CALL FOR PAPERS

CURRENT ISSUES IN ARMED CONFLICTS CONFERENCE

26 October 2023
Online

The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and the Conflict and Crisis Hub at the University of Essex are pleased to announce a new format for their annual joint conference on Current Issues in Armed Conflict. The conference has three objectives:

- To provide a space for debate and discussion on current issues in armed conflict under international law, with a broad spectrum of topics including international humanitarian law (IHL), international refugee law, international criminal law (ICL), and transitional justice.

- To offer a space for early career researchers to present their work and receive feedback from established international experts.

- To foster and develop the global community of humanitarian law scholars, through an online platform promoting inclusivity and diversity of voices.

The conference will take place online on 26 October 2023. Each panel will be chaired by an expert from the conference board, who will provide feedback on the presentations and will guide the discussion. The final session will be devoted to a moderated open discussion among all participants of the day, providing further opportunity to debate additional issues and develop connections among participants for future collaboration.

We invite papers from across the spectrum of international law which address current issues in armed conflicts, in particular those which focus particularly on *jus ad bellum*, IHL, refugee law, ICL, and transitional justice.

While we do not set a hard definition of 'early career researchers', we expect that applicants will be mid-late stage doctoral students, post-doctoral researchers, or lecturers still in the first few years in their position.

Application Process

Please submit an abstract of no more than 500 words and a brief CV, including a list of relevant publications, in PDF **by 25 August 2023** to conflictandcrisishub@essex.ac.uk. Kindly note that only one abstract per author will be considered.

The papers will be selected by a board of experts composed by:

- Professor Noam Lubell, Essex Law School
- Doctor Chiara Redaelli, Geneva Academy
- Professor Marco Sassoli, Geneva Academy
- Professor Gloria Gaggioli, Geneva Academy
- Doctor Erica Harper, Geneva Academy
- Professor Carla Ferstman, Essex Law School
- Professor Sabine Michalowski, Essex Law School
- Professor Geoff Gilbert, Essex Law School

Applicants will be informed of the selection committee's decision no later than 15 September 2023.