



CHRGJ-LSHR Careers in Human Rights Series

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New York University School of Law

Careers with the International Committee of the Red Cross

Nils Melzer

International Committee of the Red Cross

Time: Friday, February 22, 3-4pm

Location: Furman Hall 210

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) is one of the world's oldest and largest humanitarian organizations. With its headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, the ICRC works in roughly 80 countries and has a total of more than 12,000 staff. ICRC staff play a range of roles in situations of armed conflict and other violence: Among others, they visit and monitor the treatment of prisoners of war, distribute emergency food aid, help find missing persons, and promote respect for international humanitarian law in discussions with military commanders, rebel leaders, and others.

In his talk, Dr. Melzer will discuss his experiences working for the ICRC, the range of opportunities that are available for lawyers to help people in armed conflicts, and the challenges that this kind of work presents. There will be a question and answer session at the end of his presentation.

Since 1999, Dr. Melzer has served with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), first as a Field Delegate in the Balkans (1999-2000) and the Middle East (2001-2002), then as a Legal Adviser to the ICRC's Operations Department covering the Middle East and Africa (2002-2004), and now as a Legal Advisor in the ICRC's Legal Division.