



Sharing information and promoting international humanitarian law (IHL) at the ICRC

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Overview

- Facilitating access to legal information
 - IHL databases
 - IHL bibliography
- Promoting IHL
- Questions



ICRC mandate for IHL dissemination

Statutes of the ICRC

Article 4

The role of the ICRC shall be in particular:

(...)

(g) to work for the understanding and dissemination of knowledge of international humanitarian law applicable in armed conflicts and to prepare any development thereof

“The organization’s real strength lies in the mirror effect on which it was founded: its work in conflict situations to help people in distress derives from IHL, which it encourages belligerent parties to abide by; and this body of law in turn grows and develops by virtue of the observations made by the organization in the theatre of conflict. This mirror effect sets the ICRC apart in the humanitarian sphere.”

Marion Harroff-Tavel, “The International Committee of the Red Cross and the promotion of international humanitarian law : looking back, looking forward”,

in: The International Review of the Red Cross, vol. 96, no. 895-896, Autumn/Winter 2014, available [here](#)



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Audiences



Humanitarian practitioners



Academics in law and international relations



Government lawyers and diplomats



Military lawyers



Think tanks & policy centres



Private corporations



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Access to legal information: primary sources

Geneva conventions and other international treaties

- [Treaties database](#)
- [Geneva Conventions preparatory documents](#)

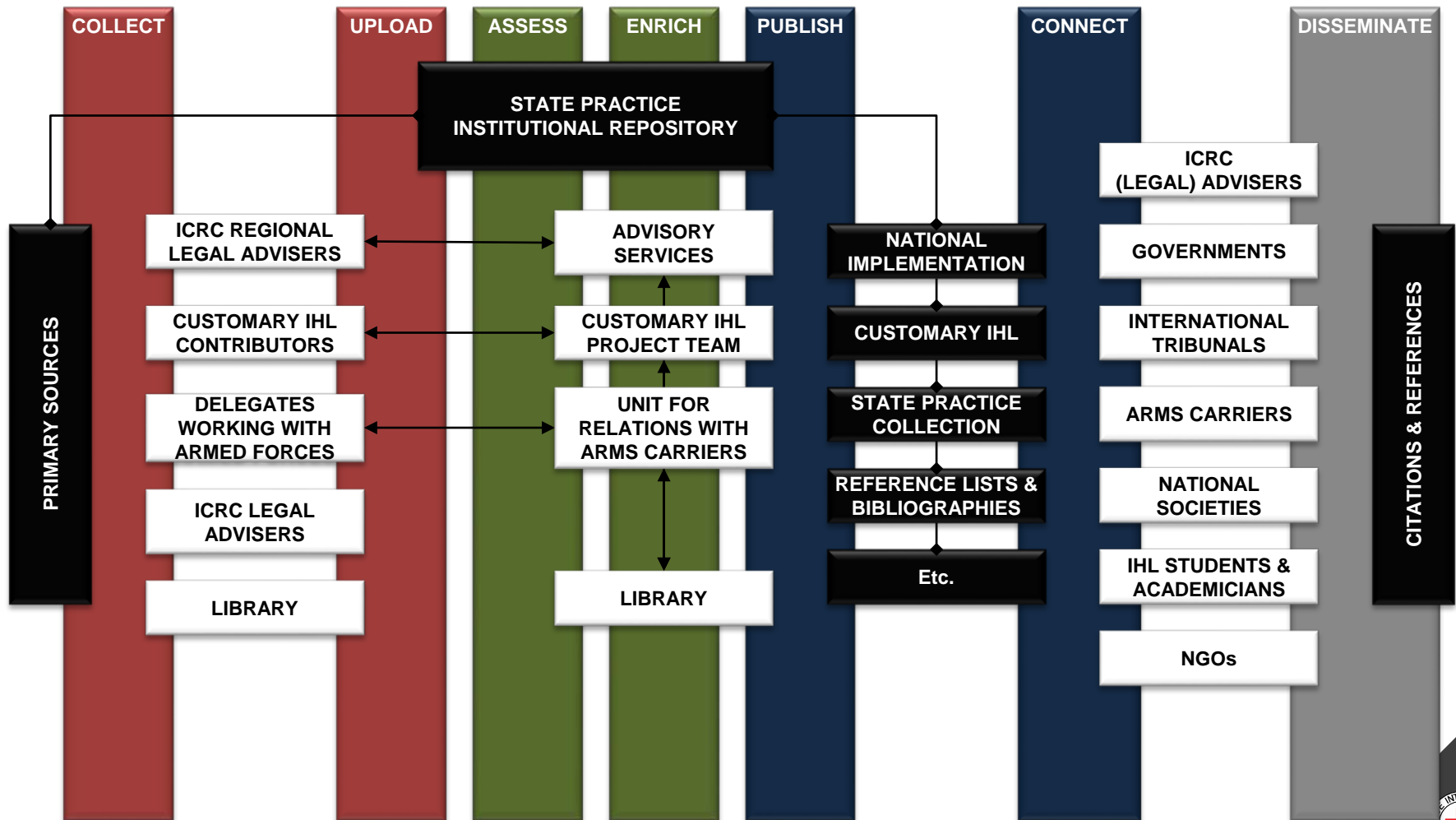
Domestic implementation of IHL

- [National implementation database](#)
- [Customary international humanitarian law database](#)
- [State practice collection](#)



