

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE:

IHL: INSTRUMENTS OF PEACE

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EXTERNAL REPORT

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Background

This was the second IHL Conference organized in partnership between the Ontario International Humanitarian Law Unit of the Canadian Red Cross and our partners in Waterloo (Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA); Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo; Sir Wilfred Laurier University; and Project Ploughshares). This event was further made possible thanks to the contributions from the Strategic Partnership between the Canadian Red Cross and Global Affairs Canada.

The organizing committee was assisted by the work of the International Humanitarian Law Working Group for Toronto (IHL WG – TOR) volunteers.

Objective

As part of the mandate of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement and thus National Societies around the world, public engagement on humanitarian issues and International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is an important objective. Through academic conferences, the Canadian Red Cross Society upholds this strategic objective by providing a space to engage the academic community in impartial discussions on IHL as it relates to contemporary issues.

The objective of the conference was not only to educate the public and bring awareness to the discussion surrounding IHL and the protection of people caught up in armed conflict, but also to engage academics and students alike in discussions on the application of IHL and the role of the Red Cross Red Crescent Movement in promoting and safe-guarding these laws.

The speakers that participated in the panel discussions during the conference offered their expertise on IHL including issues of distinction, disarmament, arms trade and education which deepened the attendee's understanding and also offered an opportunity to consider where we are today and things to consider as an international community moving forward.

The objectives set out for the number of people in attendance (70) was unmet by 28 however the panel was diverse and the target audience for this conference was present.

The Conference

This conference was recorded in entirety to later be edited (per panel) and placed onto the Canadian Red Cross YouTube channel. This was the first time this method was employed to capture and IHL Conference in Ontario.



The conference was opened by Professor John Ravenhill, Director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs (BSIA). Professor Ravenhill welcomed everyone and provided opening remarks linking the importance of the discussions that were to unfold throughout the day and their immediate relevance to what is happening in the world today. Our MC for the morning was Professor Andrew Thompson from BSIA who introduced the first speaker Mr. Samit D’Cunha, International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Coordinator, Eastern Canada, Canadian Red Cross, who provided an introduction to IHL and the linkages to the issues that were to be discussed throughout the day. Prior to the conclusion of this presentation, the speaker took questions from the audience. This was followed by a 15 minute break at which point, coffee, tea water and snacks were available just outside of the conference room.

Samit welcomed everyone back from the break as the moderator and introduced the next panel which was, *For the Sake of Peace and Human Security: Disarmament and Arms Control* and the speakers. First to present was Cesar Jaramillo, Executive Director of Project Ploughshares, who delivered the presentation: *“Nuclear Weapons: An approaching apocalypse or an abolition hope?”* in which he discussed the issues surrounding nuclear disarmament and the key concerns today and moving forward. His presentation was followed by his colleague, Branka Marijan, Program Officer, Project Ploughshares, who delivered a presentation on: *“Human Control and Autonomous Weapons Systems”*. Addressed in her presentation was the number of ethical, human rights and international humanitarian law concerns raised by the increasing autonomy in weapon systems. The key concern being that the increasing autonomy is diminishing human control over critical functions of weapons systems, such as selecting and engaging targets. The panel ended with a presentation by Peggy Mason, President of the Rideau Institute, who delivered a presentation on: *“When money trumps all: Human rights and the arms trade”*. Ms. Mason focused on the continued sale by Canada and many European suppliers of weapons to Saudi Arabia, despite overwhelming evidence of grave and ongoing violations of international law and how that raises fundamental concerns. She also posed the question of whether we are seeing a decline in respect for IHL and then asked what can we do about it? Mr. D’Cunha then thanked the speakers and opened the floor up to the Q&A period. Once the audience was finished asking questions, everyone was invited to break for lunch. Sandwiches, wraps, salads and non-alcoholic beverages were made available.

