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The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the University of Essex Armed Conflict Hub invite to the

2023 CIAC CONFERENCE

Online, 26 October 2023

All times are UTC+2 (Geneva time)

PROGRAMME

10:00 – 10:20 **Opening Remarks**

Professor Gloria Gaggioli and Professor Noam Lubell

10:20 – 11:45 **First Panel ‘Contemporary Issues of International Humanitarian Law and Beyond’ and Discussion**

Chair

- Professor Marco Sassòli

Panellists

- Mr Md Tabish Eqbal, ‘Establishment of ‘Safe-Zone’ Beyond International Humanitarian Law Framework: A Critical Analysis from Jus ad Bellum & International Refugee Law Perspectives’

Mr Md Tabish Eqbal is an Assistant Professor at School of Law, Jamia Hamdard since December 2022. He has completed his MPhil and LLM from South Asian University, New Delhi. His area of research and expertise is Public International Law and has publications in journals published by the Cambridge University Press and Springer. He was awarded South Asian University Presidential scholarship for being topper in the Indian category during LLM. In 2022, he was awarded a Graduate Research Scholarship by Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Toronto, Canada.

- Ms Elise Rooseleers, ‘Let the Pot Call the Kettle Black. Could a Renewed Role for Reciprocity be Beneficial for Achieving the Goals of IHL?’
- Ms Elise Rooseleers is a Research and Teaching Assistant at the Royal Military Academy, where she is teaching the Law of Armed Conflict to Belgian officers. After obtaining her Master in Laws at the KU Leuven in 2021, she specialized in International and European Law during a master-after-master program at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB). Here, she had the opportunity to participate as an oralist in both the national and the international rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition, in which she is currently involved as a Coach. In addition to attending different (inter)national seminars, study days and courses, she has given several lectures on diverse topics of International Humanitarian Law. During the following years, she will be working on a PhD concerning legal aspects of the military use of outer space at the Royal Military Academy in collaboration with the University of Antwerp.
- Ms Mina Radončić and Mr Ashley (Ash) Stanley-Ryan, ‘*Pro Patria Mori*: When States Encourage Direct Participation in Hostilities’

Mr Ashley (Ash) Stanley-Ryan, a Teaching Assistant at the Geneva Academy, is a PhD candidate at the Geneva Graduate Institute. His research investigates the UN Secretariat's role in international law's progressive development. He is a Hague Academy of International Law diploma recipient and was part of the International Review of the Red Cross' editorial team. He holds an LLM summa cum laude from the Geneva Graduate Institute and previously worked at a top international law firm, the UN, and New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Ms Mina Radončić, a Teaching Assistant at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, is a PhD Candidate at the University of Geneva. Her research centres on enforcement mechanisms by non-State armed groups in their areas of influence. She is involved in courses on International Refugee Law and the interaction between International Humanitarian Law and International Human Rights Law. With previous roles at IDEAS, Geneva Call, and the University of Belgrade, she brings valuable expertise in the field. Mina holds an LLM from the Geneva Academy and a BA in International Relations from the University of Belgrade.

11:45 – 11:55 **Coffee Break**

11:55 – 13:40 **Second Panel 'Accountability in Today Armed Conflicts' and Discussion**

Chair

- Professor Gloria Gaggioli

Panellists

- Ms Ana Srovin Coralli, 'Criminal Responsibility for War Crimes by Omission'

Ms Ana Srovin Coralli is a PhD Candidate and a Teaching Assistant in the International Law Department at the Geneva Graduate Institute. She is currently working on her doctoral research titled "Bringing Perpetrators of Enforced Disappearances to Justice: In the Shoes of the Prosecutors." Ana's academic pursuits span a wide spectrum of legal disciplines, including domestic and International Criminal Law, International Human rights Law, International Public Law, Transitional Justice, and International Humanitarian Law. Her educational background includes a Master's degree in International Law from the Geneva Graduate Institute and a Master's in Law from the University of Ljubljana.

