



INVITATION
to
International Humanitarian Law: Research, Education, Dissemination
IHL Clinic Advancement Conference

A cooperation between Bochum University, Leiden University, and Roma Tre University

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The International Humanitarian Law: Research, Education, Dissemination **(IHL RED)** Consortium is an Erasmus+ funded cooperation between the respective International Humanitarian Law Clinics at Bochum University (Institute for Law of Peace and Armed Conflict), Leiden University (Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum on International Humanitarian Law), and Roma Tre University.

On Thursday, 25 May 2023, the IHL RED Consortium is hosting a hybrid IHL Clinic Advancement Conference, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

The conference aims to inform humanitarian organizations about the benefits and practicalities of collaborating with IHL Clinics, provide a platform for IHL Clinics and humanitarian organisations and actors to engage with one another, as well as foster an exchange of information for academics who are interested in getting involved with clinical legal teaching of IHL.



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Clinic Advancement Conference – Preliminary Programme

25 May 2023

Morning Agenda: Hague Humanity Hub, Fluwelen Burgwal 58, 2511 CJ Den Haag

9:00-09:30 Coffee and registration

09:30-10:45 Opening remarks by the organisers

- Robert Heinsch, Gulio Bartolini, and Pierre Thielboerger

10:45-11:00 Coffee break

11:00-12:30 Panel discussion: The value of IHL Clinics in supporting access to justice for international crimes, for example:

- Practitioners who have cooperated with an IHL Clinic
 - Wolfgang Kaleck / Andreas Schueller, European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR)-TBC
 - Etienne Kuster / Nele Verlinden, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)
- Academics who are engaged in clinical legal education
 - Giulio Bartolini, Roma Tre University
 - Marcelle Reneman, University of Amsterdam-TBC

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:00 World café/roundtable discussions (parallel sessions in two physical and two virtual rooms)

- How to set up an IHL Clinic
- Needs-assessment: what does the humanitarian world need from IHL Clinics?
- Evaluating clinical legal teaching: study success and societal impact

Afternoon Agenda: Leiden University Wijnhaven Campus, Turfmarkt 99, 2511 DP Den Haag

15:00-15:30 Coffee and registration for the IHL Clinic database

15:30-17:00 Plenary Discussion: Regional perspectives on humanitarian work and the role of IHL Clinics

- Eastern Europe (Agata Hauser, Adam Mickiewicz University)
- Western Europe & US (Ulrich Stege, International University College of Turin & Laurie Blank, Emory Law School)-TBC
- MENA (Ahmed F. Khalifa, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt)
- Africa (Maryam Idris Abdulkadir, Baze University, Abuja, Nigeria)
- South America (Julio Veiga-Bezerra, UFRGS IHL Clinic, Brazil; Cahueñas Muñoz, Universidad San Francisco de Quito, Ecuador)-TBC

17:00-19:00 Reception at Wijnhaven Campus

The Conference will additionally provide an early-access showcase of the resources under development by the IHL RED Consortium, including:

- A manual on how to set-up and run an IHL Clinic;
- An evaluation tool for IHL Clinics;
- An online information hub hosting IHL Clinic research reports and key insights for persons interested in getting involved with clinical legal teaching of IHL;
- A database of existing and emerging IHL Clinics and prospective cooperation partners.

Hosted both virtually and in The Hague, the Clinic Advancement Conference's morning agenda will take place at the [Hague Humanity Hub](#); the afternoon agenda and reception will take place a short walk away at Leiden University's Wijnhaven Campus in The Hague.

Register for the Clinic Advancement Conference [here](#).

The Clinic Advancement Conference will kick-off with a symposium on Wednesday, 24 May 2023, from 16:00-19:00, in honour of our Emeritus Professor, Prof. Dr. Horst Fischer, who taught IHL at Leiden Law School for more than two decades but has now retired from his active teaching duties.

The symposium, entitled "The Future of International Humanitarian Law and the Role of (young) IHL Professionals in Disseminating, Practicing and Ensuring Respect for IHL", will be held at Leiden University's Wijnhaven Campus in The Hague.

View the agenda of the IHL Symposium in honour of Professor Horst Fischer, [here](#).

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