader audiences. In support of such an objective, they discussed potential future synergies between the Institute and the Italian Armed Forces aiming to enhance IHL outreach and education efforts, as well as the increased participation of Italian military Officers in the activities designed by the Institute.

The Institute at the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva

29th October 2024



On October 29th, Lt. General (Rtd.) Giorgio Battisti, President of the Sanremo Institute, and Gian Luca Beruto, Secretary-General, visited the Permanent Mission of Italy to the United Nations in Geneva, hosted by Ambassador Vincenzo Grassi. In his speech at the opening of the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent, Ambassador Grassi commended the Sanremo Institute's efforts in promoting International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and related provisions. The visit aimed to strengthen collaboration between the Sanremo Institute, the Mission, and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs to further disseminate IHL principles and rules in response to current global challenges. Discussions focused on consolidating joint efforts in training and outreach to advance IHL principles, particularly in crisis situations.

This visit finally underscored the Mission’s commitment to advancing IHL and reinforced the Institute’s role as a key institution in capacity-building for its implementation.

The Sanremo Institute strengthens collaboration with the University of Geneva and the Ukrainian Red Cross
Geneva, 30th October 2024



On October 30th, the Sanremo Institute signed two Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), underscoring its dedication to fostering international cooperation and humanitarian efforts.

The first agreement, signed with the University of Geneva, solidifies the Institute's partnership with the Geneva Water Hub—a renowned Centre of Competence on Water and Peace. This collaboration represents a significant milestone in advancing initiatives that raise awareness of the critical need to protect water resources and infrastructure in conflict-affected areas.

On the same day, the Institute entered a collaborative partnership with the Ukrainian Red Cross through another MoU. This agreement reflects shared commitment to promoting respect for the rules of war and enhancing humanitarian efforts. It establishes a framework for joint projects focused on training, awareness-raising, and research, aiming at strengthening humanitarian work and safeguarding human dignity in regions impacted by conflict.



Targeting Course

30th September – 4th October 2024

The Military Department hosted the Targeting Course, one of its Specialized Courses on IHL. The Course, which provides participants with an understanding of the legal considerations associated with targeting in military operations, welcomed 37 participants from 18 countries. The participants developed skills to analyse complex targets, address time-sensitive scenarios, and respond to incidents or potential law of armed conflict (LOAC) violations. The Opening Ceremony was conducted by the Director of the Military Department, Colonel Nigel Heppenstall, followed by Colonel (air) Rudolph Stamminger who introduced the course.



Naval Operations and the Law

7th – 11th October 2024

The Naval Operations and the Law Course brought together 17 participants from 12 countries to explore the legal framework governing the planning and execution of Naval Operations across the full spectrum of conflict. Participants also had the chance to evaluate potential legal and operational gaps and consider measures to address them. The International Institute of Humanitarian Law has a long-standing connection to maritime law, notably through its sponsorship and promotion of the Sanremo Manual on International Law Applicable to Armed Conflicts at Sea, a globally recognized reference for naval practitioners. We hope that all participants had a meaningful and productive learning experience.



Rules of Engagement

14th – 18th October 2024



The Military Department conducted the Rules of Engagement (ROE) Course with 30 participants from 20 countries. The Course provided participants with an understanding of the functions of ROE, their formulation, implementation, interpretation and management. Throughout the week, a practical, exercise-based methodology was implemented, addressing the topics in a practice-based manner. We are grateful to all members of the teaching staff for providing their high level of expertise and to Major Kevin Coble and Major Alex Hernandez who offered their valuable contribution, once again demonstrating the collaborative and productive cooperation between the Institute and the US Naval War College.

192nd International Military Course on LOAC

4th – 15th November 2024



The Military Department is pleased to announce that the 192nd International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) was held at the Institute's headquarters, Villa Ormond, with 96 participants from over 27 countries.

This Course, conducted in English, Chinese and Russian, aims to equip military Officers—including operational personnel and military lawyers - together with civilian participants, with the knowledge to apply the principles and rules of International Humanitarian Law (IHL) and the Law of Armed Conflict. Through expert-led sessions, participants gain both theoretical knowledge and practical insights into the legal frameworks that

govern armed conflicts.

The Institute remains committed to neutrality and independence in its mission to promote IHL. Regardless of the participating countries, the IIHL upholds a steadfast commitment to impartiality, ensuring the broad dissemination and understanding of humanitarian law principles without bias.

Law Enforcement and Human Rights in Situations of Violence

25th – 29th November



The Military Department concluded its second training course developed in collaboration with the International Committee of the Red Cross on International Human Rights Law. This Course provides a comprehensive overview of International Human Rights Law (IHRL) with a focus on police and gendarmerie personnel and was attended by 24 participants. It covers the historical development of IHRL, international and regional human rights systems, and addresses the responsibilities of law enforcement Officers. Specific topics include the use of force, weapons, police powers, and detention conditions from a human rights perspective. The Course emphasizes compliance with IHRL, including the examination of the Code of Conduct for Law Enforcement Officials. Tailored for Police and Gendarmerie advisers from the ICRC FAS Department, it aims to enhance their knowledge and promote human rights in their professional roles. The Institute is grateful to the ICRC and, in particular, to Mr. Julien Chable and Ms. Elena Alexandra David, whose collaboration made the realization of this Course possible. Many thanks to Colonel Mark Dakers, previous Director of the Military Department, for his valuable help and expertise.

Course for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in IHL

2nd – 6th December 2024

The Military Department concluded its final training sessions for 2024 with its 66th, 67th, and 68th Courses for Directors and Instructors of Training Programmes in International Humanitarian Law. These Courses brought together 64 participants from 27 countries worldwide, focusing on military Officers, military lawyers, and others tasked with teaching or planning education on the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC).

The Courses aim to equip participants with the skills to assess needs, define objectives, design teaching programmes, and integrate LOAC education into the ongoing training of various personnel categories within armed forces. Brigadier General (Rtd.) Karl Edlinger directed the 66th Course, Chef de Bataillon Jacques Corteggiani and Chef de Bataillon Vincent Le Hecho led the 67th, and Senior Colonel (Rtd.) Faouzi Aloui oversaw the 68th.

Participants engaged in a combination of classroom presentations and practical exercises, tailored to different levels of responsibility, and aimed at enhancing their understanding of LOAC. Training also explored diverse approaches to planning and instruction, ensuring the alignment with specific operational and educational contexts.