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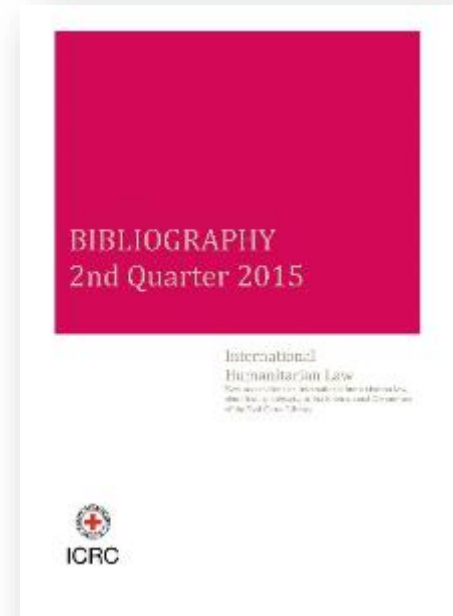
State practice institutional workflow



Access to legal information : secondary sources

IHL bibliography

- Quarterly version and annual compilation
- References classified by subject
- Abstracts
- Link to full text if available online



Available online: <https://www.icrc.org/eng/resources/documents/misc/icrc-ihl-bibliography.htm>

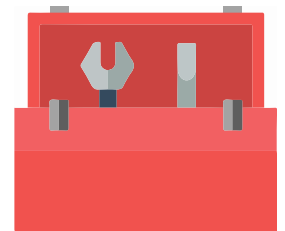


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Promoting IHL



- ICRC Library
- Reference publications
- Courses
- Training tools
- Conferences
- ICRC website
- Humanitarian Law and Policy blog
- Law and Policy Newsletters



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Thematic approach

**New technologies and
the modern battlefield**



2014

**Principles guiding
humanitarian action**



2015

**Generating respect
for the law**



2016



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Partnering with reference actors



Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS)
中国社会科学院

Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian
Law and Human Rights
*Académie de droit international humanitaire
et de droits humains à Genève*

Geneva
Academy

UNIVERSITY OF
EXETER



EMORY
LAW



Universiteit
Leiden



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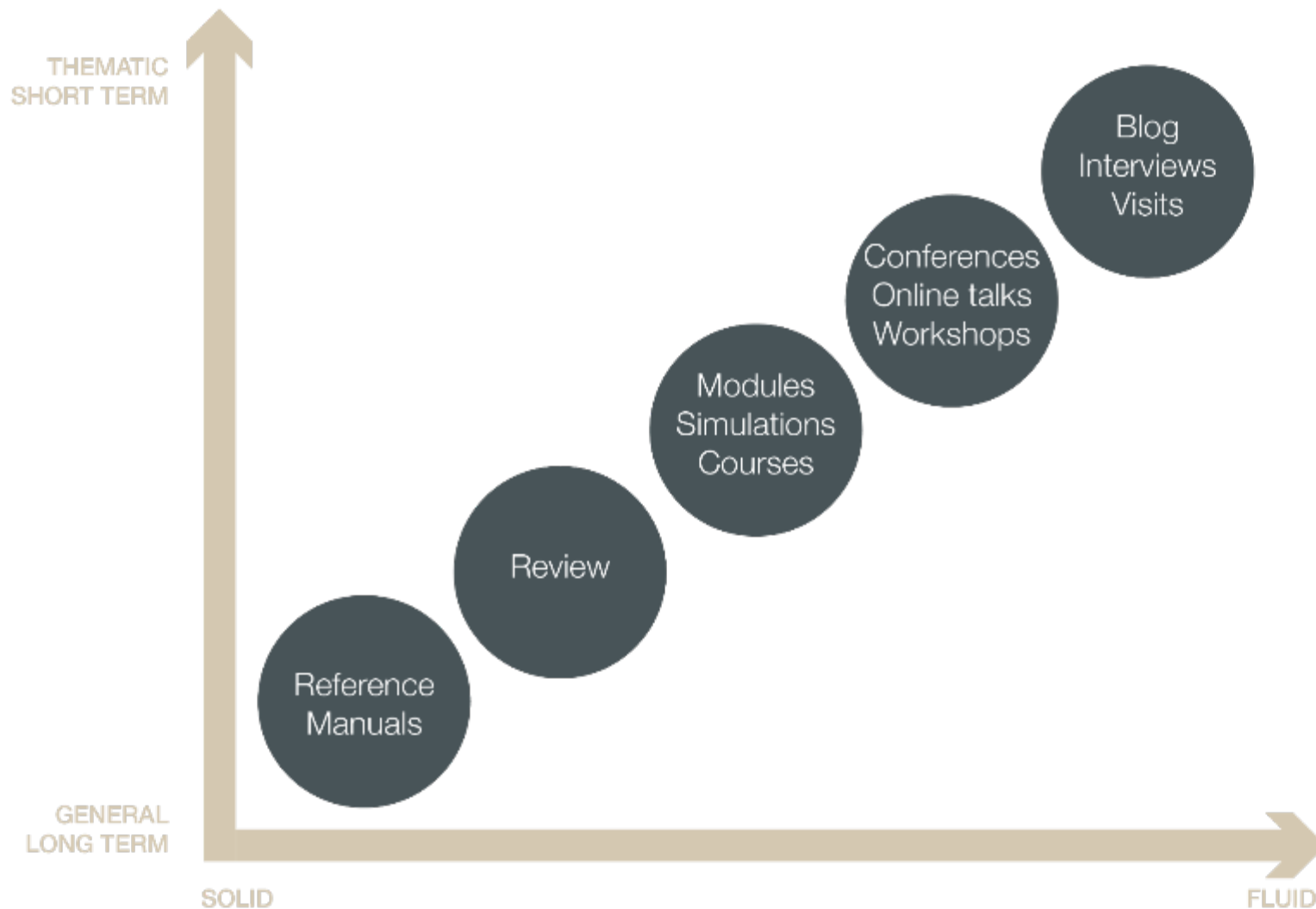