Prior to breaking, Professor Thompson instructed attendees to participate in a networking activity while they ate lunch. Attendees were to sit at tables assigned to them upon registration (found on the back of their name tags) and discuss with their new table mates, the questions that were on a piece of paper in the middle of the table. This encouraged interaction between attendees from different backgrounds as well as discussions surrounding what brought them to the conference, what they found most interesting and what they would take away from the information they have heard so far. Speakers and members of the Organizing Committee were encouraged to participate and move around to the different tables however, a separate room was designated for those who wished to have lunch and prepare for their upcoming presentations. This was the first time a networking lunch was organized and based on the observations in the room and the feedback; it was well received by all. The attendees were divided amongst the tables based on their occupation in order to capture a variety of experiences around each table.



Upon returning from lunch, Dr. Edmund Pries as moderator, welcomed everyone back from lunch and introduced the next panel, *Applied IHL for Vulnerable Groups: Education, Health and Disability* and the speakers. The first presentation was from Tim Murray, Senior Advisor: Education and Child Protection, Save the Children, who delivered the presentation, “*How can education contribute to peace?*”. Mr. Murray presented findings of a Save the Children review of evidence and lessons learnt on Safe Schools programming- focusing on the questions- How can education contribute to peace; What works to keep children safe in and around schools, and; What needs to be done at school and community level to ensure that the safe schools declaration is effectively implemented. This was followed by Andrea McArthur, Provincial Coordinator, Exploring Humanitarian Law, CRCS, who spoke about, “*Working with Teachers to Disseminate IHL in the Canadian Classroom*”. Ms. McArthur addressed what IHL education looks like in Canada by defining the scope of work done by the Canadian Red Cross to help teachers disseminate IHL. She went on to explain that It does so by defining IHL education; specifically the Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) program, summarizing EHL professional development, and highlighting student outcomes reported by teachers. This segued into a presentation from Andrea Barrow, Educator at Limestone District School Board and CRCS Teacher Champion, Exploring Humanitarian Law, entitled, “*IHL in the Canadian Classroom: the Student’s Voice, the Teacher’s Voice*”. Ms. Barrow provided a teacher’s perspective on IHL education in Canadian classrooms using the Canadian Red Cross Exploring Humanitarian Law (EHL) toolkit. The panel wrapped up with a presentation by Sarah Murray, PhD candidate at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University. Ms. Murray presented her paper on, “*Employing International Humanitarian Law: Disability Experiences in Syria and South Sudan*” in which she discussed several provisions for the protection of persons with disabilities ranging from specialized healthcare to assistance with migration from conflict zones that IHL includes. She also spoke about other United Nations instruments, such as the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), and how it reaffirms the responsibility of states to ensure the protection and safety of persons with disabilities during periods of conflict. However, Sarah argued, using examples from contemporary conflicts in Syria and South Sudan, that persons with disabilities are inadequately addressed in conflict situations. Persons with disabilities are uniquely vulnerable in conflict situations and are often excluded from humanitarian assistance programmes. She concluded by reflecting on areas of humanitarian assistance which could be modified for the protection of persons with disabilities in conflict situations in accordance to International Humanitarian Law. Dr. Pries then thanked all of the speakers and opened the floor up to Q&A. Once this finished, he invited everyone to take a 15 minute break at which point refreshments were made available.

The last panel was the *Career Navigation* panel, moderated by Professor Lowell Ewert, Associate Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College. The panelists: Dr. Edmund Pries Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Religion and Culture and Social Entrepreneurship, Wilfrid Laurier University; Paul Esau Former Intern, Project Ploughshares and PhD candidate, Wilfrid Laurier University; Dr. Alistair D. Edgar Associate Dean, School of International Policy & Governance, at BSIA; President and CEO, Canadian Landmine Foundation; Samit D’Cunha CRCS (Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining/Human Rights Watch/UN); Dany Mercer HR Marketing Officer, ICRC; and Sandra Rossiter Deputy Director, Civilian Security Policy,



Humanitarian Organizations and Food Assistance Division, Global Affairs Canada (who joined via Video-Tele-Conferencing (VTC), all spoke about ways in which to enter into this field and provided tips on graduate courses as well as networking and applications. Links to websites offering volunteer, internship and job opportunities were provided to attendees after the conference. Professor Ewert lead the Q&A which provided the attendees who remained, an opportunity to ask specific questions related to their career ambitions and goals.

