



**THE SECOND ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON THE LAW OF ARMED CONFLICT**

APRIL 25-27, 2017

KFAR MACCABIAH CENTER

TEL AVIV, ISRAEL

PROGRAM

(UPDATED AS OF APRIL 20, 2017)

DAY 1: TUESDAY, APRIL 25

Registration and Light

Breakfast

0800-0900

Opening Remarks

0900-0910

Brigadier General Sharon Afek, IDF Military Advocate General

Welcoming Address

0910-0920

Dr. Avichai Mandelblit, Attorney General of Israel

Keynote Address

0920-1015

Professor Emeritus Yoram Dinstein, Tel Aviv University

Introduction: Colonel Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Head of the IDF International Law Department

The Evolution of LOAC

1030-1200

Chair: Dr. Roy Schöndorf, Deputy Attorney General (International Law), Israel

Dr. Knut Dörmann, Head of the ICRC Legal Division

Professor Sean Watts, Creighton University School of Law

Sir Michael Wood, Special Rapporteur of the International Law Commission for the Identification of Customary International Law

Operational Challenges

in Ground Operations

1330-1420

IDF Senior Operational Commander

LOAC Issues in Ground

Operations

1430-1600

Chair and commentator: Professor Geoffrey Corn, South Texas College of Law Houston

Professor Emeritus Françoise Hampson, University of Essex

Mr. Michael Meier, Special Assistant to U.S. Army Judge Advocate General (International and Operational Law Division)

Colonel Noam Neuman, past Head of the IDF International Law Department

DAY 1: TUESDAY, APRIL 25 (CONT.)

**Providing Legal Advice
on National Security
Issues – Multinational
Experiences, Dilemmas,
Recollections**
1615-1815

Chair: Dr. Tal Becker, Legal Advisor, Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Colonel (ret.) Ahaz Ben-Ari, past Legal Advisor, Israel Ministry of Defense

Sir Daniel Bethlehem, past Principal Legal Adviser, U.K. Foreign & Commonwealth Office

Major General Blaise Cathcart, Judge Advocate General of the Canadian Armed Forces

Admiral Darse E. Crandall Jr., Legal Counsel to the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, U.S. Armed Forces

Group Captain Patrick Keane, Senior Legal Officer at the Australian Defense Forces' Headquarters Joint Operations Command

Ms. Claire Landais, Head of the Legal Affairs Department, French Ministry of Defense

Tour in Ancient Jaffa (optional)
1915-2130

DAY 2: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

TOUR OF ISRAEL'S NORTHERN BOUNDARIES

Leaving for Airfield	0730
Operational and Intelligence Overview of the Lebanon Front	Senior Officer, IDF Northern Command <i>Observation Point, Israel-Lebanon Boundary</i>
Legal Aspects Concerning the Lebanon Front	Senior Legal Advisor, IDF International Law Department <i>Observation Point, Israel-Lebanon Boundary</i>
Operational Overview of the Syria Front	Senior Officer, IDF Northern Command <i>IDF Division Base, Northern Command</i>
Legal Aspects Concerning the Syria Front	Senior Legal Advisor, IDF International Law Department <i>IDF Division Base, Northern Command</i>
Peacekeeping Forces in Syria and Lebanon	Senior Officer, IDF Northern Command <i>Observation Point, Israel-Syria Boundary</i>
Tour and Dinner in Caesarea	
Return to Hotel	2300

DAY 3: THURSDAY, APRIL 27

Proportionality – Contemporary Issues

0900-1030

Chair: Professor Michael Newton, Vanderbilt University Law School

Ms. Emanuela-Chiara Gillard, Senior Research Fellow, Oxford Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict

Dr. Ian Henderson, Adjunct Associate Professor, University of Adelaide, and Judge Advocate & Defence Force Magistrate in the Australian Defense Forces

Lieutenant Colonel Roni Katzir, Head of Operational Branch, IDF International Law Department

Brigadier Darren Stewart, Head of Operational Law, U.K. Ministry of Defence

Targeting of Persons – Contemporary Issues

1045-1215

Chair: Colonel Dr. Eran Shamir-Borer, Head of the IDF International Law Department

Major General (ret.) Charles Dunlap, Duke University School of Law

Dr. Gloria Gaggioli, University of Geneva

Colonel R. Patrick Huston, Staff Judge Advocate, U.S. Central Command

Dr. Agnieszka Jachec-Neale, University of Exeter Law School

Into the Field: Applying Theory to Practice

1315-1630

Chair: Professor Laurie Blank, Emory University School of Law

Moderators:

(Group Workshops
1330-1445)

Ms. Karen Löhner, Head of the Legal Unit, ICRC Delegation in Israel

Professor Noam Lubell, University of Essex School of Law

(Panel Discussion on
findings 1500-1630)

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Neufeld, Head of the IDF School of Military Law

Colonel (ret.) Pnina Sharvit-Baruch, Head of the Law and National Security Program, Israel Institute for National Security Studies

Professor Antonios Tzanakopoulos, Oxford University School of Law

Professor Rachel VanLandingham, Southwestern Law School

Closing Remarks 1630-1715

Brigadier General Sharon Afek, IDF Military Advocate General