

***Upholding Refugee Protection, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law:
The Role of Geneva in International Humanitarian Action***

DAY 1 – Thursday, February 16, 2017

08:30 – 09:00 WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:30 OPENING REMARKS

Olivier COUTAU – *Geneva State Council's Delegate for International Geneva*
 Clementina ACEDO – *Director, Webster University Geneva*
 Ivan JURKOVIČ – *Apostolic Nuncio and Archbishop, Permanent Observer of the Holy See to the UN Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations*
 Madina JARBUSSYNOVA – *Ambassador, Special Representative and Coordinator for Combating Trafficking in Human Beings, Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE)*
 Thomas NIERLE – *Emergency Physician, Member of the International Board of Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and President of MSF Switzerland*
 Oreste FOPPIANI – *Head, Department of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

09:30 – 10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Beyond Operation MARE NOSTRUM: What next?

Giuseppe DE GIORGI – *Vice Admiral, Former Chief of Staff of the Italian Navy and Responsible for Operation MARE NOSTRUM in 2013-2014*

Operation SOPHIA and the Control of Migration Flows in the Mediterranean Sea

Manlio SCOPIGNO – *Brigadier General, Italian Army, Chief of the EU Multinational Staff, Operation SOPHIA, Operational Headquarters, EUNAVFOR-MED, Rome*

10:15 – 11:15 SESSION 1: The Role of Geneva in International Humanitarian Action

Chair: **Oreste FOPPIANI** – *Head, Department of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

Humanitarian diplomacy: A UNHCR perspective

Machiel SALOMONS – *Principal Evaluation Officer, UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)*

The need for comprehensive policy design

Heikki S. MATTILA – *Lecturer of Multilateral Diplomacy, School of International Training (SIT)*

Refugee protection and the “Spirit of Geneva” in the 21st century

Otto HIERONYMI – *Professor of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

In order to cope with complex global challenges, reaffirm universal fundamental principles

Michel VEUTHEY – *Associate Professor of International Law, Webster University Geneva*

11:15 – 11:30 Question and Answer Session

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 12:30 SESSION 2: The Continuing Challenge of the Respect of International Humanitarian Law (IHL)

Chair: **Jubin GOODARZI** – *Associate Professor of International Relations, Webster University Geneva*

How to use Islamic Law as a way of encouraging respect for IHL

Heba ALY – *Director, IRIN News Agency*

Yemen: The wilting flower of the Arab Spring?

Matthew PARISH – *Managing Partner, Gentium Law Group*

Refugees: Lessons from the past for today

Francisco RUBIO – *Senior Lecturer of INGOs, Webster University Geneva, and Judge-Assessor at the Cour Nationale du Droit d'Asile (CNDA), Paris*

12:30 – 12:45 Question and Answer Session

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch Break

14:00 – 15:00 **SESSION 3: The Degradation of the Environment and Human Rights**

Chair: Leonard SURANSKY – *Head of the Department of International Relations, Webster University Ghana*

Climate-induced human mobility and associated human rights impacts

Benjamin SCHACHTER – *HRs Officer, Climate Change and Environment, Thematic Engagement, Special Procedures and Right to Development Division, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)*

Access to Water in International Humanitarian Law

Mara TIGNINO – *Senior Lecturer of International Law, University of Geneva, and Coordinator of the Platform for International Water Law*

Bodies, borders and belonging

Nitasha KAUL – *Assistant Professor of International Relations, Department of Politics & International Relations (DPIR), University of Westminster*

No lifeguards on duty: Stopping China's forcible repatriation of refugees to North Korea

Kathryn HOLZMAN – *International Relations Graduate Student, Webster University*

15:00 – 15:15 Question and Answer Session

15:15 – 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 – 16:45 **SESSION 4: The Fight against Human Trafficking on the Migration Routes**

Chair: Judit KOZENKOW – *Lecturer of International Economics, Webster University Geneva*

Human trafficking in the era of globalization: Inherent challenges in identifying and protecting victims of trafficking along migration routes

Stela HAXHI – *Head, Asylum, Migration & Counter-Trafficking in Human Beings Program, Geneva Center for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF)*

The management of personal data and the problem of the dead in the Mediterranean Sea: Guarantees of International and European Law

Giovanni GIUDETTI – *Research Fellow in International Law and Ph.D. Candidate, Pontificia Universitas Lateranensis (PUL)*

Work on the Serbian-Hungarian border: Experience with the flow of migrants.

Réka SZUNYOGH-KOVÁCS – *Independent International Relations Analyst and former Immigration Officer at the Office of Immigration and Nationality, Asylum Division, Szeged, Hungary*

Protecting the unheard voices: The tragedy of Syrian refugees

Shanay LOWE – *International Relations Graduate Student, Webster University*

16:45 – 17:00 Question and Answer Session

17:00 – 17:15 Concluding Comments for the Day

DAY 2 – Friday, February 17, 2017

08:30 – 09:00 WELCOME AND REGISTRATION

09:00 – 09:45 KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

The Netherlands and International Humanitarian Law

Reinout VOS – *Ambassador, Chargé d’Affaires ad interim of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the UN Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations*

Title TBC

Anna KORKA – *Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Hellenic Republic of Greece to the UN Office in Geneva and Other International Organizations*

09:45 – 11:00 SESSION 5: The Role of Private Foundations: Nonprofit Organizations and Humanitarian Action

Chair: **Michel VEUTHEY** – *Associate Professor of International Law, Webster University Geneva*

The role of foundations at the forefront of “Doing Good”

Christian TOHMÉ – *Relationship Manager, Foundations and Trusts, Int’l Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)*

Walking humbly together: A Scalabrinian approach to human migration

Gabriele BELTRAMI – *Editor-in-Chief, Scalabriniani*

Search and Rescue in the Central Mediterranean Sea

Jakob SCHOEN – *Chairman, Jugend Rettet e. V.*

The new role of private foundations and non-profits in media coverage of humanitarian action

Peter KENNY – *Permanent Correspondent to the UNOG, The Star, Cape Times and Pretoria News*

The controversial role of White Helmets in Syria

Robert J. PARSONS – *Independent Journalist*

11:00 – 11:15 Question and Answer Session

11:15– 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 SESSION 6: The Role of Prevention: The Responsibility to Protect

Chair: **Flavia ZORZI GIUSTINIANI** – *Lecturer of International Law, Webster University Geneva*

The prevention strategy and protection work for the displacement of indigenous populations: The case of the UNHCR in Colombia

Roberto MIGNONE – *Principal Emergency Coordinator, Emergency Services, Division of Emergency, Security and Supply (DESS), UNHCR*

Access to work and labor markets as part of the protection framework

Nicholas GRISEWOOD – *Crisis Migration, Labor Migration Branch, International Labor Organization (ILO)*

The UNHCR and the Responsibility to Protect in Greece

Marilena BERARDO – *Associate Reporting Specialist, UNHCR*

Roma and human rights: Two case studies

Maria P. COSTANTINI and Laura E. PACIFICI – *Unione Forense per la Tutela dei Diritti Umani (UFTDU)*

12:30 – 12:45 Question and Answer Session

12:45 – 13:00 Concluding Comments, Webster Student Organizing Committee