



## Invitation

### **DISPLACEMENT IN TIMES OF ARMED CONFLICT: HOW INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW PROTECTS IN WAR, AND WHY IT MATTERS**

The Faculty of Law of the University of Ljubljana is organising an international conference entitled **“Displacement in times of armed conflict: How international humanitarian law protects in war, and why it matters”** which will take place on **Thursday, November 21, 2019** from **10:00 to 14.00** at the Golden Lecture Hall of the Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana (Poljanski nasip 2, 1000 Ljubljana).

The Conference will be based on the recent study published by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) on the topic of **“Displacement in Times of Armed Conflict: How International Humanitarian Law Protects in War and Why It Matters”** (April 2019).

Displacement is part and parcel of war and one of the greatest humanitarian challenges of our time. When people are forced or obliged to leave their homes and communities behind, their physical and mental health often suffers. They can lose their independence, be or feel unsafe, lack access to essential services and be at heightened risk of health problems and violence. Displacement affects host communities, too – especially if they are unprepared and lack the support they need.

The conference is one of the events organised by our Faculty in cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) during the 2019 All-European International Humanitarian and Refugee Law Moot Court Competition which takes place from Thursday, November 21, 2019 until Sunday, November 24, 2019. This moot court competition addresses the most pertinent and topical questions relating to international humanitarian and refugee law, drawing on the current crisis situations. It was designed to encourage students to learn and understand the fundamental concepts by addressing concrete legal problems and practice their legal argumentation in front of experienced jury members. This year more than 80 students from 20 different European Universities will be participating at the competition.

You are kindly invited to the conference!

**PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE**

<p><b>INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE: <i>DISPLACEMENT IN TIMES OF ARMED CONFLICT: HOW INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW PROTECTS IN WAR, AND WHY IT MATTERS</i></b>  <i>Gold Lecture Hall</i></p>	
<b>10.00 – 10.15</b>	<b>Introduction: Vasilka Sancin</b>
<b>10.15 – 11.45</b>	<p align="center"><b>Panel 1</b>  <b>Mauro Politi, moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the Study “Displacement in Times of Armed Conflict: How International Humanitarian Law Protects in War and Why It Matters”: Cédric Cotter</li> <li>• Variations Without a Theme: Critique of Recent Practice Through <i>opinio juris</i> - Comments on ICRC's Study on “Displacement in times of Armed Conflict”: Erkan Akdogan</li> <li>• Displacement and Environmental Concerns: Maša Kovič Dine</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
11.45 – 12.00	Coffee break
<b>12.00 – 13.00</b>	<p align="center"><b>Panel 2</b>  <b>Alessandro Mario Amoroso, moderator</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Displacement in Times of Armed Conflict: How international Refugee Law Protects People from the Atrocities of War: Cornelis Wouters (video conference)</li> <li>• Interplay Between the Three Legal Frameworks: Ketevan Khutsishvili</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>