



ASIA PACIFIC CENTRE
FOR MILITARY LAW

A COLLABORATION BETWEEN
MELBOURNE LAW SCHOOL
& DEFENCE LEGAL



COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL

HUMAN RIGHTS INSTITUTE

*Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law &
Columbia Law School Human Rights Institute*

2017 IHL Roundtable

Int'l Humanitarian Law: Challenges & Tensions from the Perspective of NGOs Thursday, 13 April 2017

1500h - 1630h

Join us for a roundtable discussion of contemporary IHL challenges confronting international organisations, ranging from the problem of foreign fighters to human rights law on the battlefield, and IHL in negotiations with the FARC.

**Georgetown University Law Center
LAW - McDonough 141
(Check-in @ New Jersey Ave.)**

For security reasons please RSVP to Hamish Carr, APCML Administrator at law-apcml@unimelb.edu.au

Mwatana's experience in the middle of the war in Yemen

Radhya al-Mutawakel is a human rights defender. She is the chairperson and co-founder of Mwatana Organization, an independent Yemeni organization aiming to defend and protect human rights depending on investigative research methodology to issue statements, reports, and documentary films. Mwatana also works on advocacy, human rights awareness, and providing legal support to the victims of arbitrary detentions. Al-Mutawakel has been working in the field of human rights since 2004 covering different topics including war crimes, arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearance, and freedom of press. She graduated from the Faculty of Mass Media and Communication and holds two high diplomas on gender studies and political science.

Promoting human rights law in situations of armed conflicts: some challenges and solutions

Mr Jonathan Horowitz is a senior legal officer for the Open Society Justice Initiative where he focuses on issues of human rights, counterterrorism, and the law of armed conflict. Prior to joining the Justice Initiative, Mr. Horowitz worked at the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan where he advised on detention policies. Previously, he was an Open Society Foundations grantee documenting detainee and night-raid abuses in Afghanistan. Mr. Horowitz has also worked as a Sudan/Chad analyst at the International Criminal Court and as a consultant for Human Rights Watch. From 2005 to 2007, he was a U.N. human rights officer in Sudan documenting and reporting on human rights abuses and international humanitarian law violations in Darfur.

The Protection of Civilians under International Humanitarian Law: Operational Challenges and Legal Developments

Ms Sahr MuhammedAlly is the Director for MENA and South Asia at the Center for Civilians in Conflict. In this role she advises and provides technical assistance to governments, militaries, and international organizations on civilian protection and harm mitigation. Her expertise includes reduction of civilian harm and post harm assistance during combat operations, trainings on civilian protection, and civilian casualty tracking mechanisms. Sahr has worked for over 15 years in the fields of armed conflict and human rights including in Afghanistan, China, Indonesia, Iraq, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, and Yemen. Sahr previously worked at Human Rights Watch and Human Rights First and practiced law at Gibbons P.C. and is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and Brooklyn Law School (*cum laude*).

Strategic challenges from the perspective of a humanitarian organisation

Mr Scott Paul is Senior Humanitarian Policy Advisor at Oxfam America, where he focuses on the intersection of law, financial services, policy, and humanitarian emergencies. A graduate of Columbia College and the New York University School of Law, Paul previously worked at CIVIC and Citizens for Global Solutions.

Please note that this is invitation only event. If you would like to invite someone else to attend the roundtable please contact Bruce Oswald, Director APCML at b.oswald@unimelb.edu.au