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ACADEMY AT
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Adapting messages



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Reference publications

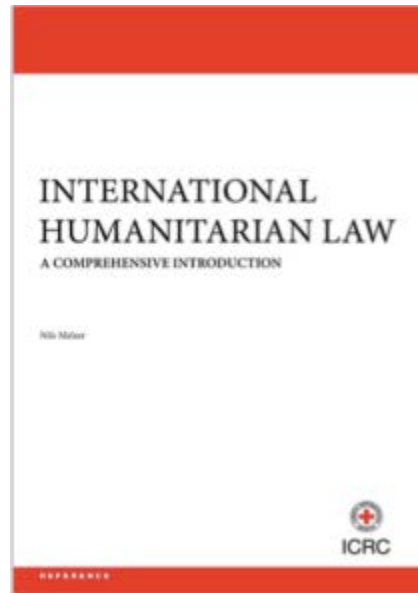


How does law protect in war? Online

Regular updates and easy navigation
from the IHL outline to more than 300 case studies
and pedagogical resources with a comprehensive
online index and search engine



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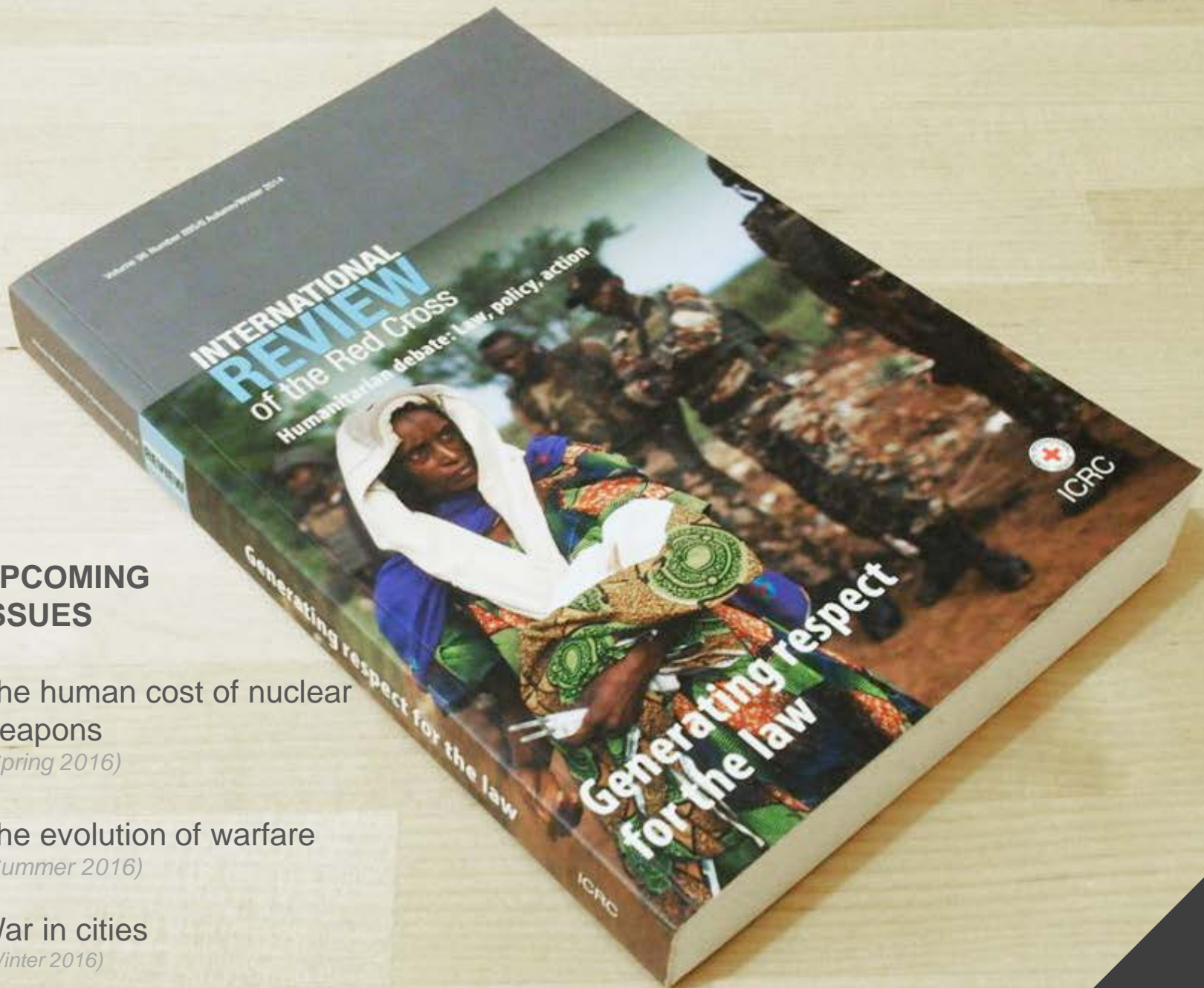
International humanitarian law: a comprehensive introduction

