

# COURSE INFORMATION

The general aim of the course is to provide military officers, including operators and military lawyers, as well as civilians, with the opportunity to learn how to apply the principles and rules of the Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC).

The teaching methodology used for this course comprises a combination of central presentations and class work.

The class work itself consists largely of a series of exercises conducted under the guidance of class leaders using classic current military planning and staff processes, leading the course through a series of IHL and other relevant legal issues arising during military operations at all levels of intensity.

At the end of the course, participants attain a sound knowledge of the principles and rules of LOAC and are able to apply these in a practical manner in a range of operational scenarios.

The course is designed for military officers, military lawyers who have a direct professional interest in or an obligation related to the application of the LOAC. Participation is also welcomed from government officials, academics and students interested in this subject. The course programme has recently been updated to include greater consideration of the practical application of LOAC in the contemporary operating environment.

The following topics are covered during the course:

- General Introduction to LOAC
- Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC
- Applicability of LOAC
- Neutrality
- Law of the Sea and Naval Warfare
- Conduct of Hostilities
- Methods and Means of Warfare
- Legal Framework for Non-international Armed Conflict
- Planning and Conduct of Military Operations,

- Rules of Engagement
- Belligerent Occupation
- The Role of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Detention Operations
- Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations
- Criminal Responsibility and the International Criminal Court (ICC)
- Consolidation and Final Exercise

## ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1.800 Euro. This should be remitted before the start of the course, or on arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque.

The registration fee covers:

- Course materials
- Transport from/to Nice Airport
- Lunches and coffee breaks on working days
- Reception drinks and course dinner
- Course Photograph, Diploma, Institute Plaque

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

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

Queries on the course including registration and administrative questions should be directed to: [maria.jonsson@iihl.org](mailto:maria.jonsson@iihl.org). For any further information please consult our website: [www.iihl.org](http://www.iihl.org)

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## 158<sup>th</sup> International Military Course on the Law of Armed Conflict with English and Arabic Classes



11<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2015  
PROGRAMME

### Teaching Staff

#### Course Director

**Brigadier General Karl Edlinger**  
Austria

#### Class Leaders

#### Arabic Class Leader

**Brigadier General (Retd) Oussama Damaj**  
Lebanon

#### English Class Leaders

**Colonel James N. Stythe**  
United Kingdom

**Major James Hill**  
United States of America

**Monday, 11 May 2015**

08.30-09.00 Registration of participants

09.00 – 09.15 **Course Opening Ceremony**  
**Dr. Stefania Baldini**  
*Secretary General, International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)*  
**Colonel John Hardy**  
*Director, Military Department IIHL*  
**Brigadier General Karl Edlinger**  
*Course Director*

09.15 - 09.30 Outline of the course

**09.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Introduction to the Laws of Armed Conflict (LOAC)**  
*Course Director*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Basic Rules and Principles of LOAC**  
*Class Leaders*

**Tuesday, 12 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Applicability of LOAC followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Law of the Sea and Neutrality LOAC followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Class Leaders*

**Wednesday, 13 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Means and Methods of Warfare followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Practical Exercise (Cont.)**  
*Class Leaders*

**Thursday, 14 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Legal Framework for Non-International Armed Conflict followed by an Introduction to Staff Work and a Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Practical Exercise (Cont.)**  
*Class Leaders*

**Friday, 15 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Operation Planning – International Armed Conflict**  
*Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Practical Exercise (Targeting)**  
*Class Leaders*

**Monday, 18 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Rules of Engagement (ROE) followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Practical Exercise (Conduct of Operations)**  
*Class Leaders*

**Tuesday, 19 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Belligerent Occupation followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 15.00** (15.00-15.20 Afternoon Tea)  
**Introduction to the ICRC**  
*ICRC Representative*

**15.20 – 16.00**  
**Detention Operations**  
*Course Director*

**Wednesday, 20 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**Legal Framework for Peace Support Operations followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Practical Exercise (Cont.)**  
*Class Leaders*

**Thursday, 21 May 2015**

**08.30 – 12.15** (10.00-10.20 Coffee Break)  
**International Criminal Court and Command Responsibility followed by Practical Exercise**  
*Course Director and Class Leaders*

12.15-13.30 Lunch

**13.30 – 16.00** (14.40-15.00 Afternoon Tea)  
**Training of LOAC followed by Final Exercise (Initiation)**  
*Course Director*

**Friday, 22 May 2015**

**09.00 – 09.40**  
**Final Exercise (Preparation)**  
 (09.40-10.00 Coffee Break)

**10.00 – 11.15** - **Final Exercise (Joint Staff Meeting)**  
*Course Director*

**11.30 – 12.15** **Closing Ceremony**  
**Dr. Stefania Baldini**  
*Secretary General, International Institute of Humanitarian Law (IIHL)*  
**Colonel John Hardy**  
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**Brigadier General Karl Edlinger**  
*Course Director*

12.15 - 13.00 Lunch

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