The conference closed with final remarks from Olivia Hamilton, Provincial Coordinator, International Humanitarian Law, Canadian Red Cross. Ms. Hamilton began with reference to the recent Remembrance Day ceremonies and the anniversary of the end of World War I and the connection to IHL and the conference. She highlighted some important key points that came out of the conference and thanked the guest speakers, partners and organizing committee for their contributions.



Annex 1 – Event Poster

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International Humanitarian Law Instruments of Peace



2nd Annual Conference
November 13, 2018: 9:00am - 5:00pm
Register Now: www.redcross.ca/IHLBalsillie

Join us as we uncover the role that International Humanitarian Law (IHL) plays as an instrument of peace. This conference will address disarmament and arms control, the importance of education in conflict and peace times as well as health and disability in armed conflict. We will hear from experts in the field, including academics, practitioners and representatives from the Canadian Red Cross Society.

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Annex 2 – Agenda

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'IHL: Instruments of Peace'

08:30 – 09:00	Registration & Refreshments	
09:05 – 09:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks	John Ravenhill Director, Balsillie School of International Affairs
09:15 – 10:45	International Humanitarian Law 101	Samit D’Cunha International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Coordinator, Eastern Canada, Canadian Red Cross (CRCS)
10:45 – 11:00	Break	
11:00 – 11:50	For the Sake of Peace and Human Security: Disarmament and Arms Control <i>Nuclear Weapons: An approaching apocalypse or an abolition hope?</i> <i>Human Control and Autonomous Weapons Systems</i> <i>When money trumps all: Human rights and the arms trade</i>	Moderator: Samit D’Cunha CRCS Cesar Jaramillo Executive Director, Project Ploughshares Branka Marijan Program Officer, Project Ploughshares Peggy Mason President of the Rideau Institute
11:50 – 12:20	Question and Answer Period	
12:20 – 13:20	Lunch & Networking	

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13:20 – 14:25	<p>Applied IHL for Vulnerable Groups: Education, Health and Disability</p> <p><i>How can education contribute to peace?</i></p> <p><i>Working with Teachers to Disseminate IHL in the Canadian Classroom</i></p> <p><i>IHL in the Canadian Classroom: the Student's Voice, the Teacher's Voice</i></p> <p><i>Employing International Humanitarian Law: Disability Experiences in Syria and South Sudan</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Dr. Edmund Pries Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Religion and Culture and Social Entrepreneurship, Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <p>Tim Murray Senior Advisor: Education and Child Protection, Save the Children</p> <p>Andrea McArthur Provincial Coordinator, Exploring Humanitarian Law, CRCS</p> <p>Andrea Barrow Educator at Limestone District School Board and CRCS Teacher Champion, Exploring Humanitarian Law</p> <p>Sarah Murray PhD candidate at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University</p>
14:25 – 14:55	Question and Answer Period	
14:55 – 15:25	Break	
15:25 – 16:25	<p>Career Navigation: Where to go from here?</p> <p>ALL</p> <p><i>Grad Programs to Explore</i></p> <p><i>How some of our speakers arrived at their careers</i></p> <p><i>Internship Opportunities / Civil Society Engagement Opportunities</i></p>	<p>Moderator: Lowell Ewert Associate Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College</p> <p>Dr. Edmund Pries Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Religion and Culture and Social Entrepreneurship, Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <p>Paul Esau Former Intern, Project Ploughshares and PhD candidate, Wilfrid Laurier University</p> <p>Dr. Alistair D. Edgar Associate Dean, School of International Policy & Governance, at BSIA; President and CEO, Canadian Landmine Foundation</p> <p>Samit D'Cunha CRCS (Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining/Human Rights Watch/UN)</p> <p>Dany Mercer HR Marketing Officer, ICRC</p> <p>Sandra Rossiter Deputy Director, Civilian Security Policy, Humanitarian Organizations and Food Assistance Division, Global Affairs Canada</p>
16:25 – 16:55	Question and Answer Period	
16:55 – 17:00	Closing Remarks	Tatjana Radovanovic Senior Director, Regional Operations, CRCS