13th Online Course on Statelessness 10th September – 3rd October 2024

The Refugee Department co-organized the 13th Online Course on Statelessness along with UNHCR, welcoming 53 participants from 28 countries. The Programme, delivered in English, specifically targeted government officials, judges, diplomats, eligibility and human rights officers, lawyers, academics, and representatives from the National Red Cross Societies, civil society, and international organizations like UNHCR. The Course addressed the need to enhance knowledge



and capacity to prevent, reduce, and address statelessness and to protect stateless persons worldwide. The Course curriculum covered topics ranging from international conventions and national legislation on statelessness to working with stateless persons on the ground. In addition to the international legal framework related to citizenship, the Course sessions examined the causes and consequences of statelessness,

provided an overview of stateless populations worldwide, including stateless children, and discussed the relationship between statelessness and forced displacement. The Course also aimed to promote the implementation of the UNHCR Global Action Plan to End Statelessness through the #IBelong campaign, its latest update with the new Global Alliance to End Statelessness, together with UNHCR's Strategic Plan on Statelessness.

The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Ms. Aleksandra Semeriak Gavrilenok, Catalan Fund for Development Cooperation; Ms. Monika Sandvik, UNHCR; Ms. Marcella Rouweler, UNHCR; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IHL; Mr. Lane Krainyk, UNHCR; Ms. Maha Mamo, Statelessness activist and motivational speaker; Mr. Gábor Gyulai, European Network on Statelessness; Mr. Thomas McGee, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, IHL; Ms. Valeriia Cherednichenko, UNHCR.

The Online Course was directed by Mr Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Menna Roshdy, Associate Coordinator, with the support of Ms. Cyrine Hammemi, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

19th Specialization Programme in Protection Coordination 16th September – 2nd December 2024



The Refugee Department co-organized and implemented the 19th Specialization Programme in Protection Coordination with the Global Protection Cluster and the four Areas of Responsibility, welcoming 29 participants from 9 country operations.

The Programme, delivered in Spanish, specifically targeted co-coordinators, and local actors in field operations from UN agencies and NGO partners, and was divided into three phases. Beginning with a two-week Self-Study Phase (2nd September – 13th September), the programme then transitioned into a twelve-week Virtual Workshop (16th September – 2nd December), where participants attended 12 virtual and interactive live sessions on essential hard and soft skills for effective protection coordination. In the concluding Phase (2nd December – 3rd February), participants are invited to reflect on how they integrate the acquired skills and knowledge from the Programme into their daily professional activities. The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the

facilitation of the training: Mr. Angel Pascual Martin, UNHCR; Mr. Arquimides Farias, Proyectos Venezolanos Argos; Mr. Flavio Inigo Torres, NORCAP Roster; Mr. José Arraiza, NORCAP Roster; Mr. Julien Marneffe, Global Protection Cluster. The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms Valentina Rossi, Coordinator of the Specialization Programme on Protection Coordination, with the support of Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Department.

16th Online Course on International Migration Law

30th September – 25th October 2024



A cohort of 46 participants from 15 countries attended the 16th Online Course on International Migration Law, which was delivered in Spanish. The Course was organized in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration. The Course covered an in-depth analysis of international legal instruments related to migration. It introduced the legal frameworks for other groups needing international protection, including refugees, victims of trafficking, and individuals subject to human smuggling. Participants explored the complex nature of modern migration dynamics, examining trends, causes, migration flows, and associated risks. Key topics included: integration in host countries; return and reintegration in home countries; detention practices and alternatives; and migration management and governance issues. Additionally, the Course addressed the regularization of migration pathways and the connection between migration and sustainable development. Participants also studied advancements in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Ms. Ana Eugenia Durán Salvatierra, IOM; Mr. Felipe González Morales, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Migrants; Ms. Charlotte Müller, Mix Migration Center for Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Edwin Guillermo Viales Mora, IOM; Ms. Johanna Sáenz, UNDP; Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, IHL; Ms. Maria Eulalia Figueras Civit, IOM; Dr. Gianna Sánchez, IOM; Mr. Alfredo López Rita, Immigration and National Commission for Refugees, Republic of Argentina; Ms. Romina I. Sijniensky, Inter-American Court of Human Rights;

Ms. Carolina Gottardo, International Detention Coalition; Mr. Carlos Andrés Pérez Gallego, UNODC; Mr. Pablo Ceriani Cernadas, Committee for the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families; Mr. Juan Francisco Espinosa Palacios, IOM Regular Migration Pathways; Ms. María Jesús Mora, Migration Policy Institute; Ms. Morgane Reina, IOM; Ms. Iliana Yazmin Flores, IOM; Ms. Flavia Giordani, IOM.

The Online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator, with the support of Ms. Louanna Herrera Salino, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

3rd Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement

7th – 31st October 2024



The 3rd Online Course on Climate Change and Forced Displacement was implemented with the support of UNHCR and welcomed 79 participants from 42 countries. The training cohort included government representatives from environmental, climate change, and disaster management Ministries, protection officers, and coordinators from local NGOs, civil society groups, and international organizations.

The participatory online Course established foundational knowledge of the legal framework and outlined the roles and responsibilities of the international community in addressing climate change and displacement caused by disasters, both within countries and across borders. Participants gained valuable insights into recent research and practices that explore the complex links between climate vulnerability, conflict, disasters, insecurity, and displacement. An in-depth examination of existing legal frameworks, guiding principles, and policy recommendations—including the Nansen Initiative's Agenda for Protection, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris Agreement, and the efforts of the Platform on Disaster Displacement—was undertaken to support their application at local, national and regional levels. The Course also emphasized essential skills and best practices in disaster prevention and management, along with integrating climate risk considerations into legislation, protection initiatives, and sustainable solutions for displaced populations.

Guest lecturers who were invited were, Mr.

