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About CIHOL



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- **Founded 2019 - Palacký University & Czech Armed Forces**
 - first formalised institutional partnership of its kind in Central Europe
 - the Special Forces (main partner),
 - 53rd Reconnaissance and EW Regiment
 - 91st Information Warfare Group
 - Legal Service of the Czech Armed Forces
- **Core team:** academics & military professionals
- **Community:** students, practitioners, visiting scholars, external experts
- **Excellence:** i.a. National Security Council Award



Focus and Mission



- **Focus:** IHL, operational law, ius ad bellum, international criminal law & connected areas of international and national law
- **Mission:** bridging academia and practice & innovation
 - Institutional framework for bridging academia and practice at national and international level in the area of IHL
 - Promoting and spreading knowledge of IHL
 - (Excellent) research, teaching, training
 - Innovative & Tailored
- **Broader cooperation:**
 - Czech MoD, JCBRN Defense CoE, ICRC, UNHCR, universities



Camp Peira – Basic Characteristics

- Launched 2016
- Intensive, scenario-based IHL simulation
- Civil–military co-organisation and cooperation
- Legal focus: IHL at core, but interdisciplinary
 - linked with IHRL, int. refugee law, role of non-state actors, NGOs and international organisations
- Participants (~150)
 - Civilians (2 universities, mainly law, but also other students)
 - Military (various units, lawyers, University of Defence)
 - International Organisations, NGO-s, state authorities



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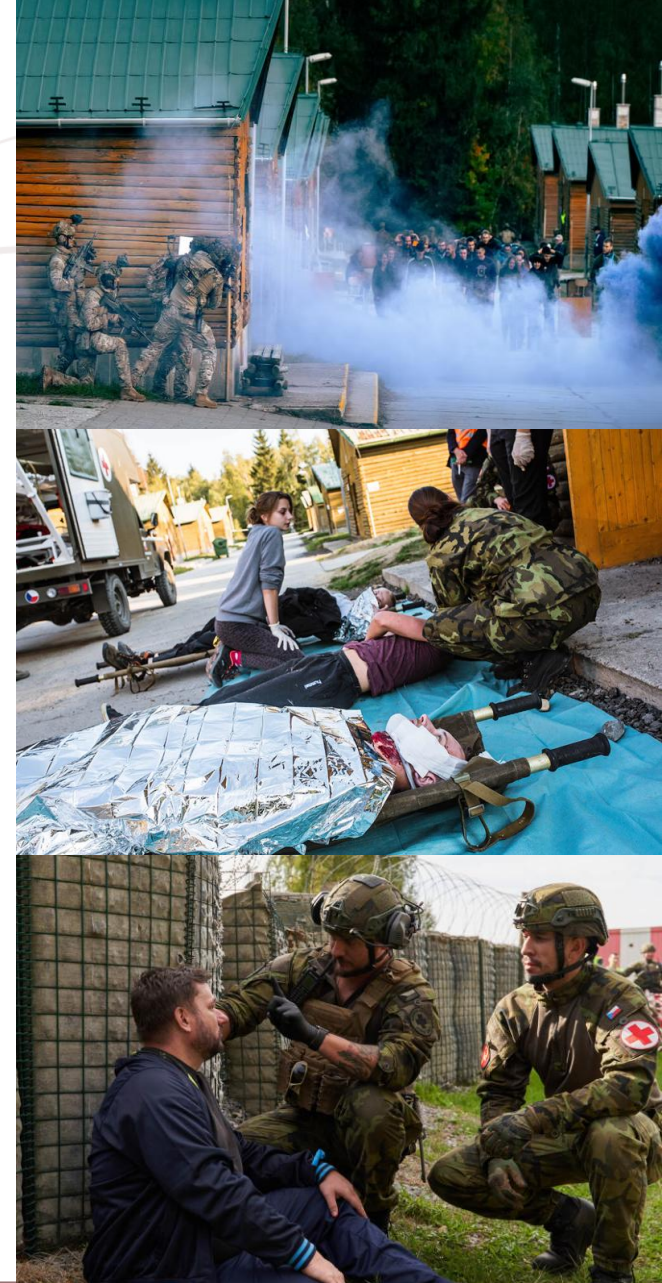
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Camp Peira – Methodology (Core Elements)

- Edu LARP simulation
 - Predominant method adapted for legal and military education
 - SIR (Scenario + Incidents + Roles)
- Live Exercise (LIVEX)
 - Real military environment (Vyškov), real participants
 - Variability of fictional scenarios
 - Constructive scenario design elements
 - „Fog & friction of war“
 - Realism measures (e.g. scarce or poor-quality food for civilians)



Camp Peira – Methodology (NATO links)

- Mirrors mission rehearsal exercises
 - Possibility for participating military units to integrate Camp Peira into mission rehearsal / pre-deployment preparation
- Live–Virtual–Constructive (LVC) design elements integration
- After-Action Review
 - enriched with academic reflection (tailored to relevant audience/participants)



Camp Peira – Methodology (Benefits)

- **Realism:** decisions under stress, uncertainty, time pressure
- **Interdisciplinarity:** law in context
- **Civil–military trust and mutual understanding**
- **Innovative pedagogy:** high effectiveness of Edu-LARP + extended AAR
- **Innovative feature:** civilian and military as equal learners



Camp Peira – Challenges & Lessons Learned

- Reconciling different training approaches (directive vs. EDU LARP/open-ended)
- Defining joint and separate learning objectives of civ & mil participants
- Balancing realism, safety, and accessibility
- Managing expectations
- Continuous refinement: each edition generates new aspects to adjust
- **New challenge:** demand to internationalise (foreign armed forces & participants)





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Thank you for your attention.