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Speaker Biographies

John Ravenhill

Dr John Ravenhill is Director of the Balsillie School of International Affairs, on secondment from his position as Professor of Political Science at the University of Waterloo. Before taking up this appointment four years ago, he was the Head of the School of Politics and International Relations in the Research School of Social Sciences at the Australian National University.

Ravenhill has published 24 books and over 190 journal articles and book chapters. He is one of the editors of the Review of International Political Economy, the number two ranked journal in the field of International Relations (by citation counts). He was the founding editor of the Cambridge University Press book series, Cambridge Asia-Pacific Studies, and is on the editorial boards of more than 10 journals.

He was elected a Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia in 2009, and a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs in 2016. In 2016, he also received the Distinguished Scholar Award from the International Political Economy section of the International Studies Association, the principal international association in the profession.

He has been a Visiting Professor in the International Organizations MBA program at the University of Geneva, at the International University of Japan, at the University of California, Berkeley, and was the National Trade Unions Congress Professor of International Economic Relations at Nanyang Technological University in Singapore. Dr. Ravenhill has been an advisor to the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Australian government.

Samit D'Cunha

Samit D'Cunha is an International Humanitarian Law Regional Coordinator with the Canadian Red Cross, based in Halifax. In his role he organizes IHL educational activities for Atlantic Canada as well as delivers presentations focusing on IHL. Prior to joining the Canadian Red Cross, he was a Standards and Compliance Officer at the Geneva International Centre for Humanitarian Demining, where he advised and contributed to projects related to international compliance, legal efficiency, and the development of various international disarmament standards. In his work at GICHD, Samit conducted several field missions in conflict-affected and post-conflict countries, including Bosnia, Sri Lanka, Tajikistan, and Ukraine. His other experiences include working for Human Rights Watch and the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from McGill University, a Master's and Juris Doctorate degree from American University, and an LL.M. from the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.



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Cesar Jaramillo

Cesar Jaramillo is executive director at Project Ploughshares. His work has focused on such program areas as nuclear disarmament, outer space security and conventional weapons control. Cesar has participated in various multilateral disarmament processes as an international civil society representative, and has given guest lectures and presentations at academic institutions in Canada and abroad. An occasional columnist on matters of disarmament and international security, Cesar graduated from the University of Waterloo with an MA in global governance and has bachelor's degrees in honours political science and in journalism.

Branka Marijan

Branka Marijan is a Program Officer at Project Ploughshares. At Ploughshares, Branka leads the research on the military and security implications of emerging technologies. Her work examines ethical concerns regarding the developments of autonomous weapons systems and the impact of artificial intelligence and robotics on security provision and trends in warfare. She holds a PhD from the Balsillie School of International Affairs with a specialization in conflict and security. She has conducted research on post-conflict societies and published academic articles and reports on the impacts of conflict on civilians and diverse issues of security governance, including security sector reform.

Peggy Mason

A former Canadian Ambassador for Disarmament to the UN and an expert on the political/diplomatic aspects of UN peacekeeping training, Peggy Mason is now the President of the Rideau Institute, an independent, non-profit think tank focusing on research and advocacy in foreign, defence and national security policy. In that capacity she brings a progressive voice to issues ranging from the imperative of nuclear disarmament to the centrality of UN conflict resolution, appearing regularly in the blogosphere, in print media and on radio and television.

Her career highlights diplomatic and specialist expertise in the field of international peace and security, with a particular emphasis on the United Nations, where she served as Canada's Ambassador for Disarmament from 1989 to 1995.

