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**40TH ANNIVERSARY OF
1977 ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS TO THE GENEVA
CONVENTIONS: CONFIRMED RELEVANCE
TO THE CONTEMPORARY ARMED CONFLICTS**

**Conference
Program**

Yerevan
26 - 28 October 2017

*Venue: Russian-Armenian University
Address: Hovsep Emin str. 123, Yerevan*

Thursday, October 26, 2017

10:30 to 10:45 Registration of participants

10:45 to 11:15 **Opening Ceremony of the X International Conference on International Humanitarian Law**

11:15 - 12:15 **Keynote Address “Contribution of the Additional Protocols of 1977 to the Development of International Humanitarian Law”**

François BUGNION

Member of the Assembly of the International Committee of the Red Cross, consultant in international humanitarian law and humanitarian action, co-drafter of the 1977 Additional Protocols

12:15 to 12:30 Break

PANEL 1. THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS, INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW

Timeframe: 10-minute presentation of participants and their topics; presentations - 20 minutes each, discussion - 40 minutes

MODERATORS:

Tamar TOMASHVILI

Independent Consultant on Justice, Human Rights and International Law/ Assistant Professor, Free University of Tbilisi

Lilit YEREMYAN

Head of the Chair of International Law and European Law, Russian-Armenian University, Adviser to the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia

Anastasia KUSHLEYKO

ICRC Regional Legal Adviser for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Moscow Regional Delegation

12:30 to 15:20

Lilya BELFER - *“The Relationship between the Fair Trial Guarantees Contained in Geneva Conventions and Additional Protocols and in European Convention on Human Rights: Controversy or Coherence?”*

National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Priscilla CORIA PALOMINO - *“The Rights of Prisoners of War with Psychosocial and Mental Disabilities in International Armed Conflict”*

Pontifical Catholic University of Peru, Peru

Maha ABDALLAH - *“Advanced Technology in Warfare: Armed Drones, Restrictions on Access to Medical Care, and Psychological Impacts”*(skype conference call)
Legal Research and Advocacy Department, Al-Haq

Iuliia EMTSEVA - *“The Relationship between the Fundamental Guarantees Contained in the Additional Protocols and International Human Rights Law”*
American University of Central Asia, Kyrgyz Republic

Mateusz PIATKOWSKI - *“International Law of Aerial Warfare and No-International Armed Conflict”*
University of Lodz, Poland

Kaja KOWALCZEWSKA- *“Dehumanisation of IHL at the crossroads”*
The Jagiellonian University, Poland

15:20 to 16:10 Break

PANEL 2. ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SERIOUS VIOLATIONS OF IHL UNDER THE ADDITIONAL PROTOCOLS

*Timeframe: 10-minute presentation of participants and their topics;
presentations - 20 minutes each, discussion - 30 minutes*

MODERATORS:

Stephen WILKINSON

Global International Humanitarian Law Advisor, Diakonia IHL Resource Centre

Ara KHZMALYAN

Lecturer at the Chair of International Law and European Law, Russian-Armenian University, Partner of Legal Practice ADWISE Business and Legal Consulting

Andrey ESIN

Project Manager, Council of Europe Office in Yerevan

16:10 to 17:50

Maria PROKOPENKO - *“Superior Responsibility Doctrine in the Light of the ICC Approach: Causal Link Requirement”*
National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Darya SHEMET - *“Autonomous Weapons as a New Challenge to International Humanitarian Law”*
Belarusian State University, Belarus

Nvard GHAZARYAN – *“The Right or Duty for State Parties to the GCs to also Become Parties to the Additional Protocols?”*
Russian-Armenian University, Armenia

17:50 to 18:05

Presentation of the Publication of the Materials of the IX International Conference on IHL for Young Researchers

18:05 to 18:25 **OPEN LECTURE:** *“EU General Data Protection Regulation. An Obstacle or Opportunity for Personal Data processing by Humanitarian Organizations”*

Tomasz LEWANDOWSKI

Associate Professor at SWPS University, Department of Public Law (Faculty in Poznan)

18:25 to 18:35 Questions & Answers

Friday, October 27, 2017

09:15 to 09:30 Registration of participants

PANEL 3. CHILDREN AND WAR

Timeframe: 10-minute presentation of participants and their topics; presentations - 20 minutes each, discussion - 40 minutes

MODERATORS:

Iren ALOYAN

Legal Advisor, ICRC Delegation in Armenia

Tomasz LEWANDOWSKI

Associate Professor at SWPS University, Department of Public Law (Faculty in Poznan)

Tatev DAVTYAN

Associate Professor at YSU, Director of Judicial Projects Implementation Unit, Ministry of Justice

09:30 to 11:40

Davit JAVAKHISHVILI - *“Child Soldiers”*
Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia

Ahmed Ehsanul KABIR - *“The Facets of Child Rights’ Protection during Armed Conflict: from Rhetoric to Reality”*
Jagannath University, Bangladesh

Maria MILASHEVSKAYA - *“Violation of children's right for health care: reasons and possible solution”*