Harjeet Singh, Fossil Fuel Treaty Initiative; Prof. John Sweeney, Maynooth University; Ms. Martina Ranieli, IHL; Ms. Sanjula Weerasinghe, International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Ms. Martina Caterina, UNHCR and Chair of Global Protection Cluster Task Team on Law and Policy; Dr. Thannaletchimy Housset, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre; Prof. Jane McAdam, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law; Dr. Erica Bower, Human Rights Watch; Mr. Lorenzo Guadagno, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Prof. T. Alexander Aleinikoff, Zolberg Institute on Migration and Mobility; Ms. Ghada Ahmedein, RAED; Prof. Tasneem Siddiqui, Refugee and Migratory Movements Research Unit; Mr. Andrés Pérez Esquivel, Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean; Mr. Lepani Vunituraga, IOM Fiji; Mr. Atle Solberg, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Ms. Marlene Grundstrom, UNDRR; Ms. Radha Govil, Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness; Ms. Aimée-Noël Mbiyozo, Institute for Security Studies; Mr. Opira Bosco Okot, the Leads; Mr. Danang Azhari, Resilience and Sustainability Specialist; Ms. Yolanda González Cerdeira, Radio Progreso; Dr. Emad Adly, RAED; Mr. Grammenos Mastrojeni, Union for the Mediterranean; Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The online Course was directed by Ms. Nina Birkeland, Senior Adviser on Disaster Displacement and Climate Change of the Norwegian Refugee Council, and was coordinated by Ms. Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, with the support of Ms. Fiorella Spizzuoco, Associate Coordinator, and Ms. Kata Egyed, Department Online Learning Assistant.

17th Online Course on International Migration Law

14th October – 8th November 2024



The 17th Online Course on International Migration Law, conducted in English, was designed by the International Organization for Migration, UNHCR, and the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration.

The Course welcomed 56 participants from 38 countries, including professionals from immigration, consular, labour, and social services sectors, and international specialists, project coordinators, and managers from global and local non-governmental organizations. The Course provided a comprehensive view of migration issues from multiple perspectives, highlighting the

responsibilities of States and the rights and duties of migrants. The sessions involved examining international legal frameworks on migration and protections for vulnerable groups, such as refugees, victims of trafficking and smuggled individuals. Participants engaged in discussions on the complex nature of modern migration, exploring trends, causes, journeys, and related risks, integration in host countries, and return and reintegration in home countries. Additionally, the Course examined essential elements of migration governance and its connection to sustainable development, emphasizing recent initiatives arising from the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. A diverse range of speakers and lecturers facilitated the Course, namely, Ms. Pia Oberoi, OHCHR; Ms. Kachi Madubuko, IOM; Dr. Thibaut Fleury Graff, French National Court for Asylum; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Former IHL; Ms. Reshma Mathews, IOM; Dr. Gianna Sánchez, IOM; Mr. Stéphane Jaquet, International Catholic Migration Commission; Ms. Morgane Nicot, UNODC; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniği; Ms. Eve Lester, boniği; Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society; Ms. Joanne Irvine, IOM; Ms. Céline Lemmel, International Migration Law Specialist, IOM; Ms. Michela Macchiavello, IOM Regional Office for the Americas in Panama; Mr. Ace Dela Cruz, IOM; Ms. Marina Cakic, IOM; Ms. Corantine Groccia, IOM; Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, IHL.

The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Associate Coordinator, with the support of Ms Yasamin Yousif Yacoub, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

1st Online Course on Protection in Mixed Movements

4th – 29th November 2024



As part of its inaugural launch, the first edition of the Online Course on Protection in Mixed Movements, delivered in English, was made possible through the support of UNHCR. The programme brought together 74 participants from 36 countries.

The Course comprehensively examined the complex challenges and approaches associated with safeguarding individuals within mixed movements. It clarified key concepts such as

"mixed movements" and "people on the move" while delving into the relevant international legal and policy frameworks. Participants explored various topics, including the roles and responsibilities of stakeholders, protection-sensitive border management, case handling, tailored procedures, and onward migration dynamics. The curriculum also addressed pressing issues such as human trafficking, migrant smuggling, and detention practices, alongside unique challenges tied to maritime protection. The Course concluded with an in-depth discussion on developing sustainable pathways to solutions.

The following lecturers were brought together for the training: Mr. Vincent Cochetel, UNHCR; Mr. Patrick Eba, UNHCR; Mr. Vassiliy Yuzhanin, IOM; Mr. Michele Bombassei, IOM; Mr. Jacopo Giorgi, UNHCR; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Former IHL; Dr. Geoff Gilbert, University of Essex; Ms. Céline Lemmel, IOM; Mr. Philippe Sacher, UNHCR; Dr. Madeline Garlick, UNHCR; Mr. François Reybet-Degat, UNHCR; Mr. Carlos Eduardo Woltke Martínez, Guatemalan Institute of Migration; Ms. Emilie Wiinblad Mathez, UNHCR; Ms. Sanjula Weerasinghe, IFRC; Ms. Alem Makonnen, IOM; Mr. Neil Falzon, Aditus Foundation; Ms. Caroline Abu Sa'Da, SOS Méditerranée Suisse; Ms. Liliana Sorrentino, UNHCR; Ms. Samantha Munodawafa, UNODC; Ms. Róisín Pillay, International Human Rights Lawyer; Ms. Carolina Gottardo, International Detention Coalition; Ms. Camille Le Coz, MPI Europe; Ms. Marina Cacic, IOM; Ms. Flavia Giordani, IOM; Ms. Anna Gekht, UNHCR; Mr. Craig Murphy, IOM.

The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Head of the Capacity Development Unit, with the support of Ms. Ludovica Montaldi, Associate Coordinator of the Department.

38th Online Course on International Refugee Law

5th – 29th November 2024



Through the support of UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), the 38th Online Course on International Refugee Law, was conducted in Russian and trained 30 participants from 7 countries in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The participants included senior government

specialists, advocates, representatives from local NGOs, international organizations, and agencies such as UNHCR and IOM. The Course explored core principles of international refugee protection, tailored to the unique challenges and needs of the Eastern European context. It covered key topics, including international refugee law, its intersection with other legal frameworks, collective protection strategies, and critical issues such as protection at sea, trafficking, alternatives to detention, and the link between statelessness and refugee protection. Participants also examined root causes of displacement, protection risks during migration, and durable solutions. Designed to align with the Global Compact on Refugees, the Course emphasized practical experience-sharing and solutions for displaced populations.

