



## 14<sup>th</sup> Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

Galway, Ireland  
20 to 23 May 2025  
Galway Bay Hotel

Organized with the support of The Irish Defence Forces

### Programme

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### Tuesday 20 May 2025

#### *Arrival of Participants*

- 13.00 – 14.30 **Meeting of the Managing Board** (Inishmaan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Managing Board members, the Assistant Secretary General & the Seminar Director only)
- 14.45 – 16.15 **Meeting of the Board of Directors** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Members of the Board of Directors and specifically invited observers only)
- 16.30 – 18.15 **General Assembly** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Members of the Society only)

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18.30 – 20.00 **Welcome Drink with Canapes & Tapas** (Seascape Lounge, Galway Bay Hotel – All board members and Seminar participants)

With welcome remarks by:

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, President of the Society & Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Brigadier General Caimin KEOGH, Commander of the GOC 1 Brigade

**Wednesday 21 May 2025**

08.00 – 09.00 *Registration (Lobby, Galway Bay Hotel)*

09.15 – 9.45 **Opening Ceremony** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)

Colonel Richard BRENNAN, the Society's Director of the Seminar for Legal Advisors & Director of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service

High military representative of the Irish Defence Forces

Prof. Dr. Siobhan MULLALLY, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway

09.45 – 10.30 *Group photo & Coffee/tea with fruit skewers and smoothies*

10.30 – 12.45 **General Discussion** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)  
*Proportionality under international humanitarian law in today's world*

Chair:

Jessica DORSEY, Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University

Presenters:

Dr. Sigrid REDSE JOHANSEN, Senior Public Prosecutor, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Norway

Dr. Rogier BARTELS, Legal Officer (Chambers), International Criminal Court

Dr. David TURNS, Senior Lecturer, Swedish Defence University

12.45 – 13.45 *Lunch*

13.45 – 15.30

**General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**

*Protection of peacekeepers, including in case of a robust mandate of the Peace Force, or in case of resumption of hostilities between former parties to an armed conflict*

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Ray MURPHY, Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway

Presenters:

Dr. Barbara SONCZYK, Lecturer in International Law, The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Major General (Ret.) Adrian Ó MURCHÚ, Formerly Deputy Chief of Staff (Support) of the Irish Defence Forces

15.30 – 16.00

*Coffee/tea with scones and donuts*

16.00 – 17.30

**General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**

*AI applications in the military domain: Navigating between mitigating risks and using opportunities?*

Chair:

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, President of the Society & Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Presenters:

Jessica DORSEY, Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University

Anna Rosalie GREIPL, PhD Candidate and Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

*Free evening*

**Thursday 22 May 2025**

08.30 – 10.15

**General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**

*Economic and social rights of the members of the armed forces*

Chair: Emmanuel JACOB, President, Euromil

Presenters :

Rebecca Petra MIKOVA, Project Officer, Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF)

Lieutenant Colonel Keith REICHERT, Special Advisor to the Judge Advocate General, Canada

Lieutenant Colonel Conor KING, President, Representative Association of Commissioned Officers, Ireland

10.15 – 10.45

*Coffee/tea with biscuits*

10.45 – 12.30

**General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**

*International law perspectives on the cyber warrior in hybrid and full-scale conflict*

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Shane DARCY, Deputy Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway

Presenters:

Prof. Dr. and Brigadier General Paul DUCHEINE, University of Amsterdam and Netherlands Defence Academy & Vice-President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War

Commander Kat AUBREY-HORVATH, Director of Cyber Operations Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canada

12.30 – 13.30

*Lunch*

13.30 – 15.15

**General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**

*The legal framework for Coast Guards and Navies to protect critical infrastructure at sea*

Chair: Captain (Irish Navy) Patrick BURKE, Director of Military Prosecutions, Irish Defence Forces

Presenters:

Lieutenant Commander Shane MULCAHY, Irish Defence Forces

Frederik ROGIERS, PhD Candidate, Ghent Maritime Institute, Ghent University

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Terry D. GILL, University of Amsterdam

- 15.15 – 15.45 **Special Presentation (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**  
*The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War and its ongoing and future projects*  
  
Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Assistant Secretary General of the Society
- 15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee/tea with scones, sticky pastries, and granola pots*
- 16.15 – 17.30 **Special Presentation (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**  
*Enhancing stabilisation and strategic partnership in a post-conflict environment*  
  
Major Ludovica GLORIOSO, Legal Advisor, NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence  
  
Dr. Mara TIGNINO, Lead Legal Specialist, Geneva Water Hub
- 17.30 – 17.40 **Conclusions**  
  
Colonel Richard BRENNAN, the Society's Director of the Seminar for Legal Advisors & Director of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service  
  
*Free evening*

**Friday 23 May 2025**  
**(Optional)**

**Choice A: The Diamond Hill Hike (Lower + Upper Trail) in Connemara**

Good mobility and decent fitness level required.

In case of bad weather conditions persons signing up for this option will be offered an alternative programme.

**Choice B: Day tour in Connemara**

In case of bad weather conditions persons signing up for this option will be offered an alternative programme.

**Saturday 24 May 2025**

*Departure of Participants*

## Supporting Partners of the Seminar

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