

GENERAL COURSE PROFILE

The aim of this course is to prepare civilian and military staff augmentees for Peace Support Operations (PSOs) by examining the wide ranging legal issues underpinning PSO mandates and mission design which shape and govern the conduct of operations of the deployed force.

The key overarching teaching objectives of the course are to understand:

- (1) The range and nature of PSOs and their historical development.
- (2) The status, privileges and immunities of Peace Keeping Forces under International and host nation law.
- (3) The interpretation and implementation of cease fire and peace agreements.
- (4) The legal boundaries of UN Security Council authorisations approving PSOs.
- (5) The interrelationship between mission objectives and basing agreements (e.g. MOU, MTA, SOFA).
- (6) The role in PSOs of the UN, of regional organizations such as the AU, of regional security forces such as the ASF, and other organizations and troop contributing nations.
- (7) The interrelationship of IHL and IHRL, including the use of force, in PSOs.
- (8) The dynamics of new and emergent issues in PSOs.
- (9) The nature of criminal responsibility in PSOs.

The aim and objectives of the course are delivered in five modules of one day.

The course is designed for the following personnel:

- Civilian and military staff augmentees to PSOs, planning staffs and their advisors.
- Personnel who work in or with ministries of defence, foreign affairs, interior, or law enforcement.
- Personnel working in international organisations, non-governmental organisations etc. and/or missions of the UN and any of the regional organisations.

The teaching methodology used for this course comprises a combination of presentations, panel discussions and syndicate work. Attendees will participate in small group case study exercises addressing current PSO-related issues. Exercises are facilitated by teaching staff utilising current examples of situations experienced by recently deployed military and civilian officials. The focus throughout the course is an experienced based methodology which practically addresses topics.

IIHL teaching staff and facilitators are drawn from experienced senior military (legal) officers, leading academics, practicing lawyers and senior government officials practising in the field together with experts from IOs and NGOs.

ADMINISTRATION

The registration fee is €1000. The fee should be remitted before the start of the course, or on arrival in cash or Euro currency cheque. Credit cards are also accepted. The registration fee covers:

- Transfers to/from Nice Airport
- Course materials
- Lunch and coffee breaks on working days
- Welcome Cocktail & Canapés
- Course dinner
- Photograph and Diploma

The registration fee does not cover all other expenses incurred by the participant such as hotel accommodation, laundry or telephone calls, or any other incidentals. Accordingly, participants should bring with them sufficient funds to pay for such expenses or have access to such funds in Sanremo via their bank.

Registrations and administrative questions should be directed to patrizia@iihl.org For any further information please consult our website www.iihl.org.

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PROGRAMME



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Course Director

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Deputy Director

Monday, LEGAL BASES FOR PSO

08.30–09.00	Registration of participants.
09.00–09.15	Course opening.
09.15–10.15	Course Introduction and Participants Introductions.
10.15–10.30	Morning Coffee (incl. Course photograph).
10.30–11.30	PSOs and their Core Principles – Consent, Impartiality, and Non–use of Force except in Self–defence and Defence of the Mandate. TBC
11.30–12.30	UN Mandate and Mission Design. TBC
12.30–13.30	Lunch
13.30–14.30	Case Study: Mandate vs Operational Reality TBC
14.30 – 15.15	Exercise ‘Mandate’ TBC
14.30 – 15.15	Afternoon Tea.
15.30–17.15	Exercise ‘Mandate’ TBC
17.30	Welcome Reception.

Tuesday, – THE APPLICABILITY OF HUMAN RIGHTS LAW AND INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW IN PSOs

0845–10.15	PSO Force Generation and Related Issues — Regional Organisations, Regional Security Forces, and Troop Contributing Nations. TBC
10.15–10.30	Morning Coffee.
10.30–11.30	Privileges, Immunities, Duties, and Responsibilities of Peace Keepers. TBC
11.30 – 12.30	Human Rights and PSO TBC
12.30–13.30	Lunch.
13.30–15.15	The Challenge of Human Rights in PSOs. TBC
15.15–15.30	Afternoon Tea.
15.30–16.30	The Use of Force & PSO. TBC

Wednesday, – PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS AND GAP ANALYSIS

08.45–10.15	Case Study – MONUSCO. TBC
10.15–10.30	Morning Coffee.
10.30–11:30	Disarmament, Demobilization, and Reintegration. TBC
11.30 – 12.30	Introduction to Exercise ‘Scar Island’. TBC
12.30–13.30	Lunch.
13.30–15.15	Police and Law Enforcement in PSO. TBC
15.15–15.30	Afternoon Tea.
15.30–16.30	Background material – Ex ‘Scar Island’ TBC

Thursday, – CONTEMPORARY ISSUES IN PSOs

08.45– 10.15	IDPs and Refugees – Mission reality and Implications for PSO – Part I. TBC
10.15–10.30	Morning Coffee.
10.30–12.30	IDPs and Refugees – Mission reality and Implications for PSO – Part II (Includes Exercise) TBC
12.30–13.30	Lunch.
13.30–15.15	Exercise ‘Scar Island’.
15.15–15.30	Afternoon Tea.
15.30–16.30	Exercise ‘Scar Island’ (conclusion).
20.00	Course Dinner.

Friday– ACCOUNTABILITY & CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

08.45–10.15	The Interrelation of Criminal Responsibility Under Domestic law, Host Nation and International Law. TBC
10.15–10.30	Morning Coffee.
10.30–11.30	Accountability for Sexual Gender Based Violence and the Protection of Vulnerable Persons. TBC
11.30–12.15	Case Study: The trial at the ICC of Laurent Gbagbo. TBC
12.30–12.45	Course closing ceremony.
12.45–13.30	Lunch.