- Ms Alizea-Maiwenn Ciftciso, 'From Torture to Rape, the Treatment of Sexual Violence against Men during Armed Conflicts by International Criminal Courts'

Ms Alizéa-Maïwenn Ciftcisoï is a PhD Candidate in Public Law at the CUREJ at the University of Rouen, Normandie. Her current research focuses on the complex and critical topic of Conflict Related Sexual Violence, specifically exploring how international and hybrid criminal jurisdictions address this issue. Her thesis, co-supervised at the Irish Centre for Human Rights at the University of Galway, takes a comparative approach and places a strong emphasis on the rights and well-being of victims. Alizéa's academic pursuits align with her profound interest in gender-based violence, retributive justice, and the crucial subject of reparations for victims.

- Mr Raphael Oidtmann, 'Fact-Finding, Open-Source Intelligence, and Digital Evidence – Documenting Violations of International Humanitarian Law in a Modern Age'

Mr Raphael Oidtmann is a Parliamentary and Legal Advisor at the State Parliament of Hesse (Germany) and holds various academic positions, including adjunct Lecturer in International Law at Mannheim Law School, Associate Researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law, and Global Fellow at the Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown University. With Master's degrees in Political Science, International and Comparative Law, and International Relations, he is currently an external PhD Candidate at Goethe University Frankfurt. Raphael also has practical court experience, having served as a Rostered Expert with the International Criminal Court (ICC), consulted with the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC), and acted as an Honorary Judge in criminal matters at the Mainz Regional Court, Germany.

- Dr Mykola Lazarenko, 'Armed Conflicts and Representative Actions: Unfulfilled Potential for Access to Justice'

Dr Mykola Lazarenko is a Postdoctoral Researcher at KU Leuven, actively contributing to the project titled "Strengthening the Rule of Law in Ukraine through a Reform of the Judicial Process for Litigating Matters of Collective Interest: Enhancing Access to Justice for War Victims," funded by the European Union through the MSCA4Ukraine project. Previously, Mykola held the role of Assistant Professor at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, where he was teaching and conducting research spanning Civil Litigation, Comparative Civil Procedure, Settlement of Investment Disputes, and Private International Law. His academic journey culminated in a PhD in Law from the Institute of International Relations at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv in 2019, complemented by a Master in Laws from the Faculty of Law at the same institution in 2014. Notably, he is a member of the Ukrainian bar.

13:40 – 14:10

Lunch Break

14:10 – 15:35

Third Panel 'Victims of Armed Conflicts and their Need for Protection' and Discussion

Chair

- Professor Geoff Gilbert

Panellists

- Dr Luke Eda, 'Between Human Dignity and Public Order: States and Refugees' Contestations and Conflicting Claims to Shared Values of Human Dignity in International Law in the Context of the Global Refugee Crisis'

Dr Luke Nwibo Eda is a Lecturer in Law at the University of the West of England (UWE), Bristol Law School, and a Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. He has extensive academic and legal experience, having earned his LLB with honours and LLM with distinction in Public International Law from Nigerian and UK universities, respectively. He completed his PhD in Law at Bournemouth University in May 2021, specializing in 'Missing Migrants' in International Law. Luke has a strong record of academic achievements, including prestigious scholarship awards and recognition as an 'Emerging Global Leader in the Field of Law' in the UK Global Talent Recognition. His research interests encompass various aspects of Public International Law, including Human Rights, Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, and Migration Law. His work has been cited at the ICC and presented at international conferences in the UK, further establishing his expertise in the field. Additionally, Luke serves as a Research Supervisor in Law and a PhD Internal Examiner at UWE Bristol.

- Dr Faiz Bakhsh, 'Simultaneous Application of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights in the Context Internally Displaced Persons Affected by non-international armed conflict in Pakistan'

Dr Faiz Bakhsh is an Assistant Professor of Law at University Gillani Law College, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Pakistan. He also serves as Campus Director at Bahauddin Zakariya University Sub Campus Vehari. Dr Bakhsh holds a PhD from Anglia Ruskin University Cambridge, United Kingdom, an MA and an LLB from Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Pakistan. His research focuses on areas such as International Humanitarian Law, Islamic International Law, Islamic Law of Armed Conflict, Islamic Constitutional Law, and Internally Displaced Persons in Pakistan. His doctoral work explores the compatibility between International Humanitarian Law and the Islamic concept of war, particularly in the context of protecting Internally Displaced Persons during non-international armed conflicts in Pakistan.

