

## Methodology

Within the course, **practitioners, academics and experts** will discuss and interact with participants to foster a deep understanding and proper implementation of **International Humanitarian Law (IHL), International Human Rights Law, Refugee and Migration Law**, and many other related international rules governing today's armed conflicts and humanitarian crises.

The Course strikes a **balance between theory and practice** and is delivered through a participatory and creative teaching methodology, aimed at facilitating the learning process and implementing the knowledge gained throughout the training.

Sessions include **lectures, presentations, case studies, group work**, and other activities, responding to various learning styles of a diverse audience.

The **official certificate** will be released at the end of the course to participants who attend the course in full.

## Learning objectives

This **two-week course** presents the key aspects of IHL, International Human Rights Law, Refugee and Migration Law, related fields and topical issues.

This course will allow participants to:

- Improve their knowledge of International Law and apply **principles and rules** of International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law, Refugee and Migration Law;
- Share differing national and cultural **experiences and approaches**, fostering a better understanding of and **innovative solutions** to multi-national challenges;
- Develop wide-ranging **analytical skills applicable to real-life operational settings**;
- Receive an official certificate from a unique **center of excellence** recognized all over the world, training practitioners since 1970.



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# 25<sup>th</sup> Sanremo Summer School

30 June - 11 July 2025

*Villa Ormond, Sanremo*

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Monday 30 June 2025

## Opening session

9.00 – 10.20 am

### Speakers

**Giorgio Battisti** – Lt. Gen. (rtd), Italy; President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law  
**Gian Luca Beruto** – Secretary-General, IIHL  
**Karl Edlinger** – Brig. Gen. (rtd), Austria; Course Director, Council Member, IIHL

## Introduction to IHL

10.40 – 12.15

### Facilitator

**Karl Edlinger** – Course Director; IIHL

Lunch break

## IHL principles and classification of conflicts

1.30 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

**Karl Edlinger** – Course Director, IIHL

Tuesday 1 July 2025

## IHL in military operations: means and methods of warfare

9.00 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

**Karl Edlinger** – Course Director, IIHL

Lunch break

## IHL and military operations: occupation and operations other than war

1.30 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

**Mark Dakers** – Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom

Wednesday 2 July 2025

## IHL and individual and command responsibility

9.00 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

**Karl Edlinger** – Course Director, IIHL

Lunch break

## IHL violations and prosecution: war crimes and International Criminal Law procedures

1.30 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

**Paolina Massidda** – Independent Office of Public Counsel for Victims, ICC

Thursday 3 July 2025

## Human Rights Law relationship and interplay with IHL

9.00 – 10.20 am

### Facilitator

**Mark Dakers** – Ministry of Defence, United Kingdom

## Gender aspects of IHL

10.40 – 12.15 am

### Facilitator

**Lara Scarpitta** – Gender Issues Programme, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

Lunch break

## IHL and Human Rights: specific aspects of protection of vulnerable categories

1.30 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitators

**Martin Dexborg** – Gender Issues Programme, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)

**Paolina Massidda** – Public Counsel for Victims, International Criminal Court (ICC)

Friday 4 July 2025

## Protection of water resources and water-related infrastructure in the event of armed conflict

9.00 – 12.00 am

### Main Facilitator

**Mara Tignino** – Geneva Water Hub, University of Geneva

Lunch break

## Course field trip to Genoa

Departure time: 13.00 pm

Return time: 6.30 pm

Including the **organised guided tour** at **Galata Museo del Mare**.



Monday

7 July 2025

## Current challenges and opportunities in refugee protection

9.00 – 10.20 am

### Facilitator

Claudio **Delfabro** - Refugee Law and Migration Law Department, IIHL

## The international legal protection framework

10.40 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

Kristijan **Mihajlovski** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Lunch break

## Who is a refugee?

1.30 – 2.50 pm

## Mixed movements and other persons in need of protection

3.10 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

Martina **Ranieli** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Tuesday

8 July 2025

## Human trafficking and smuggling of migrants

9.00 – 10.20 am

### Facilitator

Michel **Veuthey** - Ambassador, Order of Malta; IIHL

## Climate change and forced displacement

10.40 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

Martina **Ranieli** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Lunch break

## Protection at sea

1.30 – 2.50 pm

## The institution of asylum and security considerations

3.10 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

Claudio **Delfabro** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Wednesday

9 July 2025

## Refugee status determination: simulation exercise

9.00 – 10.20 am

## Rights and responsibilities of refugees

10.40 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

Kristijan **Mihajlovski** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Lunch break

## Durable solutions and complementary pathways

1.30 – 2.50 pm

## Capstone exercise

3.10 – 4.30 pm

### Facilitator

Claudio **Delfabro** - Refugee Department, IIHL

Thursday

10 July 2025

## Defining Disaster Law: The Role of Law and Policies in Disaster Risk Management

9.00 am – 12.15 pm

### Facilitator

Tommaso **Natoli** - Italian Red Cross; Disaster Law, IFRC

Lunch break

## International Disaster Response Law: Goods, Equipment and the Legal Status of Relief Personnel

1.30 – 2.50 pm

## Current Challenges of International Law: Preparation of Presentations by the Working Groups

3.10 – 4.30 pm

Course social dinner

Friday

11 July 2025

## Group presentations on current challenges and open debate

9.00 – 10.20 am

## Closing session, course feedback & certificate awarding

10.40 am – 12.15 pm

### Speakers

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Gian Luca **Beruto** - Secretary-General, IIHL

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