New IHL Textbook (Nils Melzer)

Available in 2016



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UPCOMING ISSUES

The human cost of nuclear
weapons
(Spring 2016)

The evolution of warfare
(Summer 2016)

War in cities
(Winter 2016)



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Training Events



- IHL dissemination workshop
- Advanced IHL seminars
- Thematic workshops
- Regional Courses
- Basic IHL courses for humanitarian practitioners



Training tools



Online training modules



Basic rules and principles of IHL
(ENG – FR – SPA)



Rights and responsibilities of health-care personnel (ENG)

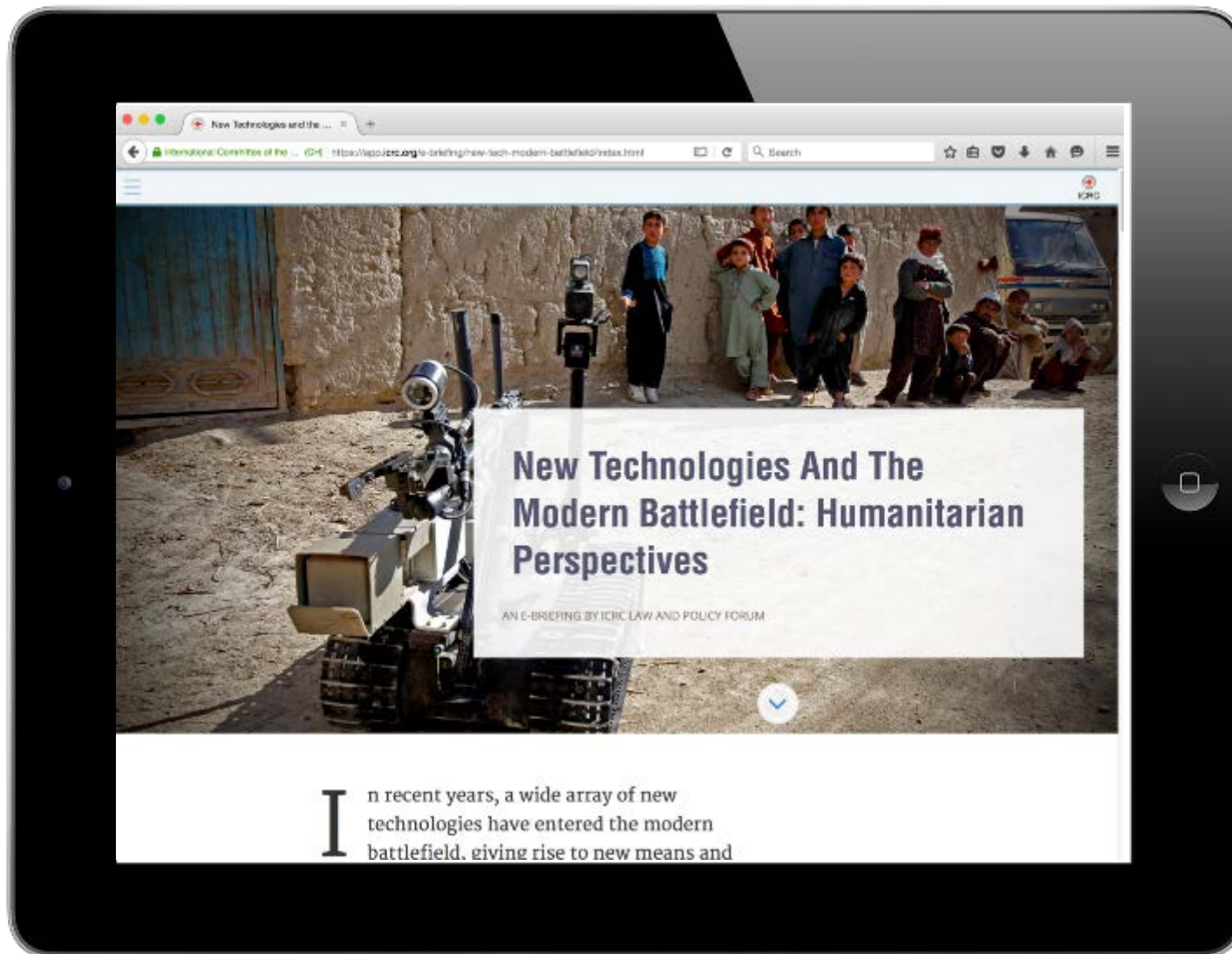


HCiD: The legal framework
(ENG – FR)



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E-briefing



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Ready-to-use workshops

- [Health Care in Danger](#)
- [Sexual violence](#)
- [Humanitarian principles and action](#)
- Scope of application of the law



Advanced IHL Learning Series

- [IHL and humanitarian principles](#)
- Explosive weapons in urban areas
- Recent development in the interplay between IHL and human rights

Conferences

ICRC Panel Discussion

IS THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT IN CRISIS AND HOW TO RECOMMIT TO ITS RESPECT?

