

“NEW SKILLS AND A SOLID OVERVIEW OF THE **LEGAL** FRAMEWORK GOVERNING HUMANITARIAN ACTION”



TSC | THEMATIC SHORT COURSES

ONE-WEEK INTENSIVE COURSES (FEES: 1,500 CHF EACH)
2 ECTS CREDITS

LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

October

Explore the law governing the recourse to armed force among states and international humanitarian law as they pertain to humanitarian action. Explain the responsibility to protect, and the legal framework of humanitarian access; and apply human rights law in times of emergency and armed conflict.

SPECIAL PROTECTION CHALLENGES AND INTERNATIONAL LAW

May

Examine issues such as sexual violence and terrorism (as well as counter-terrorism), and some of today's most pressing protection challenges. Study the ways international law can be employed to protect men, women, children, persons with disabilities, detainees and aid workers in humanitarian crises, and those whose plight is not formally recognised in legal instruments.

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL LAW AND TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

May

Explore the historical and theoretical foundations of criminal and transitional justice efforts, and analyse the judicial and non-judicial mechanisms available to ensure accountability, serve justice and achieve reconciliation.

LEGAL FRAMEWORK OF FORCED MIGRATION

May

Identify who is entitled to protection as a refugee or internally displaced person under international law, understand the challenges raised by statelessness and strengthening the legal responses of humanitarian actors and international lawyers to forced migration.

TOPICAL



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LEGAL ENVIRONMENT OF HUMANITARIAN ACTION

May

In the contexts in which humanitarian emergencies unfold, the legal situation can be complex. Which international legal instruments apply in the situation? Is international humanitarian law applicable? If so, how does this impact human rights protection? Who has obligations and rights under the law?

This course offers a broad overview of the international legal framework governing humanitarian action in situations of armed conflict, complex emergencies, natural disasters and social exclusion. It aims to equip participants with the ability to analyse humanitarian action challenges from a legal perspective and to use international law to advance humanitarian objectives.

If you are a humanitarian professional or work in an international organisation, this course will enable you to extend your knowledge of international law applied to humanitarian action.

If you are a legal professional working outside the humanitarian sector, this course will enable you to familiarise yourself with the legal specificities of humanitarian practice.

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

At the end of the course, participants will be able to:

- **Identify victims of violations of international rules, determine who can be held responsible for violations of international law in different humanitarian crisis situations and know what international legal mechanisms are available**
- **Critically assess the opportunities and limitations of international law and legal mechanisms for addressing humanitarian action challenges in practice**

PROGRAMME

The course is organized in six thematic weeks followed by one week of individual work:

WEEK 1: International law and humanitarian action (1)

WEEK 2: International law and humanitarian action (2)

WEEK 3: Special protection challenges and international law

WEEK 4: International criminal law and transitional justice

WEEK 5: Legal framework of forced migration

WEEK 6: Role play on the use of international law in humanitarian action

WEEK 7: Individual work

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