International University “MITSO”, Belarus

Kseniya VIASELSKAYA - *“Children, not Soldiers”*

International University “MITSO”, Belarus

11:40 to 12:00

Break

PANEL 4. WAR AND THE BODY, WAR AND THE MIND: LEGAL ANALYSIS

Timeframe: 10-minute presentation of participants and their topics; presentations - 20 minutes each, discussion - 40 minutes

MODERATORS:

Michael J. STRAUSS

Professor of International Relations at the Diplomatic and Strategic Studies Center, France

Natalia VOUTOVA

Head of the Council of Europe Office in Yerevan, Lecturer at the Chair of International Law and European Law, Russian-Armenian University

Jemma PANOYAN

Lawyer, IDeA Foundation

12:00 to 14:10

Narges ANSARI - *“Compliance of New Weapons Technologies with the Rules of Prohibition on Using Weapons of a Nature to Cause Superfluous Injury or Unnecessary Suffering”*

Shahid Beheshti University of Tehran, Iran

Artur GHULYAN – *“Some Questions Concerning the Legality of Biochemical enhancement of the members of the armed forces”*

Russian-Armenian University, Armenia

Grigor CHOBANYAN - *“IHL Principles of Prohibition of Superfluous Injury or Unnecessary Suffering on the Context of Modern Armed Conflicts”*

Yerevan State University, Armenia

Ani KURDADZE - *“Impact of War on Mental Health and the Use of Psychology in Military Operations”*

Tbilisi State University, Georgia

14:10 to 16:00 Break

16:00 to 18:30 ICRC Side Event, Expert Panel at Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Yerevan City Center “Milano Hall”

CHANGING THE NARRATIVE ON IHL

MODERATORS:

Vladimir VARDANYAN

Advisor to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

Caroline DOUILLIEZ

Head of Delegation, ICRC Delegation in Armenia

SPEAKERS:

Vincent BERNARD, *Editor in Chief, International Review of the Red Cross, Head of ICRC Law and Policy Forum*

“A Call for Changing the Narrative. IHL in Action Project: Best Practices in Generating respect. The Challenges in Collecting IHL Success Stories.”

(20 minutes)

Heffes EZEQUIEL, *Thematic Legal Advisor, Geneva Call*

“IHL Success Stories from Non-State Armed Groups”

(15 minutes)

Lilit YEREMYAN, *Head of the Chair of International Law and European Law, Russian-Armenian University, “Changing the Narrative on the Prohibition of Weapons: Best Practices”*

(15 minutes)

Anastasia KUSHLEYKO, *Regional Legal Advisor for the Promotion and Integration of the Law for Central Asia and Eastern Europe*

“Success Stories in Implementing IHL at State Level”

(15 minutes)

Tamar TOMASHVILI, *Independent Consultant on Justice, Human Rights and International Law/ Assistant Professor, Free University of Tbilisi*

“Best Practices in Generating Respect: New Developments in IHL Training and Research”

(15 minutes)

Saturday, October 28, 2017

Venue: Guided tour at the Armenian Genocide Museum-Institute

09:45 to 10:00

Registration of participants

PANEL 5. PROTRACTED ARMED CONFLICT

Timeframe: 10-minute presentation of participants and their topic; presentations - 20 minutes each, discussion - 30 minutes

MODERATORS:

Vincent BERNARD

Editor in Chief, International Review of the Red Cross, Head of ICRC Law and Policy Forum

Hrachya MARANGULYAN

Lecturer at the Chair of International and European Law, Russian-Armenian University

Vladimir VARDANYAN

Advisor to the Constitutional Court of the Republic of Armenia

10:00 to 11:40

Varduhi AVANESYAN - *“The needs of Affected People and Challenges of Humanitarian Action”*

University of Birmingham, UK

Yulia MOGUTOVA - *“Obligation to Ensure Respect for International Humanitarian Law (IHL) as a Possible Tool to Bring Protracted Armed Conflicts to an End”*

Kutafin Moscow State Law University, Russian Federation

Katerina PITSOLI - *“Emerging Technologies: Their Role in Creating and Developing Armed Conflicts and the Challenges of Humanitarian Action” (skype conference call)*

PhD candidate at Swansea University (UK) and Université Grenoble Alpes (France), attorney-at-law with the Hellenic Asylum Service in Greece

11:40 to 12:00 OPEN LECTURE: *“Destroying Civilian Food Crops in Armed Conflict: How Strong is the Prohibition in IHL?”*

Michael J. STRAUSS

Professor of International Relations at the Diplomatic and Strategic Studies Center, France

12:00 to 12:10 Questions & Answers

12:10 to 14:15 Break & Departure to the Russian-Armenian University

14:15 to 14:35 **General conclusion of the Conference and adoption of the Conference Resolution**

14:35 to 15:05 **Closing of the X International Conference on International Humanitarian Law**

Prof. Armen DARBINYAN, *Rector of the Russian-Armenian University*

Caroline DOUILLIEZ, *Head of the ICRC Delegation in Armenia*

Lilit YEREMYAN, *Head of the Chair of International Law and European Law, Russian-Armenian University, Adviser to the Minister of Justice of the Republic of Armenia*