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SHORT COURSE ON THE CLASSIFICATION OF ARMED CONFLICTS

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This course aims to study, in depth, an emblematic example of the complexity of international humanitarian law (IHL) and the challenges it raises: the classification of armed conflicts (ACs). The course first analyzes the contours of the various categories of ACs (e.g. international AC, internationalized non-international ACs, wars of national liberation, belligerent occupations, high-intensity and low-intensity non-international ACs) in connection with the traditional distinction between non-international and international ACs. The course then questions the relevance of this last distinction in light of the requirements of contemporary ACs and the increased role played by independent actors within them. The course relies, as much as possible, on concrete examples illustrating the different categories of ACs and the controversies they raise.

AUDIENCE

This course forms part of the Geneva Academy Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict. 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 Executive Master and who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

CERTIFICATE

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

SCHEDULE

- Thursday 27 April, 18:00 -20:30
- Thursday 11 May, 18:00 -20:30
- Thursday 18 May, 18:00 -20:30
- Thursday 25 May, 18:00 -20:30
- Thursday 1 June, 18:00 -20:30

LECTURER

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Jérôme de Hemptinne's research focuses on modes of liability for international crimes, the qualification of armed conflicts and institutional aspects of international criminal courts and tribunals.

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 November 2016
- Application end: 20 April 2017