ICRC Humanitarium, Geneva
21 April 2016 18:00 - 19:30

#respectIHL



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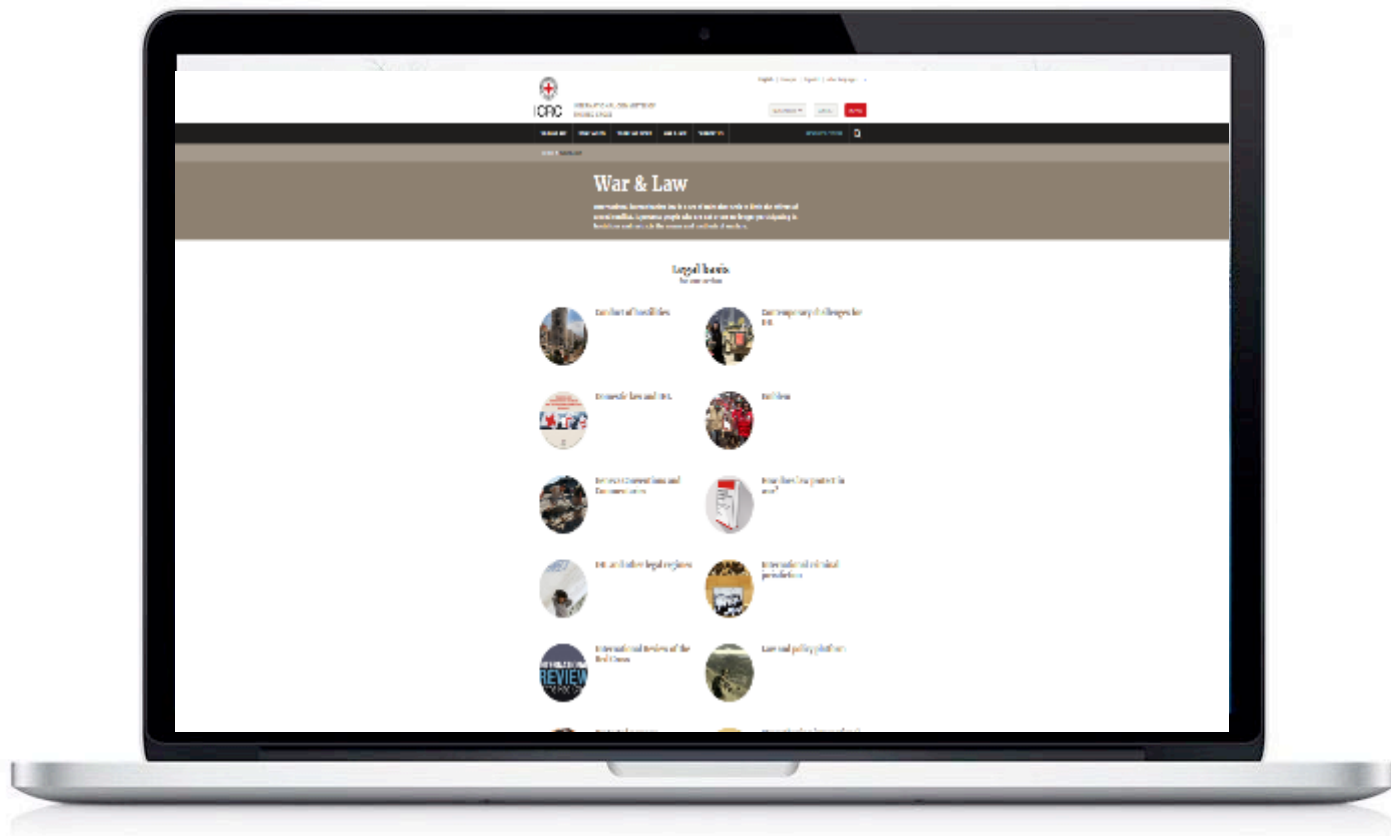
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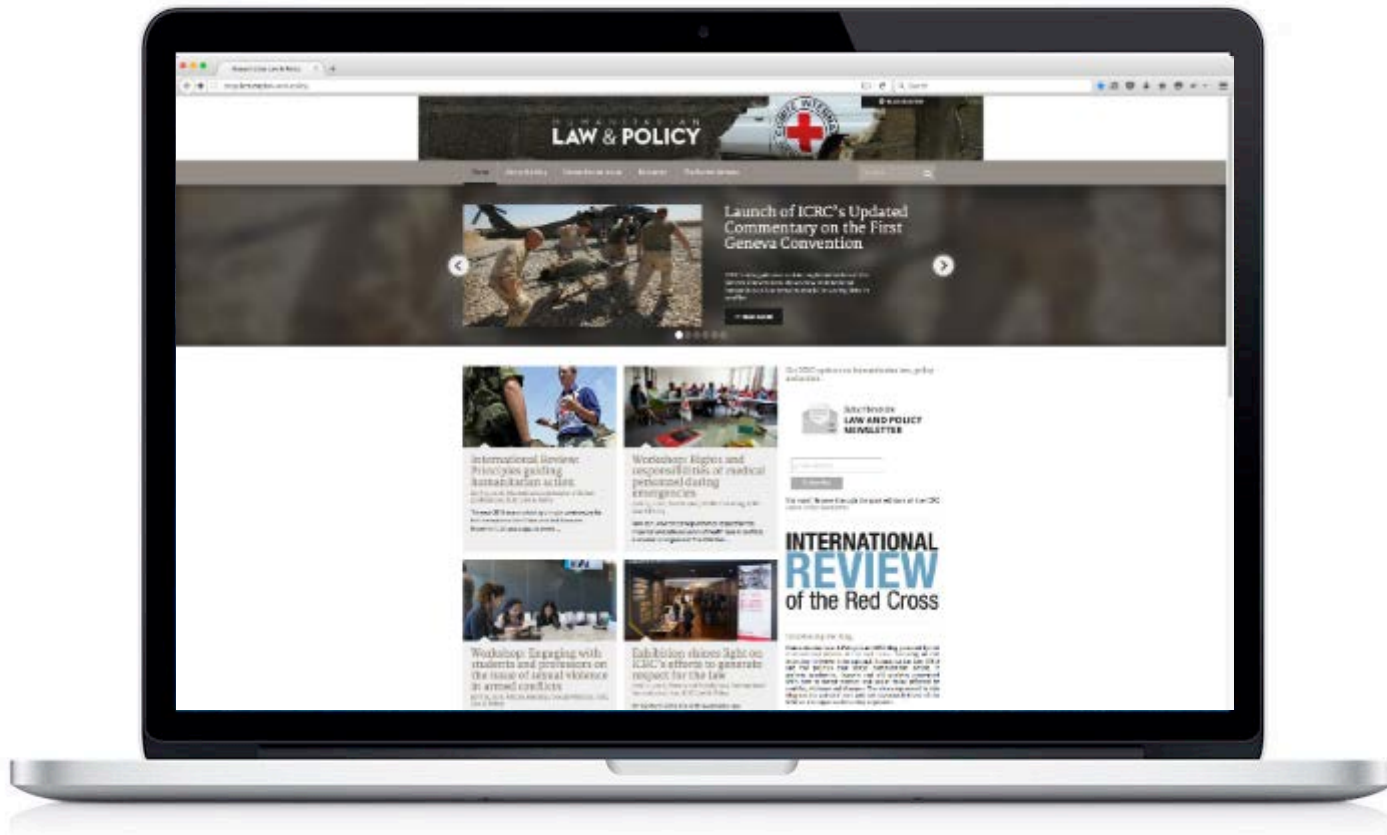


