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Lloyd Law College Centre for International Legal Studies (LLC-CILS) was established in 2017 under the Lloyd Law College-International Law Students Associations (LLC-ILSA) Chapter. LLC-CILS is established with the purpose of promotion of research and study in International Law. International Law has a growing role in the modern globalised world and has high professional and academic relevance in India, with its increasing role in the global economic and political spheres. To further its objective, LLC-CILS is planning to organise the *First International Conference on International Humanitarian and Refugee Laws* in March 2018.

### **BACKGROUND OF THE CONFERENCE**

Public international law has moved much ahead of the Westphalia vision of the 17<sup>th</sup> century, as the law between sovereign nation-states, especially within the context of the laws of war, peace and security, and protection of territories. Along with these traditional roles, it also deals with complex and technical aspects such as (a) the international environment, shared spaces, the atmosphere, and global commons; (b) the movement of people, both forcibly displaced and voluntarily migrant, and the economic and financial flows, and the challenges of civic and social integration that go with them; (c) the challenges to human, animal, and plant life and health, and to global food security, that come from a growing and already massively interdependent world and the migratory movements of both people and animals; (d) the enormous and increasing growth in global trade and financial flows and the symbiotic interconnectedness, and potential for systemic vulnerability, of the global economic system; (e) the trans-boundary challenges to security

that have emerged more clearly into the light over the last few decade or so, from non-state actors that operate across boundaries and beyond the control of states, etc.

Traditionally known *jus in bello*, the law of war, or law of armed conflict, the term international humanitarian law (IHL) has gained prominence since the nineteenth century. The two principal branches of IHL are “Hague Law,” involving the regulation of weaponry and the selection of military targets, and “Geneva Law,” covering the treatment of prisoners of war (POW’s), detainees, civilians, and humanitarian aid workers. IHL seeks to mitigate the effects of war and the resulting crises. Humanitarian crises almost invariably result in immense human sufferings and violations of international human rights and humanitarian law. International law provides a robust framework for protecting the human rights of populations adversely affected by armed conflicts, situations of violence and insecurity, including natural and man-made disasters.

International refugee law, the legal system formulated by states, for the victims of persecution and violence and offering them asylums. Through the years, States have affirmed their commitment to protecting refugees by acceding to the 1951 *Convention relating to the Status of Refugees*, the cornerstone document of refugee protection. The Convention, which was developed and drafted by States, enumerates the rights and responsibilities of refugees and the obligations of States that are parties to it. While the international community has generally responded swiftly and generously to refugee crises over the past half century, in recent years, some worrying trends have begun to emerge. Countries that once generously opened their doors to refugees have been tempted to shut those doors for fear of assuming open-ended responsibilities, of abetting uncontrolled migration and people-smuggling, or of jeopardizing national security. Real and perceived abuses of asylum systems as well as irregular movements, have also made some countries more wary of refugee claimants, and concerned that resources are not being sufficiently focused on those in greatest need

One of the many challenges of ensuring protection in the context of humanitarian crises is the extent to which relevant actors fully and strategically consider the protection of human rights of affected persons in humanitarian crises while making decisions which define and prioritize modes of engagement. International law underscores the primary responsibility of states to guarantee protection, provides for the responsibility of non-state

armed groups, protects human rights, facilitates humanitarian assistance and promotes durable solutions including through access to effective remedies for international human rights and humanitarian law violations as well as repatriation of refugees and internally displaced persons

## **OBJECTIVES OF THE CONFERENCE**

International humanitarian law, refugee law and human rights law are complementary bodies of law that share a common goal, the protection of the lives, health and dignity of persons. They form a complex network of complementary protections and it is essential that we understand how they interact. Through this conference, our aim is to increase understanding about these laws and discuss to identify the emerging concerns and plausible solutions for the same. The Conference aims to bring together experts and interested parties of international law and provide them a platform where they can discuss and debate the contemporary and challenging issues of under the theme.

The conference shall be a one day event graced by prominent jurists, lawyers and academicians and students having expertise and knowledge in the field of public international law.

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

LLC-CILS invites papers for presentation from academicians, experts, lawyers and research scholars from India and abroad. To provide the authors an opportunity for an in-depth analysis and discussion, an expert committee would shortlist papers for presentation under various thematic sessions. The papers will be shortlisted on the basis of quality, innovative ideas and originality of presentation. Author/s are requested to submit a self-attested undertaking (attached to this call) stating the originality of their work, along with their full paper.

Following are the broad themes, though any topic which does not fall within the given themes but are related to the Conference objective may be accepted as per the discretion of the panel of experts.

## **BROAD THEMES FOR THE CONFERENCE**

1. Interface of international humanitarian law and human rights law;
2. Refugees and internally displaced persons in international humanitarian law;
3. Law of non-international armed conflicts;
4. Protection of (i) civilians; (ii) prisoners of war; (iii) combatants; (iv) women and children;
5. Rules on protected zones and occupied territories;
6. Protection of natural and cultural resources in times of armed conflicts;
7. International humanitarian law –Asian Perspectives;
8. International organisations and international humanitarian law;
9. United Nations Peacekeeping forces and international humanitarian law;
10. Implementation, compliance, enforcement and responsibility of states under international humanitarian law during peace times.

