

Thessaloniki

The Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law will be held in Thessaloniki. At the crossroads of the West and the East, Thessaloniki is a lively city, home to the biggest Greek University and famous for its Archeological Museum, the White Tower (symbol of the city) and its night life. Nearby, one can find the sandy beaches of Chalkidiki or the impressive sceneries of Mount Athos and Mount Olympos.



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Thessaloniki Summer Course 2017

International Humanitarian Law: Current Developments and Challenges



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Thessaloniki,
Greece



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Course Faculty and Programme

Keynote speech (tbc)

Fausto Pocar, Professor Emeritus of International Law, University of Milan, President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law

The Humanitarian Project: Origins and Principles

Frédéric Mégret, Associate Professor of law and William Dawson Scholar, McGill University

The Law of Non-International Armed Conflict

Jann Kleffner, Professor of International Law and Head of the International Law Centre, Swedish Defence University

International Humanitarian Law and New Weapons Technology

William Boothby, Associate Fellow, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, former Deputy Director of Legal Services (Royal Air Force, UK)

Cyber Warfare and International Humanitarian Law

Nicholas Tsagourias, Professor of International Law, University of Sheffield

The International Law of Naval Blockade

Russell Buchan, Senior Lecturer in International Law, University of Sheffield

From Leningrad to Aleppo: Siege Warfare in International Humanitarian Law

Constantine Antonopoulos, Associate Professor of International Law, Democritus University of Thrace

Humanitarian Assistance in Armed Conflict

Heike Spieker, Deputy Director of the International Services & National Relief Division, German Red Cross

Mechanisms for International Humanitarian Law Supervision and Enforcement

Maria-Daniella Maourda, Assistant Professor of International Law and International Humanitarian Law, Jean Monnet Chair, Panteion University of Social and Political Studies of Athens

Development and Respect of International Humanitarian Law

Marco Sassoli, Professor of International Law and Director of the Department of International Law and International Organization, University of Geneva

Course Description

The 2017 Thessaloniki Summer Course will offer an overview of the fundamental principles and rules of international humanitarian law and will focus on cutting edge issues, contemporary developments and challenges. Some of the questions to be discussed by the eminent faculty of the course include: is international humanitarian law binding on non-state armed groups and, if so, on what basis? How does international law deal with new weapons technology? How does the principle of distinction apply to cyberwarfare? How is international humanitarian law enforced in view of all these challenges? Where are we currently standing on the development and respect of international humanitarian law?

Target Group

The 2017 Thessaloniki Summer Course on "International Humanitarian Law: Current Developments and Challenges" is open to undergraduate and postgraduate students, especially LLM students and PhD candidates, army officers, researchers and practitioners from all over the world, with a keen interest in international humanitarian law. In the framework of the course, participants will have the chance to engage in discussions and interact with some of the most renowned scholars in the field.

Fees and Accommodation

The participation fee for the Thessaloniki Summer Course is 300 euros. The fee covers registration, attendance, course material and the appropriate certificate of attendance but does NOT cover accommodation, travel expenses and any meals. Participants will need to make their own arrangements for travel and accommodation. The Foundation is not responsible for providing accommodation to attendees. However, since the course is in late June and early July, which is a highly touristic season, the Foundation is making arrangements with specific hotels. Candidates will receive the relevant information upon selection.

Diploma Exam and Scholarships

The Foundation will also award a Course Diploma. Only participants holding a law degree will be eligible for this Diploma. To obtain the Diploma, you will need to attend diligently all the lectures, seminars and workshops, and sit a written examination in English on Thursday, 6th July 2017. The Foundation reserves the right to make a choice of the most qualified candidates to sit in the exam. The Foundation may offer a limited number of scholarships upon its distinction to candidates who are nationals of non-EU and non-OECD countries and hold a law degree at the time of application. For more details, visit the website of the Summer Course.

Registration Process

1. The deadline for application is 31st May 2017. The participation fee is 300€.
2. Download, fill in, and submit electronically the Application Form together with a CV of yours at summercourses@koufafoundation.org. Send the CV irrespective of whether you apply for scholarship or the Diploma Exam.
3. In case you apply for scholarship, ask two persons to submit recommendation letters on your behalf within the deadline for application at summercourses@koufafoundation.org
4. You will be notified about the selection decision by 5 June 2017 at the latest. At that time, you are strongly advised to also book a hotel.
5. In case you are selected, pay participation fee by 10 June 2017 at the latest. All the details on the payment of the fee will be included in the email informing you about the selection process. Please send us a copy of the payment sheet.
6. By 14 June 2017 at the latest, you will be sent a username and a password in order to access the reading material for the course. You will also be informed about the Diploma Exam.