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This short course introduces participants to the Islamic law of armed conflict and how it relates to the current conflicts in Muslim contexts. It examines the rules regulating the use of force during both international and non-international armed conflicts under classical Islamic law. Classical Islamic rules providing protection to certain persons and objects and those regulating certain means and methods of warfare are examined in order to find out, first, the impact/challenges surrounding their application in current armed conflict situations and, second, their compatibility with international humanitarian law rules.

The course also discusses the distinction between the use of legitimate force and terrorism (both domestic and international) under Islamic law. It analyses the development of the classical Islamic public international law framework and its impact on the issues of the Islamic jus ad bellum and the jurisdiction of Islamic law.

The course starts with identifying and defining the Islamic law key concepts, sources, and schools in order to familiarize the students with such a complex and highly technical legal system and understand the extent of its contemporary application.

AUDIENCE

This short course forms part of our LLM in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights (LLM). It is open to professionals – diplomats, lawyers, legal advisers, judges, NGO staff, human rights advocates, media specialists, professionals working in emergency situations, UN staff and staff from other international organizations – who are not enrolled in the LLM and who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

SCHEDULE

- Thursday 28 February 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 7 March 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 14 March 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 21 March 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 28 March 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 4 April 2019, 17:00 – 19:00
- Thursday 11 April 2019, 17:00 – 19:00

LECTURER

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CERTIFICATE

Participants obtain a certificate at the end of the course (no ECTS credits are gained).

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for individual courses must be submitted via the online form available on our website.

DEADLINES AND TUITION FEE

Fee: **CHF 1'150**

Deadlines:

- Application start: 7 December 2018
- Application end: 18 February 2019