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Humanitarian Law & Policy blog

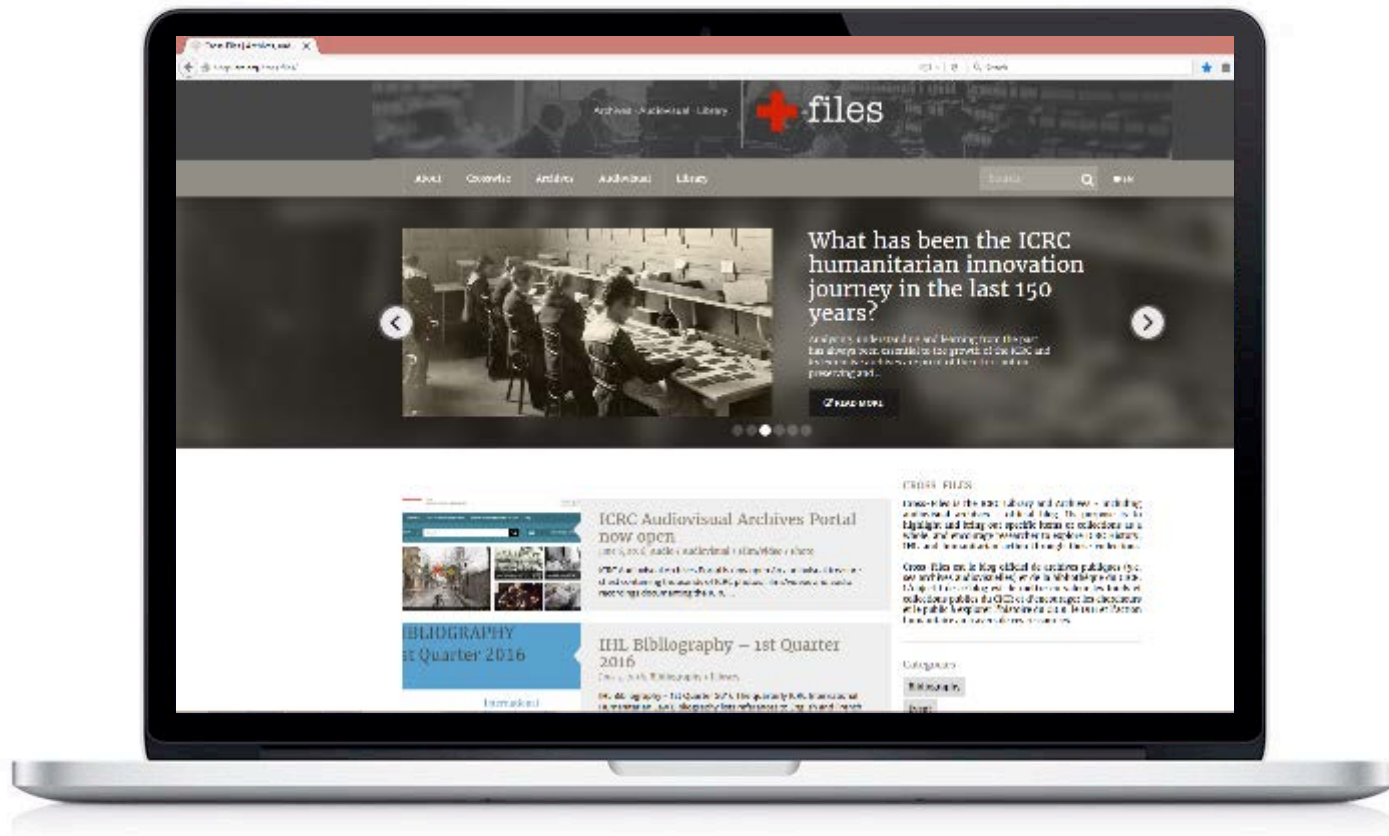


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Cross-files : blog of the ICRC library and archives

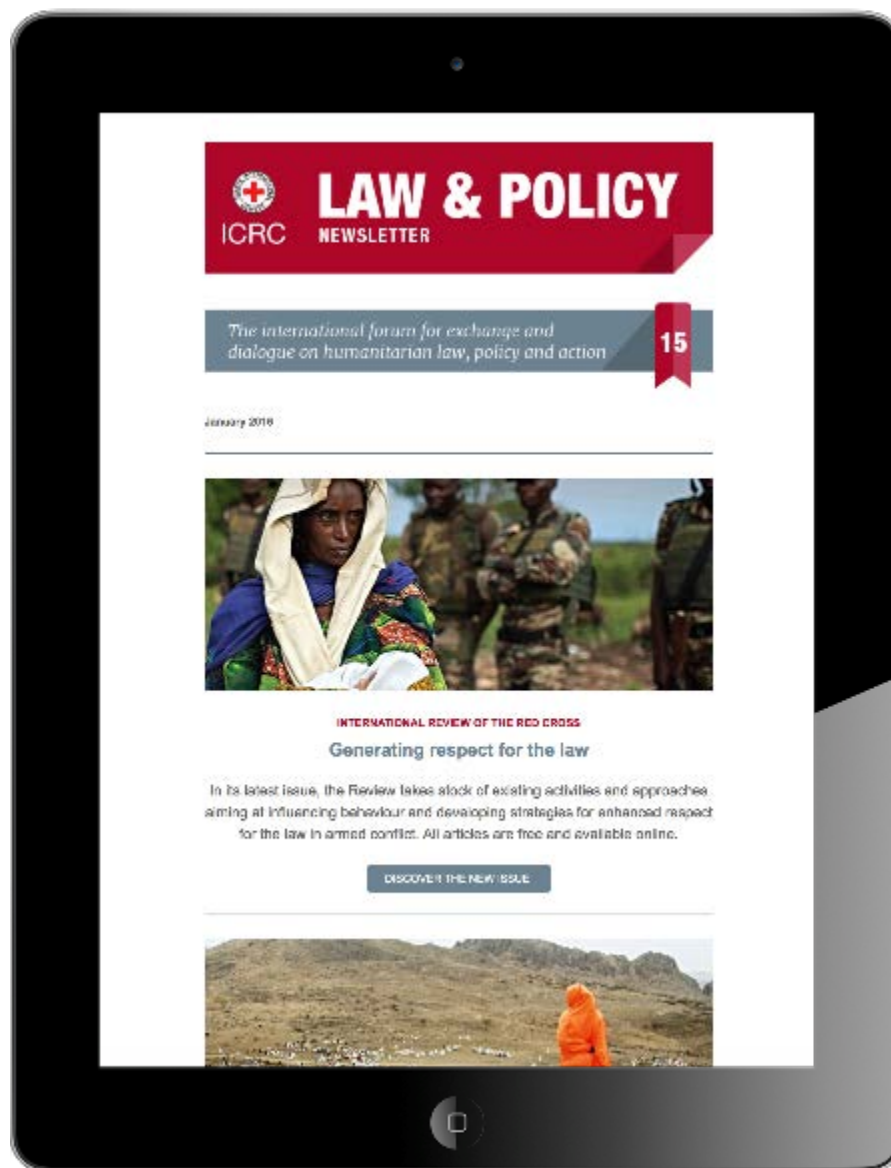


To be launched soon...



