



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)

With welcome remarks by:

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, President of the Society & Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Brigadier General Caimin KEOGH, Commander of the GOC 1 Brigade

Wednesday 21 May 2025

08.00 – 09.00 *Registration (Lobby, Galway Bay Hotel)*

09.15 – 9.45 **Opening Ceremony** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)

Colonel Richard BRENNAN, the Society's Director of the Seminar for Legal Advisors & Director of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service

High military representative of the Irish Defence Forces

Prof. Dr. Siobhan MULLALLY, Director of the Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway

09.45 – 10.30 *Group photo & Coffee/tea with fruit skewers and smoothies*

10.30 – 12.45 **General Discussion** (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)
Proportionality under international humanitarian law in today's world

Chair:

Jessica DORSEY, Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University

Presenters:

Dr. Sigrid REDSE JOHANSEN, Senior Public Prosecutor, Directorate of Public Prosecutions, Norway

Dr. Rogier BARTELS, Legal Officer (Chambers), International Criminal Court

Dr. David TURNS, Senior Lecturer, Swedish Defence University

12.45 – 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

Chair:

Prof. Dr. Ray MURPHY, Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway

Presenters:

Dr. Barbara SONCZYK, Lecturer in International Law, The Hague University of Applied Sciences

Speaker 2: TBC

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?

Chair:

Prof. (Em.) Dr. Wolff HEINTSCHEL VON HEINEGG, President of the Society & Europa-Universität Viadrina Frankfurt (Oder)

Presenters:

Jessica DORSEY, Assistant Professor of International and European Law, Utrecht University

Anna Rosalie GREIPL, PhD Candidate and Researcher, Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights

Free evening

Thursday 22 May 2025

08.30 – 10.15

General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)

Economic and social rights of the members of the armed forces

Chair:

Emmanuel JACOB, President, Euromil

Presenters :

Lieutenant Colonel Keith REICHERT, Special Advisor to the Judge Advocate General, Canada

Lieutenant Colonel Conor KING, President, Representative Association of Commissioned Officers, Ireland

Speaker 3: TBC

10.15 – 10.45

Coffee/tea with biscuits

10.45 – 12.30

General Discussion (Ballyvaughan Suite, Galway Bay Hotel)

International law perspectives on the cyber warrior in hybrid and full-scale conflict

Chair:

TBC

Presenters:

Prof. Dr. and Brigadier General Paul DUCHEINE, University of Amsterdam and Netherlands Defence Academy & Vice-President, International Society for Military Law and the Law of War (TBC)

Commander Kathryn AUBREY HORVAT, Director of Cyber Operations Law, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Canada

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

Chair: Captain (Irish Navy) Patrick BURKE, Director of Military Prosecutions, Irish Defence Forces

Presenters:

Lieutenant Commander Shane MULCAHY, Irish Defence Forces

Frederik ROGIERS, PhD Candidate, Ghent Maritime Institute, Ghent University

Speaker 3: TBC

- 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

Alfons VANHEUSDEN, Assistant Secretary General of the Society
- 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

Major Ludovica GLORIOSO, Legal Advisor, NATO Security Force Assistance Centre of Excellence

Dr. Mara TIGNINO, Lead Legal Specialist, Geneva Water Hub
- 17.30 – 17.40 **Conclusions**

Colonel Richard BRENNAN, the Society's Director of the Seminar for Legal Advisors & Director of the Irish Defence Forces Legal Service

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

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Saturday 24 May 2025

Departure of Participants

Supporting Partners of the Seminar

Irish Centre for Human Rights, University of Galway



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