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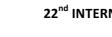
Upholding Refugee Protection, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law: The Role of Geneva in International Humanitarian Action

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 21 st 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



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Refugees: Lessons from the past for today

Geneva

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

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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