

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW SYMPOSIUM
1-3 November 2017

Sydney Law School, The University of Sydney
New Law School Building (F10)
Eastern Avenue, Camperdown Campus
Common Room Level 4,

DAY 1 — Wednesday November 1

STORY BEHIND THE STORY

A “speed session” in international humanitarian law, specifically designed for media professionals reporting on armed conflict and media/journalism academics & students.

Time	Event	Notes
5.00-5.30pm	Arrival	Registration
5.30-7.00pm	Session 1	Do you feel confident calling out a war crime? How do you know when an incident violates the laws of war? What can you say in response? Who can you ask for clarification or comment? What are the implications of getting it wrong?
7.00-7.15pm	Break	
7.15-8.00pm	Session 2	Safety of Journalists How can you get great stories and powerful pictures safely? What protection can you expect under the laws of war and what support can you rely on from different organisations in conflict zones?
8.00-8.15pm	Close	Q&A and conclusion

DAY 2 — Thursday November 2

HUMANITARIAN AND JOURNALISTIC CHALLENGES OF ETHICAL WAR REPORTING

Time	Session	Details
8.30am	Arrival	Registration
9.00-9.30am	Plenary	Welcome Welcome to Country Welcome address from Australian Red Cross and Sydney Centre for International Law Master of Ceremonies: Ben Doherty, The Guardian Australia
9.30-10.30am	Plenary	Keynote address and Q&A Keynote speaker to be confirmed.
10.30-11.00am	Morning tea	
11.00-12.30pm	Plenary	Panel 1 - Local and international challenges in reporting on armed conflict: What is the IHL narrative and does it need to change? Matt Wade, Sydney Morning Herald How to bring attention to the humanitarian challenges of development in a way that



		<p>helps Australian audiences understand and compassionately respond to these complex situations.</p> <p>Dr Saba Bebawi, University of Technology Sydney (former investigative journalist) How can we reassert the relevance of journalists/objective reporting in an age where warring parties are bypassing the press and broadcasting their messages via citizen journalists and social media?</p> <p>Kavita Bedford, The Point Magazine The impact of war reporting and the IHL narrative on local Australian communities.</p>
12.30-1.30pm	Lunch	
1.30-3.00pm	Plenary	<p>Panel 2 - The relationship between media and public perceptions about international law</p> <p>Pawel Krzysiek, Syria - Head of Communication at International Committee of the Red Cross What role does media reporting play in how people perceive violations of IHL, for instance, in the Syria crisis?</p> <p>Paul McPhun, Executive Director MSF Australia Kunduz: A humanitarian's perspective on how this event was covered in the media</p> <p>Daniel Joyce, UNSW What is the relationship between journalism and international justice?</p>
3.00-3.30pm	Afternoon tea	
3.30-5.00pm	Plenary	<p>Panel 3 - Can global media mobilise interest around civilian suffering and shine a light on the commission of war crimes in order to effect change?</p> <p>Stephen Dupont, internationally-recognised photographer, artist and documentary filmmaker The power of storytelling: How can you use images to provide insight into the lives and experiences of people – often civilians – in war?</p> <p>Ginny Stein, ABC Lateline The future of storytelling: cultural and technological shifts that continue to influence traditional reporting</p> <p>Brian Thomson, International Editor SBS TV – TBC Can global media mobilise interest around civilian suffering in order to effect change?</p>
5.00-5.30pm	Plenary	Conclusion
6.00-7.30pm	Symposium cocktail function – sponsored by the Dart Centre Asia Pacific Guest speaker: Linda Mottram, ABC Radio, representing Dart Centre Asia Pacific	

DAY 3 — Friday November 3

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW TEACHING SYMPOSIUM

Time	Event	Notes
8.30am	Arrival	Registration
9.00-9.30am	Plenary	<p>Welcome Welcome to Country Welcome address from Australian Red Cross and Sydney Centre for International Law Master of Ceremonies: Tara Gutman, National Manager – IHL (Acting) Australian Red Cross</p>
9.30-11.00am	Workshop	<p>Panel 1 – Reflections and lessons on teaching IHL in Australia: An open conversation Reflections, challenges and other experiences associated with teaching IHL in Australia.</p> <p>Tim McCormack, University of Melbourne Emily Crawford, University of Sydney Matt Killingsworth, University of Tasmania Michael Fletcher, Australian Red Cross</p> <p>Chair: Rain Liivoja, University of Melbourne</p>
11.00-11.30am	Morning tea	
11.30am-1.30pm	Workshop	<p>Panel 2 - Lessons from experiential learning and clinical teaching The benefits and challenges of teaching IHL through experience</p> <p>CAPT Darryn Mullins RAN, Director Military Law Centre; Deputy Director APCML Emma Kettle, Director of Capability, RedR Australia Michael Bliss, Legal Adviser, Assistant Secretary, International Legal Branch, DFAT Dr Phillip Drew, Australian National University</p> <p>Chair: To be confirmed</p>
1.30-2.30pm	Lunch	
2.30-4.30pm	Workshop	<p>Panel 3 - New ways of teaching IHL Supporting and encouraging the teaching of IHL, plus new ideas, resources, techniques and methods for teaching IHL.</p> <p>Georgia Hinds, Regional Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Dr Deane-Peter Baker, UNSW Canberra (ADFA) Katherine Fallah, University of Technology Sydney</p> <p>Chair: Tim McCormack, University of Melbourne</p>
4.30-5.00pm	Plenary	Conclusion

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