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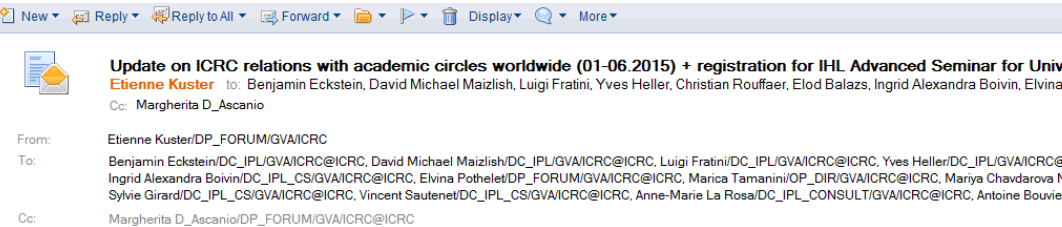
currently with
23,187
subscribers



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Sharing IHL tools within the ICRC

- Mail list



IHL at your fingertips

29-10-2014 INTRANET NEWS

Version française

Version en español

The ICRC is revolutionizing the way international humanitarian law (IHL) is being taught and promoted. Two new online tools designed to complement each other have just been released to help delegations in their effort to promote the law.

- The e-learning modules give an introduction to the key principles of humanitarian law in eight steps.
- How Does Law Protect in War? Online contains a wealth of resources, references and cases supporting IHL teaching.

They are now available to academics, legal practitioners, students, but also to ICRC colleagues worldwide who want to develop or upgrade their knowledge of IHL. ICRC colleagues will also use them to provide references and answer IHL questions.

Head of project for the IHL e-learning modules, "we want to make IHL more accessible to legal practitioners and staff members."

He adds:

"IHL is increasingly becoming a topic of discussion and debate on the Internet. Therefore, the ICRC has had to adapt the way it promotes IHL to this evolution and ensure a broader outreach through the Internet."

"IHL will answer the need of academics, legal studies, from post-World War II Nuremberg trials to cyber-attacks, detention in Guantanamo; these case studies provide legal references," says Etienne Kuster, Head of project for the IHL e-learning modules. "IHL knowledge is now accessible in a few clicks".

On the basic rules and principles of IHL?

Users to discover or refresh their knowledge of IHL at their own pace.

Efforts to disseminate IHL.

Our partners and be promoted as broadly as possible (ICRC courses, Movement partners, other organisations).

Soins de santé en danger et monde académique

Meeting start time: mardi 23 février 2016 15:08:19

Organizer: Etienne Kuster

- **HQ: Advanced Training Seminar in IHL for UN** letter, provided they have budget to cover travel & air
- **Mexico: The ICRC conducted two workshops**
- **Washington: National Security Scholars work** in the US in an intimate, informal, academic setting. (and School in Charlottesville, (more below)
- **Niger: IHL and Islam** About 300 religious and conflict
- **Eritrea: Launch of Chinese School of Language**
- **Tokyo: Japan and China's top universities will**
- **Hong Kong: The 13th Red Cross International**
- **Moscow: The delegation intensified its efforts**

ACADEMIC UPDATE (01-06-2015)

- ▶ HQ
- ▶ AMERICAS
- ▶ AFNOR
- ▶ CENSUD
- ▶ CORNE
- ▶ SOUC
- ▶ ASEP

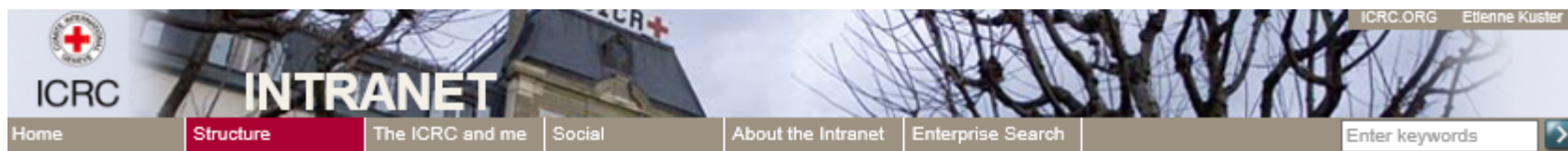
Mail list

- 135 focal points in 81 delegations worldwide
- Latest tools, training and IHL-related events
- Between 2 and 4 issues a year



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Intranet



Home > Structure > International Law and Policy > Law and Policy Forum (DP_FORUM)



Tools

03-01-2014 OVERVIEW



The following page provides an overview of available teaching tools for academics. While not necessarily exhaustive, it is relatively comprehensive and diverse enough to support various kinds of academic courses, competitions and events. Use the feedback button on the right to share innovative teaching tools and methods developed by your delegation

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- Interactive tools
- Publications
- Reference material

INTERACTIVE TOOLS

Interactive Tools

e-learning:

E-learning courses involve the use of interactive technologies (videos, animations, quizzes, audio) engaging the participants on IHL and more specific themes without any tutorial support. They can be



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RELATIONS WITH ACADEMIC CIRCLES

- › Relations with academic circles
- › Manage Relations with Academic Circles
- › Support to IHL Teaching in Academic Circles
- › IHL Courses for Academics
- › Students' competitions
- › Tools
- › Events

ACADEMIC CIRCLES IN THE WORLD

- › Update of ICRC activities with academic circles - May to August 2014
- › Academic Circles in



Conference calls



- Calls by region (Europe and Central Asia, Africa, Near and Middle East, Asia, Americas)
- Between 1 and 2 times a year
- Presentations of tools, Q&A, discussion



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- Digital tools and databases
- Specialized audiences- / general public-oriented services
- Thematic approach
- Engage in debates
- Combine audiences, combine expertise
- Use diversity of tools (from solid to fluid)
- Create win/win partnerships
- Manage contacts and networks



Discussion

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