Guest lecturers and speakers who delivered sessions were: Mr. Denis Dzhivaga, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human Rights and Rule of Law; Ms. Sofio Benashvili, OHCHR; Ms. Olga Vorontsova-Mikhailova, UNHCR; Mr. Oleg Palii, NGO Legal Center of Advocates; Mr. Sergiu Gaina, UNHCR; Ms. Marina Kurochkina, Public Organization "Desyate Kvitnya"; Ms. Natalia Kropivka, UNHCR; Ms. Sergey Lavrukhin, UNHCR; Mr. Alexandru Goja, GENDERDOC-M Information Center; Ms. Shoiru Ruzybaeva, UNHCR; Mr. Alexander Marusyak, UNESCO. The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Malika Karieva, Deputy Coordinator of the Academic Unit, with the support of Mr. Yaroslav Halieiev, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

39th Online Course on International Refugee Law

11th November – 6th December 2024

The 39th Online Course on International Refugee Law, conducted in French, was developed in collaboration with UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration). The programme welcomed 41 participants from 13 countries. Primarily designed for audiences from West and Central Africa, the Course focused on the foundational elements of international refugee protection. It covered the principles of international refugee law alongside complementary legal frameworks that uphold the rights of displaced individuals. Participants analysed the various stages of displacement, delving into the causes of forced displacement, the risks encountered during displacement, and approaches to finding durable and sustainable solutions. A holistic approach was taken to address cross-cutting issues, including sexual and gender-based violence, as well as the protection of stateless persons and internally displaced individuals. The Course was delivered in the context of developments from the Global Compact on Refugees.

The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Ms. Maya Sahli Fadel, African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights; Prof. Vincent Chetail, Institute

of International and Development Studies; Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, University of Caen-Normandie; Ms. Dalila Zenati, IHL; Mr. Stéphane Jaquemet, International Catholic Migration Commission; Ms. Caroline Abu Sa'Da, SOS Méditerranée Suisse; Dr. Thibaut Fleury Graff, French National Court for Asylum; Dr. Isidore Ngueuleu, World Organization Against Torture; Mr. Bertin Nzonza, MOSAIC Refugees; Ms. Elodie Lemal, UNHCR; Mr. Ibrahim Sallet Mahamat, Vivre Ensemble; Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniçi; Ms. Eve Lester, boniçi; Mr. David Safari Zabulon, Academic Advisor; Ms. Marie Eychenne, UNHCR; Ms. Bénédicte Voos, UNHCR. The online Course was directed by Ms. Catherine-Amélie Chassin, Senior Lecturer and Co-Director of the Master in Freedom Rights, University of Caen-Normandie, and coordinated by Ms. Dalila Zenati, Head of the Capacity Development Unit with the support of Ms. Cloe Juigne, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.



16th Online Course on Internal Displacement 11th November – 6th December 2024

Conducted in Spanish, the 16th Online Course on Internal Displacement was organized with support from UNHCR, the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration), and in close collaboration with the mandate of the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons. The Course welcomed a cohort of 39 participants from 9 Latin American and Caribbean countries.

The Course provided a comprehensive analysis of the legal framework for protecting internally displaced persons (IDPs), focusing on safeguarding their human rights in the Latin American context. It examined international and regional principles, such as the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement and Standards set by the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights. Participants explored the causes and consequences of displacement, associated protection risks, and cross-cutting issues such as housing, land, property rights, data collection, and participatory protection approaches. Emphasis was placed on achieving durable, sustainable solutions for IDPs, supported by practical tools for developing national laws and policies. Organized

with the support of the UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons, the Course included opportunities for direct dialogue with her and insights from the lived experiences of IDPs.



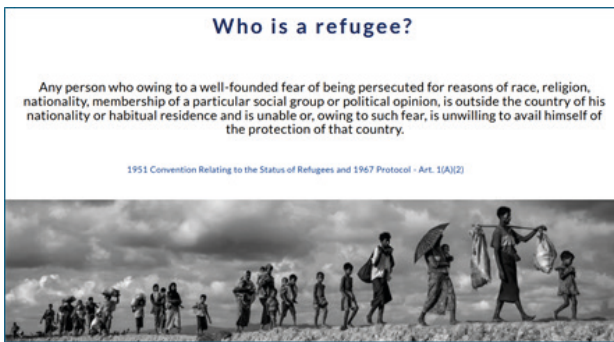
The Course benefitted from the expertise of the following lecturers and speakers: Ms. Paula Gaviria Betancur, UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons; Mr. Vicente Anzellini, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre; Prof. Beatriz Eugenia Sánchez-Mojica, Institute for Studies on Conflict and Humanitarian Action; Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, IHL; Ms. Elisa Guzmán Gaviria, International Expert in Internal Displacement and International Protection; Mr. Juan Carlos Méndez, Platform on Disaster Displacement; Ms. Johanna Marcella Miranda Bautista, UNHCR El Salvador; Mr. Joel Alemán, Youth Against Violence; Mr. Iñigo Torres, International Consultant and Expert; Mr. Fernando de Medina-Rosales, Norwegian Refugee Council; Mr. Efraín Cruz, Norwegian Refugee Council; Ms. Natália Ferreira de Castro, OHCHR; Mr. Pedro Rosa Mendes, Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Service (JIPS); Mr. Andrés Lizcano Rodríguez, Joint Internal Displacement Profiling Service (JIPS); Ms. Greta Zeender, Office of the United Nations Special Adviser on Solutions to Internal Displacement; Ms. Carolina Reyes Rosiñol, UNHCR.

The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Clara de Haro Arbona, Coordinator, with the support of Ms. Louanna Herrera Salino, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

40th Online Course on International Refugee Law 18th November – 13th December 2024

The 40th Online Course on International Refugee Law, delivered in English, was organized with support from UNHCR, the Swiss State Secretariat for Migration, and the United States Government (Department of State, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration). The Course brought together 64 participants from 31 countries, including professionals such as immigration officers, legal advisors, project managers, coordinators, researchers, humanitarian officers,

policy specialists, and experts from international and local NGOs.



The Course explored fundamental aspects of international safeguards and the rights of refugees, emphasizing International Refugee Law, its interaction with other legal frameworks, and inclusive protection approaches. Topics included protection at sea, trafficking and smuggling, detention and alternatives, and the link between protection and development. It examined the causes of forced displacement, protection risks throughout the displacement cycle, and strategies for achieving durable solutions while addressing issues affecting other displaced groups. Delivered in the context of international responses such as the Global Compact on Refugees, the Course also featured experience-sharing by participants, including government representatives and individuals with lived displacement experiences.

