

AGENDA

International Committee of the Red Cross

and

New York University School of Law

INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

25TH ANNUAL SEMINAR

FOR DIPLOMATS ACCREDITED TO THE UNITED NATIONS

Wednesday, March 5 –Thursday, March 6, 2008

**Arthur T. Vanderbilt Hall
40 Washington Square South
New York, NY 10012**

Wednesday, March 5, 2008

- 09:45 - 10:00a.m. **REGISTRATION**
COFFEE
Greenberg Lounge, Vanderbilt Hall
- 10:00 - 10:20a.m. **WELCOME**
The Honorable Judge Theodor Meron
International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY)
Dominique Buff
Head of Delegation, ICRC New York
- 10:20 - 10:30a.m. **GREETINGS BY THE DEAN OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW**
Richard Revesz
Dean of the School of Law, New York University
- 10:30 - 11:00a.m. **HUMANITARIAN LAW ISSUES AT THE UN**
Address by the UN Legal Counsel, Nicolas Michel
- 11:00 - 12:00a.m. **THE RC/RC MOVEMENT AND THE UNITED NATIONS**
Video followed by presentations
- Dominique Buff, Head of Delegation, ICRC New York
- Michael Schulz, Deputy Head of Delegation, International Federation of
Red Cross & Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), New York
- 12:00 - 12:30p.m. **DISCUSSION**
- 12:30 - 02:00p.m. **LUNCHEON**
Lipton Hall, Filomen D'Agostino Hall
- 02:00 - 05:00p.m. **FUNDAMENTAL RULES OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN
LAW (IHL): GENERAL OVERVIEW**
Presentations followed by discussion
- 1. INTRODUCTION TO IHL**
 Robert Young, Legal Adviser, ICRC
- 2. PROTECTED PERSONS AND OBJECTS** Law of Geneva
 Cristina Pellandini, Deputy Head of Delegation, ICRC New York
- 03:30 - 03:45p.m. **COFFEE BREAK**
- 3. RULES ON THE CONDUCT OF HOSTILITIES** Law of the Hague
 Aleardo Ferretti, Senior Delegate to the Armed Forces, ICRC
 Washington D.C.
- 05:00p.m. **END of the session**

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THE NINTH HAUSER LECTURE

**"Current challenges faced by the International Committee of the Red Cross
and International Humanitarian Law (IHL)"**

**Dr. Jakob Kellenberger
President of the International Committee of the Red Cross**

5:30 p.m.

**Vanderbilt Hall, Tishman Auditorium
NYU School of Law
40 Washington Square South, New York**

Thursday, March 6, 2008

- 09:45 - 10:00a.m. **ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS**
Greenberg Lounge, Vanderbilt Hall
- 10:00a.m. -
12:30p.m. **PRESIDENTS' PANEL**
ENHANCING RESPECT FOR IHL THROUGH JUSTICE: THE CONTRIBUTION
OF INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL CRIMINAL COURTS TO THE
DEVELOPMENT OF IHL
- Moderator:**
- Hon. Theodor Meron, Judge ICTY
- Panelists:**
- Hon. Judge Fausto Pocar, President ICTY
- Hon. Judge Dennis Byron, President ICTR
- Hon. Justice George Gelaga King, President SCSL
- Hon. Judge Philippe Kirsch, President ICC
- Hon. Judge Meddzida Kreso, President BiH State Court
- 12:30 - 02:00p.m. **LUNCHEON**
Lipton Hall, Filomen D'Agostino Hall
- 02:00 - 02:30p.m. **SPECIFIC IHL ENFORCEMENT MECHANISMS:**
THE INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN FACT FINDING COMMISSION
Professor Michael Bothe, President of the IHFFC
- 02:30 - 03:15p.m. **1983 – 2008 : THE TRANSFORMATION OF IHL SINCE 1983**
Hon. Judge Theodor Meron, ICTY
- 03:15 - 03.45p.m. **SECOND KEY NOTE ADDRESS:**
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW: CURRENT CHALLENGES
Philip Spoerri, Director for International Law and Cooperation within the
Movement, ICRC
- 03:45 - 04:15p.m. **DISCUSSION**
- 4:30p.m. **CLOSURE OF THE SEMINAR**
- Dominique Buff, Head of Delegation, ICRC New York
- The Hon. Judge Theodor Meron, ICTY
- 05:00p.m. **FAREWELL COCKTAILS**
Hosted by New York University
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