

International
Humanitarian
Law

Legal Clinic

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Tuesdays, 16-18
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Overview:

The “**International Humanitarian Law Legal Clinic**” (IHL Legal Clinic) has been established in order to permit students involved in the IHL course of the Law Department to cooperate on a *pro bono* basis on research projects of relevant stakeholders operating in this area and acquire significant skills beneficial for their competences and future activities.

The IHL Legal Clinic is inspired by a ‘**learning by doing**’ approach permitting students to develop their competences in **legal research, drafting, writing and organization of activities** on the basis of knowledges acquired in their academic curricula, in particular through the international humanitarian law course, in order to facilitate the transfer of theoretical analysis into a practical perspective. **Creativity and**

autonomy is encouraged as well as the capacity to cooperate in small working teams able to act through largely independent research and writing. The overall coordination and support to students is provided by the IHL professor (Giulio Bartolini) and other collaborators to this chair (Dr. Tommaso Natoli, Dr. Alice Riccardi). The possibility to qualify the participation at this IHL Legal Clinic as an internship with the Italian Red Cross is currently under evaluation.

As for the 2016-2017 academic year the IHL Legal Clinic will be involved in **two research projects** in cooperation with leading institutions in this area, ie. the [International Committee of the Red Cross](#) and the [Italian Red Cross, IHL Commission](#):

- **Best Practices in the Application of IHL:** Through this project the International Committee of the Red Cross aims to identify positive examples in the application of this body of law through a review of practice related to recent international and non-international armed conflicts. Students will be requested to scrutinize a series of armed conflicts in order to legally assess it and pinpoint cases of positive applications of relevant IHL provisions by parties involved in these hostilities. This research will be carried out in cooperation with a network of other IHL Legal Clinics based at [Leiden University](#), [Emory Law School](#) and [Radzyner Law School](#).

- **Update of the Italian Practice of International Humanitarian Law:** This project is linked with the ICRC’s project on [Customary International Humanitarian Law](#) in order to provide periodic updates to be included in the database managed by the [Lauterpacht Centre of International](#)

[Law](#), University of Cambridge in cooperation with the British Red Cross. Students will be requested to identify and systematize relevant Italian practice in the area of IHL (national legislation, military doctrine, case-law, official statements, etc.) according to the guidelines provided by the ICRC. This project will be carried out under the supervision of the IHL Commission, Italian Red Cross.

Selection process:

The selection process is reserved to students currently enrolled in the IHL course (both Italian and foreign ones) and those having already passed the IHL exam in previous academic years. A good command of English is required. Additional language skills can be an added value. The colloquium will aim to assess the interest and capacity of candidates to take part in one of these projects.

Relevant dates:

The selection will be carried out on **Tuesday 11th October 2016 at 4 pm, room 1.02** (Via Ostiense 139). Students interested to take part in the selection process are required to send an email to giulio.bartolini@uniroma3.it by **Sunday 9th October**. In this email students should kindly include a letter of motivation and provide information on:

- their current academic career (year of study, number of passed exams, average grade);
- final mark in the IHL exam (in case you have already passed it);
- previous exams related to international law issues (eg. Public international law, International Organizations; Human Rights Law; Private international law; etc.);
- past participation in other legal clinics at Roma Tre University or elsewhere;
- knowledge of foreign languages.