- Ms Kate McInnes, 'Seeking Victim-Centred Accountability for Violence against Persons with Disabilities at the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry for Ukraine'

Ms Kate McInnes is a Lawyer from Vancouver, Canada, and a student in the M.Sc. in International Human Rights Law program at the University of Oxford. Her research focuses on how International and Domestic Criminal Law systems can prevent and prosecute violence against persons with developmental, intellectual, and psychosocial disabilities. In addition to her current research on

the war in Ukraine, Kate has previously written on how violence against this demographic was addressed by the *ad hoc* tribunals for the former Yugoslavia, Rwanda, and Sierra Leone.

15:35 – 15:50 **Coffee Break**

15:50 – 16:50 **Fourth Panel, ‘Transitional Justice and the Post-Conflict Period’ and Discussion**

Chair

- Professor Sabine Michalowski

Panellists

- Dr María García Casas, ‘The Leading Role of the Council of Europe in Framing the Post Conflict Landscape’

Assistant Professor of Public International Law at Universidad Autonoma de Madrid (Spain), Dr María García Casas previously held several positions as Researcher in think tanks. Her thesis dissertation mainly covered International Customary Obligations in Transitional Justice Processes. Moreover, she has studied the criminalization of unconstitutional changes of government in the African system, the extraterritorial application of the European Convention of Human Rights and the current understanding of *ius ad bellum*, among others.

- Mr Vittorio Cama, ‘Unravelling the Complexity of Transitional Justice in Non-International Armed Conflicts: a Deeper Examination’

Mr Vittorio Cama is a PhD Candidate in Criminal Law, Doctoral Programme in European and Comparative Legal Studies, at the University of Trento where he is also a Teaching Assistant in Criminal Law. His scholarly endeavors encompass a broad range of legal fields, including domestic, Transnational and International Criminal Law, International Human rights Law, Transitional Justice, and International Humanitarian Law. He also worked as a Trainee before the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation of Rome (I Criminal Section). Vittorio’s academic history encompasses a Master’s degree in International Law from the University of Naples “Federico II” with a thesis on “the Contribution of the ICRC to the Development of International Law”, a Postgraduate Course in Integrated Criminal Sciences (University of Naples) and a Diploma in “Emergencies and Humanitarian Intervention” (ISPI - Institute for International Policy Studies).

- Mr Germán Parra Gallego & Ms Andrea Camacho Rincón, ‘Addressing Environmental Damages in Contexts of Armed Conflict by Transitional Justice in Colombia’

Mr Germán Parra Gallego is a Colombian Lawyer with an LLM in International Legal Studies from the Washington College of Law. He currently pursues his doctoral research at the Faculty of Law

and Criminology of Ghent University in Belgium. Germán has served as a Legal Adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Colombia, where he also held the position of Deputy Coordinator for detainee protection in Mexico and Central America. His extensive experience includes roles at the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) and the Ministry of Interior in Colombia.

Ms Andrea Camacho Rincón is a Lawyer, holding a degree from Universidad de los Andes in Colombia, and she holds a LLM in International Law from New York University (NYU). Currently, Andrea is employed at the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in the Regional Office for South America – Chile. Her previous roles include serving as the Legal Coordinator (interim), Deputy Legal Coordinator, and Legal Adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Colombia. She has also contributed her expertise to various government institutions in Colombia, including the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Interior, and the General Attorney's Office. Additionally, Andrea was an NYU Human Rights Fellow for the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

- Ms Lucie George, 'The New Transitional Justice's Agenda for Change: How Can Transitional Justice Be Transformative for Women in the Central African Republic?'

Ms Lucie George is currently a PhD Candidate in Law at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa, with her dissertation in the evaluation phase. For the past decade, her research has been dedicated to Gender and Transitional Justice, leading her to diverse locations, including Tunisia, Cambodia (internship with the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia), Colombia, and South Africa (Southern Africa Litigation Centre). Lucie's current research centers on the Central African Republic, a subject she taught at Sciences Po in 2022.

17:35 – 17:50

Closing Remarks

- Professor Gloria Gaggioli and Professor Noam Lubell

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