While Ambassador for Disarmament, Mason headed delegations to review conferences for the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC) and the Environmental Modification Convention (ENMOD). She chaired two UN Expert Group Studies on Arms Control Verification and the Regulation of Small Arms and Light Weapons, respectively. She also served for 6 years as a member of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament.

Since 1996 Ms. Mason has been involved in many aspects of UN peacekeeping training, including the development of groundbreaking principles on the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of former fighters, the reform of UN arms embargoes and the dramatic evolution of UN peacekeeping in the 21st century.

From 2002-2012 Peggy Mason was a Senior Fellow at The Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA) at Carleton University, where she lectured, participated in training for Iraqi and Kuwaiti diplomats and chaired the Advisory Board of the Canadian Centre for Treaty Compliance (CCTC). Peggy Mason is currently active in many NGO's including the Group of 78, World Federalist Movement – Canada, and the Pugwash Movement-Canada.

Peggy Mason was inducted into the University of Ottawa Common Law Honour Society in 2003. She received the 2016 Achievement Award from Canadians for a Nuclear Weapons Convention for her ongoing commitment to a nuclear-free world.



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Dr. Edmund Pries

Edmund is Assistant Professor of Global Studies, Social Entrepreneurship and Religion and Culture and Program Coordinator of the Social Entrepreneurship Option at Wilfrid Laurier University where his teaching is centered in the area of Peace and Conflict Studies (including: Disarmament, International Humanitarian Law), Religion and Social Innovation/Entrepreneurship. His research focuses on religion and peace/conflict and on social contracts derived from citizenship oaths and military enlistment oaths. He also researches and writes on pedagogy. In addition to various articles, he recently co-edited the book *Peace Studies between Tradition and Innovation* (2015). He is on the Board of Peace and Conflict Studies Association of Canada and the former co-chair of the Peace and Justice Studies Association.

Tim Murray

Tim Murray is the Senior Advisor for Education and Child Protection at Save the Children Canada, where he supports the technical quality and strategic direction of all education and child protection programming. Tim has been working in education for the last 15 years, starting a teacher and teacher-trainer in Spain, the UK and South Korea, before under-taking an MSc in International Development at School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Tim has worked on several community and research projects of refugees, orphans, and human trafficking victims. In 2008, he moved to Colombia where he worked as education coordinator for Save the Children for 4 years. In early 2014 Tim moved to Thailand to work as Senior Education Specialist for Save the Children, where he provided technical oversight on the refugee education programs along the Thai-Myanmar border. In addition to his role with Save the Children Canada, he is now also the global lead of Save the Children's Safe Schools Common Approach.

Andrea McArthur

Andrea McArthur has worked with the Canadian Red Cross for 16 years as a public speaker, workshop facilitator, and program coordinator. She has developed and facilitated several workshops about youth engagement and leadership, social justice and diversity, humanitarian issues, and International Humanitarian Law. Andrea holds an Honours Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Brock University and obtained her Masters of Social Work from Wilfrid Laurier University in 2011 with course work focusing on community building, group facilitation, program management and research. Her Masters thesis investigated the impact of services provided by youth engaged in indirect volunteering in the Greater Toronto Area. Andrea is passionate about tracking the impact that public education has on attitude & behaviour change. In her current line of work with the Canadian Red Cross Exploring Humanitarian Law program, Andrea values success stories from students and teachers discussing International Humanitarian Law in the classroom.

Andrea Barrow

Andrea Barrow has been with the Limestone District School Board in Kingston for the past 10 years. She is currently divided between the Health and Physical Education and Social Science Departments at La Salle SS. For the past 5 years Andrea has been an Ambassador/Presenter and with Ophea and has been a member of their Safety Committee in Ontario. Andrea is also a Canadian Red Cross First Aid/CPR Instructor and "Beyond the Hurt: Preventing Bullying and Harassment" facilitator. Andrea has been an Exploring Humanitarian Law Teacher Champion with the Canadian Red Cross for 3 years.



