



14th Seminar for Legal Advisors of the Armed Forces

Galway, Ireland
20 to 23 May 2025
Galway Bay Hotel

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Programme

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Tuesday 20 May 2025

Arrival of Participants

- 13.00 – 14.30 **Meeting of the Managing Board** (Inishmaan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Managing Board members, the Assistant Secretary General & the Seminar Director only)
- 14.45 – 16.15 **Meeting of the Board of Directors** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Members of the Board of Directors and specifically invited observers only)
- 16.30 – 18.15 **General Assembly** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel - Members of the Society only)
- 18.30 – 20.00 **Welcome Drink with Canapes & Tapas** (Seascape Lounge, Galway Bay Hotel – All board members and Seminar participants)

22 January 2025

Wednesday 21 May 2025

- 08.00 – 09.00 *Registration (Lobby, Galway Bay Hotel)*
- 09.15 – 9.45 **Opening Ceremony (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
- 09.45 – 10.30 *Group photo & Coffee/tea with fruit skewers and smoothies*
- 10.30 – 12.30 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
Proportionality under international humanitarian law in today's world
- 12.30 – 13.45 *Lunch*
- 13.45 – 15.30 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
Protection of peacekeepers, including in case of a robust mandate of the Peace Force, or in case of resumption of hostilities between former parties to an armed conflict
- 15.30 – 16.00 *Coffee/tea with scones and donuts*
- 16.00 – 17.30 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
AI applications in the military domain: Navigating between mitigating risks and using opportunities?
- Free evening*

Thursday 22 May 2025

- 08.30 – 10.15 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
International law perspectives on the cyber warrior in hybrid and full-scale conflict
- 10.15 – 10.45 *Coffee/tea with biscuits*
- 10.45 – 12.30 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
Economic and social rights of the members of the armed forces
- 12.30 – 13.30 *Lunch*
- 13.30 – 15.15 **General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
The legal framework for Coast Guards and Navies to protect critical infrastructure at sea
- 15.15 – 15.45 **Special Presentation (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
The International Society for Military Law and the Law of War and its ongoing and future projects
- 15.45 – 16.15 *Coffee/tea with scones, sticky pastries, and granola pots*
- 16.15 – 17.30 **Special Presentation (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)**
Enhancing stabilisation and strategic partnership in a post-conflict environment
- Free evening*

Friday 23 May 2025
(Optional)

Choice A: The Diamond Hill Hike (Lower + Upper Trail) in Connemara

Good mobility and decent fitness level required.

In case of bad weather conditions persons signing up for this option will be offered an alternative programme.

Choice B: Day tour in Connemara

Saturday 24 May 2025

Departure of Participants