The following lecturers and speakers facilitated the sessions: Prof. Vincent Chetail, Institute of International and Development Studies; Prof. John Young, UNHCR; Dr. Thibaut Fleury Graff, French National Court for Asylum; Ms. Elise Currie-Roberts, UNHCR; Mr. Jesús Pérez Sánchez, UNHCR; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Former IIHL; Mr. Neil Falzon, Aditus Foundation, Mr. Matthew Fader, Swedish Search and Rescue Society (SSRS); Mr. Hayat Akbari, boniği; Ms. Eve Lester, boniği; Ms. Morgane Nicot, UNODC; Ms. Tamara Wood, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law; Prof. Jane McAdam, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law; Ms. Elodie Lemal, UNHCR; Ms. Ghada Abdullah, Mentorship and Capacity-Building Consultant; Mr. Alexander Oturu, National Commission for Refugees Migrants and Internally Displaced Persons; Ms. Marie Eychenne, UNHCR. The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Menna Roshdy, Associate Coordinator, with the support of Yasamin Yousif Yacoub, Online Learning Assistant of the Department.

5th Online Course on Advocacy for Protection 25th November – 13th December 2024

The 5th edition of the Online Course on Advocacy for Protection, conducted in English, focused on key strategies for influencing policies and public perceptions concerning refugees, internally displaced persons (IDPs), stateless individuals,

and migrants. The programme emphasized the active involvement of refugee leaders, facilitated through contributions from UNHCR. A total of 51 participants from 35 countries took part.

The Course aimed to enhance participants' understanding of the international legal framework for protecting refugees, IDPs, stateless individuals, and migrants. It focused on strengthening their ability to identify gaps in policies, perceptions, and planning related to specific protection issues while empowering them to recognize protection challenges and key stakeholders influencing decision-making at various levels. Additionally, the Course developed participants' skills in conducting effective advocacy interventions based on these identified gaps and stakeholders. The following guest speakers joined the Sanremo Team in the facilitation of the training: Ms. Sana Mustafa, Sana Mustafa Consulting; Mr. Ali Aljundi, Refugee Congress; Mr. Kristijan Mihajlovski, Former IIHL; Ms. Beth Eggleston, Humanitarian Advisory Group; Ms. Christianna Mourouzi, MSF Greece; Ms. Elisa Massimino, Georgetown Law; Ms. Leila Shifteh, Refugee Solidarity Network; Mr. Matthew Byrne, Inter-Agency Standing Committee; Mr. Nikola Kovačević, Center for Research and Social Development IDEAS; Ms. Rez Gardi, Refugees Seeking Equal Access at the Table; Mr. James Milner, the Local Engagement Refugee Research Network.



The online Course was directed by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department, and coordinated by Ms. Martina Ranieli, Head of the Institutional Engagement Unit, with the support of Ms. Miranda Kourti, Institutional Engagement Assistant, Ms. Kata Egyed, Online Learning Assistant, and Ms. Farah Muzin, Assistant Coordinator of the Department.

ExCom-specific Geneva Advocacy Training for Refugee Leaders

25th September – 9th October 2024

Along with the collaboration of R-SEAT, the Refugee Department organized the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme (ExCom), specifically Geneva Advocacy Training for Refugee Leaders. This Training focused on preparing for the ExCom, to be hosted in Geneva Oct 14th-18th, 2024. The training was intended for advocates with lived experience of displacement attending ExCom in October of this year. The training was designed to provide a conceptual and practical

understanding of the global refugee regime, advocacy, shaping policies, and systems change through meaningful refugee participation. The training was composed of pre-recorded talks and readings and weekly virtual discussion group meetings.



Workshop on Asylum Management (Cairo)

1st – 3rd October 2024

The Office of UNHCR in Egypt, the Government of the Arab Republic of Egypt, and the Refugee Department jointly organized a Workshop on Asylum Management in Arabic in Cairo from 1st to 3rd October 2024. The Workshop targeted 24 middle and senior managers and technical staff from various Egyptian Ministries. It was designed to enhance the technical expertise and understanding of key national actors involved in asylum management and refugee protection. The Workshop aimed to build on Egypt's leadership role in the region and garner in-depth knowledge of the rights of refugees under international refugee law. Furthermore, it was intended to create a platform for dialogue, learning, and collaboration between Egyptian authorities and international experts.



Event on "Refugees, Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons" (Geneva)

16th October 2024

The high-level event on Migration, Refugee Flows, and Trafficking in Persons was held in Geneva and co-organized by the Sovereign Order of Malta and IIHL, with co-sponsorship from UNHCR and the Permanent Missions of the Holy See, Italy, and the Sovereign Order of Malta, addressed the urgent global challenges of migration, refugee flows, and human trafficking. Keynote speakers included Ms. Alem Makonnen, Senior Policy Officer at the Protection Division in IOM, and Mr. Vincent Cochetel, Special Envoy for the Western and Central Mediterranean Situation of UNHCR. Prof. Michel Veuthey, Ambassador to monitor and combat trafficking in persons of the Sovereign Order of Malta, opened the event, which was moderated by Mr. Claudio J. Delfabro D., Director of the Department.

Leadership in Emergency Training Programme Cycle in French

21st October – 4th November 2024



From 21st October to 4th November, 35 participants working for national-based organizations and local authorities from 12 countries of the African Continent joined the Leadership in Emergency Training Programme Cycle, which was delivered in collaboration between UNHCR and the Sanremo Institute. The Programme, designed and implemented in French, aimed to enhance participants' effectiveness in their roles as emergency team leaders in disaster responses and humanitarian settings, build their knowledge, and create a culture of continuous learning and knowledge sharing.

The two online sessions on Protection in Emergencies and Emergency Coordination were delivered by a consultant for the Refugee Department, Mr. Antoine Terrain, and focused on presenting the fundamental principles of protection according to the Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC), the main categories of persons in need of protection in forced displacement, and the legal framework applicable to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in emergency settings. The central coordination models in humanitarian emergency response were also treated. Sessions featured a highly participatory and interactive methodology, including role-plays,

simulations, case studies, and exercises. The Workshop was developed thanks to UNHCR.