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Sarah Murray

Sarah Murray is a doctoral candidate at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University. Her areas of expertise are international human rights, global governance, and disability rights. Her current research focuses on international disability rights and the implementation and effectiveness of governance instruments such as the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

Lowell Ewert

Lowell Ewert, J.D., LL.M., has served as Director of the Peace and Conflict Studies program at the University of Waterloo for 20 years and previously worked for 11 years in international development. As a relief and development practitioner, he was directly involved in carrying out humanitarian projects in Lebanon in the mid-1980's during the civil war while living there with his wife, as well as living and working development projects in Jordan, Kazakhstan, Guatemala, Nicaragua and providing oversight or consulting on projects in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Kosovo, Nicaragua, Indonesia and Egypt.

Paul Esau

Paul Esau is currently enrolled in a doctoral program in History at Wilfrid Laurier University. He hosts a podcast, *The Defuser*, for the Canadian Landmine Foundation out of the Laurier Centre for Military Strategic and Disarmament Studies. Paul recently completed an internship with Project Ploughshares and continues to volunteer his time there by helping to maintain the Canadian Military Industry Database.

Dr. Alistair D. Edgar

Dr. Alistair Edgar is Associate Dean of the School of International Policy & Governance, at the Balsillie School of International Affairs; and an Advisory Board member of the Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies. Outside of the university he is Chair of the Board of the Canadian Landmine Foundation. He is an editor of *Global Governance* journal, and serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of International Peacekeeping*.

Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS) for three 5-year terms, 2003-2018; and was a Director on the national board of the UN Association in Canada, 2009-2015. He also served as President of the International Jurist Organization, an educational association headquartered in the Supreme Court of India.

As a scholar, his research currently is focused on war-to-peace and post-conflict transitions, and especially on issues of justice in peace building. He has worked on this topic mainly in Afghanistan, Cambodia, Kosovo, and northern Uganda.

Dr. Edgar has his PhD in Political Science from Queen's University. He was the John M. Olin Doctoral Fellow in Economics and National Security at the Olin Institute, Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University in 1992-93, and received a certificate in Russian Studies at Moscow State University (1995). He earned his MA Political Science from the University of British Columbia (1985), and his BA Honours in History from Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge University (1983).



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Dany Mercer

Dany Mercier joined the International Committee of the Red Cross in 2017 as the HR Marketing Officer for North America. In this role, he promotes humanitarian activities targeted to a wide range of professionals the ICRC needs for its operational activities.

His professional career outside of the ICRC includes working in the field with Médecins sans Frontières (MSF) as an HR and Finance Manager. Before working in the humanitarian field, Dany has held positions within the higher education industry in various positions including such as Sponsored Students Manager as well as Director of the Office of Undergraduate Research at the University of Ottawa.

Dany holds a degree in International Development and Law from the University of Ottawa and an M.Sc. in Management of International Development and Humanitarian Action from Université Laval.

Sandra Rossiter

Sandra Rossiter (BA [Soviet and East European Studies], Carleton University, 1990; MA [Central East European and Russian-Area Studies] Carleton University, 1999) began her career in the federal government in 1991 working at Environment Canada. She joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 1999 and entered the Foreign Service in 2001. She has been Deputy Director for Civilian Security Policy in the International Humanitarian Assistance Bureau at Global Affairs since 2015. Previous assignments at Headquarters include desk officer in the Afghanistan Task Force from 2009 to 2010, desk officer for India from 2006-2008, desk officer for Bangladesh and the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation from 2001 to 2003, and desk officer in the Canada-US Transboundary Division from 1999 to 2000. She has served abroad as Second Secretary at Canada's Embassy to the Russian Federation from 2003 to 2006; as First Secretary at Canada's Embassy to the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan from 2008 to 2009; and as First Secretary at Canada's High Commission to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland from 2010 to 2015.

