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Swiss Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Invitation to the annual Colloquium of the Swiss Society for Military Law and Law of War

75th anniversary of the adoption of the four Geneva Conventions

This year's colloquium of the Swiss Society for Military Law and Law of War (SSMLLW) will center around the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the four Geneva Conventions and reflect on current challenges and opportunities, trends and possible future developments for the interpretation and implementation of the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC). The colloquium is a public event.

8th November 2024, 10:30 - 16:30
Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
Villa Moynier
Rue de Lausanne 120B, 1202 Geneva

Programme

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| 10.00 | Welcome coffee |
| 10h30-10h40 | Opening of the Colloquium: Col Christophe Leuenberger and/or LtCol Remo Cadosch (co-presidents of the SSMLLW) |
| 10h40-11h40 | Key note speeches
<i>Dr. Cordula Dröge, Chief legal officer, International Committee of the Red Cross</i>
<i>Col. Nigel Heppenstall, Director, Military Department, International Institute of Humanitarian Law – Sanremo</i>
Discussion and questions |
| 11h40-13h15 | Panel 1 - The principle of proportionality
<i>Dr. Aurel Sari, Professor of Public International Law at the University of Exeter</i> |

Prof. Gloria Gaggioli, *Professor at the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva*

Col (GS) Chris De Cock, *Professor of Law at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel and the Universiteit Gent, former Senior Military Legal Advisor to the EU's Military-Strategic Headquarter (MPCC)*

ICRC representative

Discussion and questions,

13h15-14h15 **Lunchbreak** (light standing lunch offered)

14h15-16h15 **Panel 2 - Accountability**

Prof. Paola Gaeta, *Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Director of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights*

NGO representative

Federal Office of Justice representative

Representative of a Military or Civil Tribunal

16h15-16h30 **Final remarks**

Language: English (possibility of ad hoc translation of questions from the public from French to English, if necessary)

Please register by the 1st of November 2024 by e-mail to: carla.ruta@vtg.admin.ch

We are looking forward to welcoming you in Geneva.