

CANADIAN RED CROSS, UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA FACULTY OF LAW & LAW STUDENTS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS PRESENT:

Healthcare, COVID-19 and Armed Conflict

Thursday, October 22, 2020

INTRO TO INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (45 min)		
11:30am – 11:40 am MDT	Welcome remarks	<p>Irina Cristescu, Legal and Policy Officer, Canadian Red Cross</p> <p>Emily Bielech, J.D. Candidate, University of Alberta Faculty of Law</p> <p>Joanna Harrington, Professor, University of Alberta Faculty of Law</p>
11:40am– 12:00pm MDT	Introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)	Catherine Gribbin, Senior Legal Advisor, IHL, Canadian Red Cross
12:00pm – 12:15pm MDT	Q&A	Moderated Q&A
BREAK (15 min)		
PANEL SESSION (90 min)		
12:30pm –12:40pm MDT	Welcome Remarks	<p>Irina Cristescu, Legal and Policy Officer, Canadian Red Cross</p> <p>Jenn McManus, VP Alberta & Northwest Territories, Canadian Red Cross</p>
12:40 – 12:45pm MDT	Panel Introductions	Moderator: Professor Joanna Harrington, University of Alberta Faculty of Law
12:45 – 1:00pm MDT	Panelist 1: Legal framework & ICRC perspective	Alex Breitegger, Thematic Legal Advisor, ICRC
1:00pm –1:15pm MDT	Panelist 2: The real-world IHL challenges medical teams face in delivering principled humanitarian care	Hossam Elsharkawi, Regional Director, IFRC
1:15pm – 1:30pm MDT	Panelist 3: Healthcare in armed conflict from a gendered perspective	Dr. Mamie Kiluka, Project Medical Referent in Mali, Médecins Sans Frontières
1:30pm –1:40pm MDT	Discussion	Moderator (Prof Harrington)
1:40pm – 1:55pm MDT	Q&A	All panelists
1:55pm – 2:00pm MDT	Sli.do evaluation and closing remarks	Prof Harrington & Irina Cristescu
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SPEAKERS



Dr. Alexander Breitegger has been Legal Adviser at the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) since February 2011. His work is focussed on the legal protection of health care, particularly in the context of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement Health Care in Danger (HCiD) initiative. He participated in HCiD expert consultations between 2012 and 2014, and was also involved in the process leading to the adoption of Resolution 4 of the 32nd International Conference of the Red Cross and the Red Crescent in 2015 and UN Security Council Resolution 2286 in 2016.



Dr. Hossam Elsharkawi has over 30 years of professional experience in the humanitarian world. His assignments have taken him to more than 35 countries, where he has worked in both volunteer and professional capacities with many National Societies, ICRC and IFRC. In his previous role as Vice President of Health in Emergencies, Learning and Innovation at the Canadian Red Cross, he led the preparedness and response for complex humanitarian emergencies. He has also worked with the World Health Organization (WHO) to develop guidance for medical teams responding to health emergencies in armed conflict and insecure environments.

Dr. Elsharkawi is currently an Adjunct Professor at the University of British Columbia and guest faculty at McGill and McMaster Universities where he teaches disaster response and healthcare in complex humanitarian crises.

Dr. Mamie Kiluka is the Project Medical Referent in Mali with Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF). She has extensive experience working with MSF in various roles in the Central African Republic and in the North Kivu region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, including two years at the hospital in Rutshuru where she focused on pediatric nutrition. In a previous role with MSF in Mali, she supported maternal health at a medical facility in Tenenkou.

Dr. Kiluka first obtained a degree in biochemistry before going on to complete a medical degree at the University of Goma in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. She has since completed additional training in hospital management, the care of children who are victims of sexual violence, the care of persons living with HIV and nutrition.



Dr. Joanna Harrington holds the Eldon Foote Chair in International Business and Law at the University of Alberta and serves as a member of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. A law professor for over 20 years, her teaching and research activities focus on the interplay between obligations of national and international law. She has also served as a consultant with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and as a legal adviser with Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (now Global Affairs Canada). She earned her PhD in international law at the University of Cambridge.



Catherine Gribbin is the Senior Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law at the Canadian Red Cross. Catherine recently returned from Nigeria where she was the Operational Legal Coordinator for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s Nigeria Delegation. She has worked at the Canadian Red Cross in a number of different positions since 2006. Ms. Gribbin received her LL.B. from Dalhousie University and articulated in Toronto doing criminal defence. Catherine was called to the Bar in Ontario and Nova Scotia and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.