Tatjana Radovanovic

Tatjana Radovanovic is the Senior Director of Ontario Operations with Canadian Red Cross Society. Leading the teams responsible for delivery of Red Cross programs in Ontario such as community support services, community initiatives, disaster management, community and program development, project and program management, community and government relations, co-ordinations and evaluation of planning activities, are just a few of her responsibilities. Tatjana also serves as a volunteer in several Red Cross programs such as Instructor and Team leader for detention monitoring program, instructor for Disaster Management and Humanitarian Issues Program and Advisor for Youth in action initiative. Tatjana holds a masters Degree in education and computer science and has an extensive training in Information Technology, Business Continuity and Emergency Planning and Community Health



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Annex 4 – Networking Lunch Questions

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'International Humanitarian Law: Instruments of Peace'

NETWORKING LUNCH

INSTRUCTIONS: This is an opportunity for you to network and get to know some of the other attendees at the conference. Please take the time to go around the table and discuss the below questions amongst yourselves.

1. What motivated you to attend this conference?
2. What program / field of work are you in?
3. What is one thing that you will take away from the conference?
4. Has this motivated you to action after the conference is over? If so, in what way (volunteering, more research/reading, look for work in this field, etc.)?
5. What are your burning questions or comments from what you have heard during the morning?



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'IHL: Instruments of Peace'

PRE-CONFERENCE READING LIST

Title: Fundamentals of IHL

Author ICRC

LINK <https://casebook.icrc.org/law/fundamentals-ihl>

Title: Are emerging technologies making us safer?

Author Project Ploughshares

LINK http://ploughshares.ca/pl_publications/are-emerging-technologies-making-us-safer/

Title: Human-less or human-more?

Author Project Ploughshares

LINK http://ploughshares.ca/pl_publications/human-less-or-human-more/

Title: Careers at Global Affairs Canada: How to Apply

Author GAC

LINK <http://www.international.gc.ca/qac-amc/careers-carrieres/index.aspx?lang=eng>
<http://www.international.gc.ca/qac-amc/careers-carrieres/index.aspx?lang=fra>

Title: Basic Rules of IHL (Canada & Conflict: A Humanitarian Perspective - Student Resource 2.2)

Author ICRC

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SR2.2 Basic Rules of IHL

IHL is a set of rules that aim to preserve human dignity in armed conflict by protecting the most vulnerable persons and by limiting the way in which war is conducted.

IHL strikes a balance between the principle of humanity and military necessity.

	PROHIBITIONS	OBLIGATIONS
<p>PROTECTING THE MOST VULNERABLE PERSONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> civilians wounded and sick detainees health care workers 	<p>It is forbidden to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> attack civilians and civilian objects (houses, schools, places of worship, cultural or historic monuments, etc.); murder and torture; commit acts of sexual violence; forcibly displace and starve civilians; attack hospitals, ambulances and health care workers; use human shields; destroy stocks of food, farming areas, and the water supply; recruit or use children under the age of 15 in armed conflict; misuse the red cross / red crescent / red crystal emblem; interfere with the delivery of humanitarian relief; damage the environment. <p>It is forbidden to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> use weapons that cause unnecessary suffering (such as poison, blinding laser weapons); use weapons that cannot distinguish between civilians and military targets (such as landmines); take hostages; pretend to be a civilian while fighting; order or threaten that there shall be no survivors. 	<p>Captured civilians and enemy combatants:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be given adequate food, water, clothing, shelter and medical care; must be allowed to have contact with their families. <p>Children and women must be detained separately from men, to the extent feasible.</p> <p>Enemy combatants who are wounded, sick, shipwrecked, or surrendering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be searched for, collected and cared for; must not receive preferential treatment, except on medical grounds. <p>A surrendering enemy must not be wounded or killed. The specific protection, health and assistance needs of women affected by armed conflict must be respected. Everyone is entitled to a fair trial.</p> <p>Those who are fighting must distinguish themselves from those who are not.</p> <p>Attacks must be limited to military objectives.</p> <p>During an attack, every precaution must be taken to minimize the potential harm to civilians and civilian objects.</p>