Tailored Workshop on International Refugee Law (UNHCR BiH)

22nd - 24th October 2024



The Refugee Department collaborated with the UNHCR Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina to deliver the Workshop on the Introduction to International Refugee Law and Legal Aid to Forcibly Displaced and Stateless Persons in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The Workshop took place at the Institute's Headquarters in Sanremo between the 22nd and 24th October. The Workshop aimed to improve cooperation between the local organization, Vasa Prava, and government-free legal aid providers by kickstarting discussions for the establishment of referral mechanisms for free legal aid representation of forcibly displaced and stateless persons and by taking over several cases for representation by governmental legal aid offices. The Workshop was entirely funded by UNHCR's Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Tailored Workshop on International Protection and Solutions

18th - 21st November 2024

In cooperation with the UNHCR MENA Bureau, through the contribution of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Refugee Department designed and implemented the Workshop on International Protection and Solutions. This initiative was delivered in Arabic and hosted at the Institute's Headquarters in Sanremo, Italy. The Workshop was designed to enhance the expertise of key actors from Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, and Syria working across different spheres of society engaged in protection activities for forcibly displaced Syrians. This initiative aimed to provide a platform for dialogue, exchange of best practices, and collaboration among participants and experts from countries facing comparable challenges in addressing

protection needs and identifying solutions. The Workshop was attended by 36 participants, representatives of the League of Arab States, and UNHCR staff members. In line with a whole-of-society and whole-of-government approach, the audience was composed of diverse profiles, including mid- and senior-level civil servants and technical staff from Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Interior, Defence, and Social Solidarity, as well as representatives of local NGOs, involved as partners of UNHCR in migration and asylum issues.



Lecture on Protection in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters, UNISANTOS, Brazil

26th November 2024

On November 26th, the Department delivered an online lecture on The Protection of Displaced Persons in the Context of Climate Change and Disasters for students of the Master's and PhD Programmes of the University of Santos and the University of Passo Fundo in Brazil. The session focused on how to ensure the protection of populations forced to flee due to climate change and disasters, the challenges that lie ahead of us when it comes to climate change, and the areas where we need to intervene.

Tailored Training on Advocacy for Protection for all UNHCR staff (Bulgaria)

2nd - 4th December 2024

The Refugee Department and the UNHCR's Office in Bulgaria collaborated to deliver tailored training on advocacy for protection for the UNHCR workforce. The Workshop took place in Sofia, Bulgaria, between 2nd and 4th December 2024 and welcomed a multifunctional team of 24 national and international UNHCR staff members. The three-day introductory Workshop on Advocacy for Protection equipped participants with the knowledge and skills to advocate effectively while collaborating with key stakeholders. Using an interactive methodology, it emphasized practical application to translate theory into action. Key topics included protection principles, risk

analysis tools, and phases of advocacy strategies. Participants learned best practices for stakeholder mapping, power mapping, crafting compelling messages, and developing monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to measure and refine advocacy efforts.



Tailored Training on Advocacy for Protection for UNHCR Partner Organizations (Bulgaria)
5th – 6th December 2024

The Refugee Department and UNHCR Bulgaria collaborated in the delivery of Tailored Training on Advocacy for Protection for UNHCR’s partner organizations in Bulgaria, such as legal aid providers, grassroots and refugee-led organizations, Bulgarian Red Cross, and UN agencies (IOM, UNICEF, WHO). The Workshop took place in Sofia (Bulgaria) on 5th and 6th December 2024 and welcomed 13 participants who contributed with diverse expertise and knowledge. This interactive two-day training equipped participants with essential advocacy skills, emphasizing practical application through dynamic methods. The programme promoted collaboration across sectors to enhance impact and covered topics such as protection principles, risk analysis tools, and strategy design. Participants practiced power mapping, crafting compelling messages, and engaging diverse advocacy targets to achieve their goals.



3rd Online Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios. 21st October – 14th November 2024, Online

After two successful editions, the Special Projects Department of the Institute launched its 3rd Online Course on Integrating Gender Perspectives into International Operations, Armed Conflicts and other Crisis Scenarios, which took place from 21st October to 14th November 2024.

This Course, designed to address global humanitarian crises through a gender lens, brought together 20 participants from 16 different countries, each contributing unique perspectives and expertise. Organized in close collaboration with the OSCE Gender Issues Programme, within the Office of the OSCE Secretary General, the Course provided participants with the legal knowledge and key analytical tools necessary to comply with and apply the existing international rules governing international operations and other complex scenarios with a specific focus on gender-related aspects. The Course also promoted the use of the “Sanremo Handbook on Gender” as a reference manual for military, civilian and humanitarian practitioners deployed in the field.



The team of facilitators who contributed, under the coordination of the Department’s team, to the delivery of the training included high-level experts in the different areas of concern, including: Dr. Lara Scarpitta (OSCE Senior Adviser on Gender Issues in the Office of the Secretary General), Prof. Iris Luarasi (Professor at the Department of Journalism and Communications at Tirana University), Former President, Council of Europe GREVIO), Lt. Col. Melanie Lake (Lieutenant-Colonel, Military Attaché, CAF Senior Adviser to Canada’s Ambassador for Women, Peace and Security), Mr. Martin Dexborg (Gender Advisor, OSCE Gender Issues Programme), Dr. Paolina Massidda (Principal Counsel for Victims at the International Criminal Court), Prof. Ryszard Piotrowicz (Professor of Law at Aberystwyth University), Ms. Elmaja Bavčić (Gender Advisor, OSCE Gender Issues Programme), Mr. Ulrich Garms (Terrorism Prevention Branch of the UN Office on Drugs and Crime), Ms. Vanessa Murphy (Legal Adviser at the Legal Division of the ICRC), Prof. Gabriella Venturini (Professor of International Law at the University of Milan and IIHL Council Member), Ms. Elham Kohistani (Associate

at the Reos Partners), and Ms. Galyna Kotliuk (Gender Democracy Programme Coordinator at the Heinrich Böll Foundation).

9th International Disaster Law Course
 18th – 27th November 2024, Hybrid (Online and Sanremo)



In November 2024, the 9th edition of the International Disaster Law Course took place, organized by the Special Projects Department in collaboration with the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Disaster Law and the Italian Red Cross.

This year, the completely renewed agenda of the Course offered two attendance options, namely the online foundation training (5 days) and the full/hybrid format, including both the online training and a specialised workshop with a specific focus on European Union and Disaster Law.