## **COLLABORATIONS**

The Conference will be guided by resource persons having experience and expertise in matters relating to international law such legal professionals, academicians, institutional experts, and members of international organizations. Through mutually collaborating with these experts and professionals we seek to disseminate knowledge, views and opinions about the critically influential field of international humanitarian and refugee laws.

## **PAPER SUBMISSION GUIDELINES**

### **Abstract Submission**

The author(s)/researcher(s) have to submit the abstract by the stipulated date. Based on the abstract, the author(s)/researcher(s) will be informed about the selection and will be asked to submit the full paper. The abstract should include:

1. Title of the abstract and theme;
2. Name, designation and institution of author(s)/researcher(s), email, phone number;
3. Abstract (Issues, Methodology, Value-addition and Usefulness of the research);
4. The abstract limit is up to 300 words. It must be typewritten in Times New Roman font, 12 points, with 1.5 line spacing and 'justified' alignment. No footnotes shall be

provided in the abstract;

5. Key words (5-6);
6. All abstracts are to be submitted at in MS Word .doc or .docx format, with the subject titled as 'ABSTRACT: YOUR NAME(s) AND COLLEGE';
7. Up to two Co-authors are allowed.

### **Full Paper**

The selected author(s)/researcher(s) will have to submit full paper by the stipulated date.

1. The paper should have the cover page that will include: theme, title of the paper, name, designation and institution of author(s)/ researcher(s), E-mail, Contact number;
2. The Final Paper limit shall be not less than 4500 words and not more than 6000 words and must be typewritten in Times New Roman font, 12 points, with 1.5 line spacing and 'justified' alignment.;
3. All footnotes shall be in Times New Roman, 10 points, 1-point line spacing and 'justified' alignment;
4. All full papers are to be submitted at *ilsa@lloydcollege.edu.in* in MS Word .doc or .docx format with the subject titled as 'FULL PAPER: YOUR NAME(s) & COLLEGE', respectively.

### **Citation**

1. All citations shall be placed in foot-notes;
2. The ILI pattern should be strictly followed in the footnoting and citation. The mode of citation to be followed is available at <http://www.ili.ac.in/footnoting.pdf>.

### **REVIEW OF ABSTRACTS AND FULL PAPERS**

1. Submissions shall be reviewed by a distinguished panel of impartial judges and academicians. Submissions will be judged anonymously;
2. The submissions must be original and unpublished works of the authors. They should not be under consideration for publication elsewhere;
3. Plagiarism of any nature will attract immediate disqualification;
4. The contributions presented to and accepted for publication and the copyrights therein shall be the intellectual property of the Lloyd Law College, Greater Noida.

5. The organizers reserve the right to reject entries that do not conform to the aforesaid rules.

**PUBLICATION**

The selected full papers will be reviewed separately and published as an edited volume from a reputed legal publisher.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Registration Fees* (in IRS)</b>	
Academicians/ Experts/Lawyers	2500/-
PhD Scholars/ Researchers/Students	1500/-
Observers/Participants**	500/-
*Separate registration for co-author(s).	
** Participants will be provided conference kits, participation certificates, tea and lunch.	

Free one-day accommodation will be available to limited no. of outstation delegates at university guest house and nearby other guest houses/hotels around conference venue.

**IMPORTANT DATES**

Abstract Submission: January 20, 2018

Notification of Selection: January 25, 2018

Submission of Full Paper: February 25, 2018

Dates of the Conference: March 17, 2018

## Tentative Schedule

08:30 AM	Registration	
08:30 AM to 09:00 AM	Tea	
09:00 AM to 11:30 AM (3 Parallel Sessions)	Technical Session I	International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights
	Technical Session II	Refugees and IDPs in International Humanitarian Law
	Technical Session III	Law of Non-international Armed Conflicts
11:30 AM to 11:45 PM	Tea Break	
11:45 AM to 01:15 PM (3 Parallel Sessions)	Technical Session IV	Protection of civilians, Prisoners of Wars, Combatants, Women and Children
	Technical Session V	Protection of Natural and Cultural Resources in Armed Conflicts
	Technical Session VI	International Humanitarian Law: Asian Perspectives
01:15 PM to 02:00 PM	Lunch	
02:00 PM to 03:30 PM (2 Parallel Sessions)	Technical Session VII	International Organisations and Humanitarian Law
	Technical Session VIII	Implementation of International Humanitarian Law during Peace times
03:30 PM to 04:00 PM	Tea	
04:00 PM to 05:00 PM	Valedictory Session	

**Annex I**

**Declaration of Originality**

Dated: / /

**CERTIFICATE OF ORIGINALITY**

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submitted to *International Conference on International Humanitarian and Refugee  
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