



12th Red Cross International Humanitarian Law Moot (2014)

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Seminar on International Humanitarian Law

Even war has limits. International Humanitarian Law (IHL) is a set of rules that seeks, for humanitarian reasons, to limit the effects of armed conflict on non-combatants. This seminar seeks to highlight the recent developments of the IHL and some of the major issues that are faced by the International Courts.

Speakers:

Ambassador Noor Farida ARIFFIN

Former Director-General, Research, Treaties and International Law, Foreign Affairs Ministry of Malaysia

Her Excellency Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin has had a long and distinguished career in the public service as a judge, legal adviser and diplomat. After completing her legal studies at the Inns of Court in London, she joined the Judicial and Legal Service in February 1971 where she served in various capacities. From 1993, she held a number of key positions at the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, including Under-Secretary of the Territorial and Maritime Division. From 2000 to 2007, she was the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Kingdom of the Netherlands and was the Malaysian Permanent Representative to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, where she was elected as Chair of the 8th Conference of States Parties of the Chemical Weapons Convention in October 2003. From 2008 to 2011, she held the position of Director-General of Research, Treaties and International Law at the Foreign Ministry. In 2011, Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin was appointed as a member of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' advisory group on the 1951 Convention relating to the status of refugees and the 1961 Convention on reducing statelessness. Since her retirement from the Foreign Ministry in 2012, she continues to be involved in multiple activities. She is now head of the law reform committee at the National Council of Women's Organisations and actively works on women's rights issues in Malaysia including holding a position as a trustee for the Women's Aid Organisation (WAO), assisting in establishing Sisters in Islam (SIS) and holding the role of President of the Association of Women Lawyers (AWL), amongst others.

Professor Donald ROTHWELL

Professor of International Law and Head of School, College of Law, Australian National University

Donald R Rothwell is Professor of International Law, and Head of School at the ANU College of Law, Australian National University where he has taught since July 2006. His research has a specific focus on law of the sea, law of the polar regions, and implementation of international law within Australia as reflected in over 160 articles, book chapters and notes in international and Australian publications. Rothwell has authored, co-authored or edited several books including most recently "The Law of the Sea and the Polar Regions" (2013) and "Law of the Sea" (2013). His major career works include "The International Law of the Sea" (2010) with Tim Stephens, and "The Polar Regions and the Development of International Law" (1996). In 2012 he was appointed as Rapporteur of the International Law Association (ILA) Committee on 'Baselines under the International Law of the Sea'. He has taught a range of courses including Law of the Sea, International Dispute Resolution, International Law and Use of Armed Force, International Humanitarian Law, Military Operations Law, and Public International Law. Dr Rothwell was previously Challis Professor of International Law and Director of the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law, University of Sydney (2004-2006), where he had taught since 1988. He has also acted as a consultant or been a member of expert groups for UNEP, UNDP, IUCN, the Australian Government, and acted as advisor to the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

Mr François SÉNÉCHAUD

Head of Division, Integration and Promotion of the Law, International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)

Mr Francois Sénéchaud is currently Head of the Division for Integration and Promotion of the Law, at ICRC headquarters in Geneva. Before joining the ICRC, he was in the service of the Swiss General Staff, where he worked as a political analyst in the fields of security policy, disarmament and peace support operations. He has also been in charge of the drafting of a new field manual entitled "Operational law for brigade commanders and their staff". Since joining the ICRC in 1993, he has worked on field missions in several countries affected by armed conflicts, notably Croatia and Bosnia, Rwanda and Peru, as field delegate, head of office and head of sub-delegation, before being appointed as Delegate to the Armed and Security forces of Central America, the Caribbean and the United States, and then, from 2000 to 2002, to North America and Western Europe, where he was in charge developing relations with the armed forces of that region as they deployed to Afghanistan and Iraq. He was appointed Head of the Unit for the relations with armed and security forces in ICRC HQ in 2004, and in 2010 was appointed to its current position as Head of the Division for Integration and Promotion of the Law where he is responsible of the supervision and coherence of the activities of ICRC delegates around the world who work in particular on the promotion and implementation of IHL among the military, political authorities and academic circles.



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Friday March 14, 2014 | 2:30pm – 5:15pm

Large Moot Court, 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, HKU

Facilitator:

Mr Paul STARR

Partner and Practice Leader HK DR/Infrastructure, King & Wood Mallesons

Mr Starr is a partner and head in Asia of King & Wood Mallesons' dispute resolution and construction practices. He has extensive experience in disputes concerning construction, commercial international arbitration and litigation.

14:15-14:30

Registration

14:30-15:00

Welcoming Speech, Souvenir Presentation & Photo Taking

15:00-15:35

“Current Challenges facing the International Criminal Court (ICC)”

by Ambassador Noor Farida Ariffin

Former Director-General, Research, Treaties and International Law
Foreign Affairs Ministry of Malaysia

15:35-15:45

Q & A

15:45-16:20

“International Law and the Syrian Crisis”

by Professor Donald Rothwell

Professor of International Law and Head of School, College of Law
Australian National University

16:20-16:30

Q & A

16:30-17:05

“Engaging with Non-State Actors to Promote Compliance with IHL”

by Mr François Sénéchaud

Head of Division, Integration and Promotion of the Law
International Committee of the Red Cross (Geneva)

17:05-17:15

Q & A

** Participants with meal vouchers may have their meals at the Asia Pacific Canteen of HKU – Haking Wong Building (New Union Restaurant) and **must** return to the Large Moot Court on the 2/F of Cheng Yu Tung Tower by **18:15**.