The online training section of the Course addressed a wide range of topics including basics of international and regional disaster law, the interplay between Disaster Law, Human Rights and IHL, the overall legal framework of Disaster Risk Prevention, and an introduction to Disaster Response and Management. The on-site section of the Course then focused 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. The Course brought together an audience of 30+ participants from 25 countries, including officials from international organizations, representatives of non-governmental organizations, members of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, and other professionals from the legal and humanitarian sectors. The team of facilitators included the three co-directors of the Course, Prof. Giulio Bartolini (Professor of International Law at Roma Tre University and Editor-in-Chief of the Yearbook of International Disaster Law), Ms Isabelle Granger (Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role,

IFRC), and Mr. Grega Grobovsek (Legal and Policy Officer at European Commission, DG-ECHO), as well as some of the highest level experts in the field, such as Prof. Walter Kaelin (Professor for International and Swiss Constitutional Law at the University of Bern and Former Representative of the UN Secretary-General on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons), Prof. Emanuele Sommario (Associated Professor of International Law at the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna Pisa), Dr. Marie Aronsson-Storries and Dr. Dug Cubie (University College of Cork), Ms. Stella Ngugi (IFRC Disaster Law Coordinator, Africa Region), Prof. Flavia Zorzi Giustiniani (Link University Link), Ms. Marina Skuric Prodanovic (Chief, System-wide Approaches and Practices Section in the Coordinator Division of OCHA), Prof. Gian Luca Burci (Adjunct Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies and Former Legal Counsel of the WHO), Prof. Federico Casolari and Professor Federico Ferri (University of Bologna), Ms. Sandra Romero Ruiz (Preparedness Policy Adviser at the European Commission, DG ECHO), Ms. Miriam Alba Reina (Disaster Management Officer at the Red Cross EU Office), and Ms. Laura Indriliunaite (Policy Coordinator at the European Commission, DG ECHO).

The Course was coordinated by Mr. Edoardo Gimigliano, Coordinator of the Special Projects Department, and Dr. Tommaso Natoli, Humanitarian Advocacy Senior Officer at the Italian Red Cross and IFRC Disaster Law Focal Point for Europe.

Workshop with Women Mentors in Ecuador
 11th-23rd October 2024



Within the framework of the Project "Women and Public Force: Promoting Synergy" (DOFOPROSI), developed by the Special Projects Department for Training Activities in Latin America, with the financial collaboration of the Direzione Generale per gli Affari Politici e di Sicurezza del Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale of Italy, various activities were carried out in Colombia and Ecuador between October 4th and December 11th, 2024.

The Project addresses a collective of women with a high profile who, after having completed

the planned activities, are capable of exerting enough influence to generate a multiplier effect. The twenty-hour Workshop for female trainers (mentors) was designed as an integrated space that covered theoretical and practical aspects and involved 21 participants. Key topics included the national and international regulatory framework, identification and management of cases of violence, pedagogical strategies for knowledge replication, and leadership capacity building

Workshop with Women Promoters in Ecuador *11th – 23rd October 2024*



This Workshop targeted women with a less prominent public profile and an average level of education who nonetheless exercised significant leadership. Such women support and collaborate with other women, generally in grassroots environments, and, upon completing the training, are capable of raising awareness among their peers and becoming agents of change within their communities. The eight-hour workshops focused on practical tools for promoting rights and providing guidance on available support pathways, with an emphasis on building local and community networks. The participants learned to identify cases of violence, guide victims toward appropriate services, and raise awareness in their communities about the importance of preventing and eradicating gender-based violence. These activities included interactive exercises, such as case simulations and group work dynamics, which facilitated the learning process and the practical application of the knowledge acquired.

Workshop with Women Mentors in Colombia *25th – 30th October 2024*



The Workshop for Mentors, titled “My Role in the Eradication of Violence Against Women”, brought together 37 participants. Regarding the key elements of the agenda, the following points are worth highlighting: preparation for learning; the theoretical framework on gender-based violence; the Colombian context of violence against women; roles and positions of various institutional actors, tools for community influence and leadership development; and legal counseling for women victims of violence.

Workshop with Women Promoters in Colombia *25th-30th October 2024*



The Workshop for Promoters, also titled “My Role in the Eradication of Violence Against Women,” had 37 participants. This activity was structured in such a way as to cover the following aspects: preparation for learning; the theoretical framework on gender-based violence; pathways and methods of assistance for victims of violence against women; and tools. This Workshop, as well as the one dedicated to mentors, placed its hope in the success on the diverse methods employed to prevent and eradicate violence against women. The final closing scenario of both Workshops can be described as an invitation to continuous work and training, both in the role of multipliers to prevent various forms of violence against women and in the creation of safe, appropriate and dignified environments in which to live.

Supplementary Training Course with a Gender Perspective – National Police of Ecuador *16th – 22nd October 2024*



The “Supplementary Training Course with a Gender Perspective,” held in the morning hours,

was attended by 23 officers of varying ranks from the National Police of Ecuador. The general content covered included the scope of police sciences; the theoretical-conceptual framework; social prevention with a gender perspective; psychosocial risks faced by vulnerable groups; social participation; the development of police projects for social prevention with a gender approach; police methods for conflict resolution with a gender perspective; psychological dimensions; police mediation and management of intrafamily conflicts; emotional intelligence applied to the security sector; and crisis intervention in social and intrafamily contexts.

Accreditation and Certification Course for Operational Soft Skills for the National Police of Ecuador
 16th - 22nd October 2024



In the "Accreditation and Certification Course for Operational Soft Skills for the Police," eleven mid- and high-ranking commanders were selected to participate. The dynamic work and content included self-assessment of participants and estimation of abilities; creation of an evaluation standard (certification tool model); selection of an evaluation team; socialization process; and evaluation of the certification standards for assigned personnel. An exercise was conducted with the personnel of the National Police of Ecuador to assess the feasibility of these security standards within their structures, where the major vulnerabilities and opportunities for improvement were identified.

Complementary Training Course with a Gender Perspective – National Police of Colombia
 24th - 30th October 2024



This Course was attended by 27 participants, all members of the police force with different ranks. It had the same objectives and content as the activity carried out in Ecuador.

Accreditation and Certification Course for Operational Soft Skills for the National Police of Colombia
 24th - 30th October 2024



This Course involved the participation of thirteen senior officers and followed a similar structure and environment as the one in Ecuador.