Respect human dignity

Minimize collateral damage

Do not target civilians

<p>DEFINITIONS</p> <p>Civilian: Any person who is not a combatant. When civilians take a direct part in fighting, they lose their protection from attack. (Should there be any doubt about a person's status, he or she shall be considered to be a civilian).</p>	<p>Combatant: Member of armed forces, member of any armed group under the orders of a party to the conflict. <i>Hors de combat:</i> Literally means "out of fight" and describes combatants who have been captured or wounded or who are sick or shipwrecked and thus no longer in a position to fight.</p>	<p>Civilian object: Any object that is not a military objective. When a civilian is used in support of military action, it can become a legitimate military target and lose its protection. (When there is any doubt about its status, it shall be considered to be a civilian object).</p>	<p>Military objective: Object that by its nature, location, purpose or use makes an effective contribution to military action and whose destruction offers a definite military advantage.</p>
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Annex 6 – Photos



Opening remarks delivered by Professor and Director of the Balsillie School of International Relations



IHL 101 delivered by Samit D'Cunha, International Humanitarian Law Coordinator, Eastern Canada, Canadian Red Cross



Light refreshments served prior to the conference, during registration.



Catered lunch for the conference participants and speakers



PANEL: For the Sake of Peace and Human Security: Disarmament and Arms Control



Cesar Jaramillo, Executive Director, Project Ploughshares, delivering his presentation on 'Nuclear Weapons: An approaching apocalypse or an abolition hope?'



Branka Marijan, Program Officer, Project Ploughshares, delivering her presentation on 'Human Control and Autonomous Weapons Systems'





Peggy Mason, President of the Rideau Institute delivering her presentation on 'When money trumps all: Human rights and the arms trade'



Panel during Q&A (from left to right): Speakers - Peggy Mason, Branka Marijan, Cesar Jaramillo and Moderator, Samit D'Cunha





Networking lunch

PANEL: Applied IHL for Vulnerable Groups: Education, Health and Disability



Professor Edmund Pries, Assistant Professor, Global Studies, Religion and Culture and Social Entrepreneurship, Wilfrid Laurier University, and Moderator, introducing the panel speakers





Tim Murray, Senior Advisor: Education and Child Protection, Save the Children, delivering his presentation on 'How can education contribute to peace?'



Andrea McArthur, Provincial Coordinator, Exploring Humanitarian Law, CRCS, delivering her presentation on 'Working with Teachers to Disseminate IHL in the Canadian Classroom'





Andrea Barrow, Educator at Limestone District School Board and CRCS Teacher Champion, Exploring Humanitarian Law, delivering her presentation on 'IHL in the Canadian Classroom: the Student's Voice, the Teacher's Voice'



Sarah Murray, PhD candidate at the Balsillie School of International Affairs and Wilfrid Laurier University, delivering her presentation on 'Employing International Humanitarian Law: Disability Experiences in Syria and South Sudan'



PANEL: Career Navigation



The panel (from left to right): Dany Mercer, HR Marketing Officer, ICRC; Samit D’Cunha; Dr. Alistair D. Edgar, Associate Dean, School of International Policy & Governance, at BSIA, President and CEO, Canadian Landmine Foundation; Paul Esau, Former Intern, Project Ploughshares and PhD candidate, Wilfred Laurier University, Sandra Rossiter, Deputy Director, Civilian Security Policy, Humanitarian Organizations and Food Assistance Division, Global Affairs Canada (joining via VTC, not pictured here) and Professor Lowell Ewert, Associate Professor, Peace and Conflict Studies, Conrad Grebel University College, as Moderator, delivering introductions



Olivia Hamilton, Provincial Coordinator, International Humanitarian Law, CRCS, delivering closing remarks