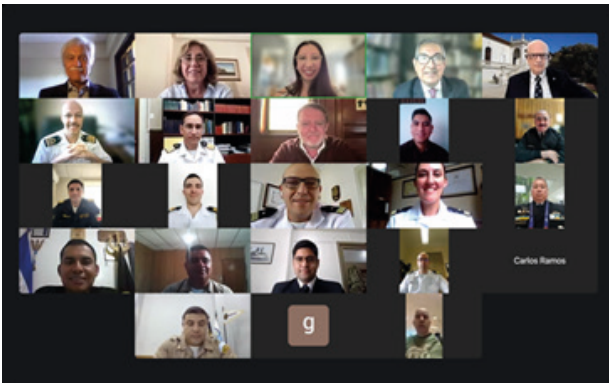
Webinar: “Mujeres y Fuerza Pública: promover la sinergia”
 10th December 2024

As a follow-up to the activities carried out, a webinar was held on December 10th, 2024, with the participation of distinguished international experts who addressed the main aspects developed throughout the Project: results, diagnoses, and conclusions.

Course on Naval Surveillance Operations at Sea (ONVIMAR)
 8th November - 11th December 2024

The virtual ONVIMAR Course began on Friday,

November 8th and ended on December 11th 2024. This was the third consecutive edition, and like the previous ones, it was organized in collaboration with the Chilean Navy, with contributions from the Peruvian Navy, as well as support from the International Committee of the Red Cross. The Course was attended by twenty participants from various Latin American countries. It primarily focused on naval operations conducted under the legal framework of the UNCLOS (United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea) and other applicable international regulations. The Course's purpose was to provide or, where applicable, complement the participants' knowledge of operational law to develop or enhance the competencies needed to efficiently plan, lead and execute such types of naval operations.



Project "Security and Democratic Life in Latin America: Community and Police working in Harmony"

25th - 29th November 2024

As part of the Project "Security and Democratic Life In Latin America: Community and Police working in Harmony" (COMEPOLAR), developed by the Special Projects Department with the financial collaboration of the Direzione Generale per la Mondializzazione e le Questioni Globali of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, a virtual workshop was held from November 25th to 29th, 2024. During this Workshop, with the contribution of the members of the IIHL team and special guests, tasks were defined, coordinated, and distributed. These tasks are aimed at promoting education for peacebuilding, human rights, and the Rule of Law in the Republic of El Salvador.

Meeting GOTALK Project

Sanremo, 7th-9th October 2024

By implementing children councils within and outside schools in Belgium and Italy, the GOTALK Project develops ways to ensure inclusive, sustainable and impactful participation of children in decision-making, which is one of the priorities of the EU's 2024 Children's Rights Strategy. The Project follows a particular outline which provides for a first phase of piloting with two different

age groups (6-11 year olds in Belgium, 12-18 year olds in Italy) and a second phase of piloting inverting the age groups. From 7th to 9th October, the partners of the Project met in Sanremo, hosted by IIHL, to take stock of the challenges, positive experiences and lessons learnt in the first phase of piloting and to plan future activities accordingly.



Final Conference of the Perfect Project Brussels, 15th October 2024

The final Conference of the PERFECT Project was held on 15th October in Brussels, marking the end of a three-year project aimed at developing cultural awareness, multilingual expression, digital skills and other transversal competences through a transnational experience of cultural production. Throughout the Project, transnational experience of cultural production: history, literature, music and performing arts were brought together to create theatre plays, musicals and exhibitions performed by students of four partner schools. This approach fosters a deeper understanding of each other's heritage and history, aligning with the goals set by EU Ministers of Education in the 2015 Paris Declaration on Promoting Citizenship and the Common Values of Freedom, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination through Education.

Final Conference on LaS

Sanremo, 25th October 2024



The Litigare a Scuola ("Arguing at School") Project also concluded with a final conference, held in Sanremo on 25th October. The Project responded

to the absence of a shared pedagogical strategy or reference framework to address quarrelling, which is a common form of interaction in childhood and an opportunity to learn and improve relational skills. The final Conference saw the participation of project partners, school heads and educators, as well as students from two local schools, who were invited to share their experience and comment on the Project. The insights which emerged from this event were integrated in the policy recommendations produced as part of the Project, to draw the attention and commitment of policymakers.

Final Event of the Must-A-Lab Project
Brussel, 28th November 2024

On 28th November, the final event of the MUST-a-Lab Project took place in Brussels. By bringing together local authorities, stakeholders and migrants, the Project envisioned a systemic and long-term involvement of migrants and asylum seekers in six European municipalities through the establishment of Policy Labs. This allowed the involvement of all relevant stakeholders in the participative development of strategies for social inclusion, education and employment. At the final Conference, the results of the Project were presented and discussed by partners, policymakers, and representatives of migrant associations and European institutions and networks.



The Institute Co-Editor of the New NATO COE SFA Publication
16th October 2024

The NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of

Excellence, in collaboration with the Special Projects Department of the Institute, has launched its latest editorial Project titled “Enhancing Stabilization and Strategic Partnership in a Post-Conflict Environment: A Comprehensive Approach to Human Security.”



This volume, co-edited by the Coordinator of the IIHL Special Projects Department, Mr Edoardo Gimigliano, features thirteen chapters that explore the key challenges and strategies for enhancing stabilization efforts and building strategic partnerships in post-conflict contexts. With a strong emphasis on Human Security, the publication addresses critical themes such as security sector reform; inter-religious dialogue; protection of cultural heritage; gender equality; internal displacement; protection of civilians; water security; child protection; and sexual violence prevention.

This collaborative Project provides essential insights for practitioners, policymakers and scholars working in the fields of post-conflict recovery and human security.

The Sanremo Institute at Expo Training 2024: Promoting Skill Development for Humanitarian Challenges
Milano, 28th - 29th October 2024



On October 28th and 29th, the 13th edition of Expo Training – Education Fair took place at the Rho Fiera exhibition centre in Milan, Italy. The event, dedicated to networking and training, provided

a platform to connect with stakeholders and institutions, build relationships with potential clients, and disseminate the Institute's mission.

Representing the Institute were Gaia De Salvo, Junior Collaborator, and Eleonora Tranquillo, Project Associate, from the Special Projects Department. During the event, the two representatives showcased the Institute's commitment to supporting the development of critical skills for military and civilian experts addressing complex humanitarian challenges worldwide. They also engaged in conversations to raise awareness about the Institute's work, emphasizing its role in promoting specialized training in international humanitarian law and related fields.

Participation in ExpoTraining allowed the Institute to expand its outreach to a broader audience, strengthening its connections with schools, companies and professionals interested in skills development and training in strategic areas. The event further reinforced the Institute's position as a leader in fostering expertise and collaboration in addressing global humanitarian issues.