



The Geneva Academy and the Human Rights Centre of the University of Essex co-organize a conference on contemporary issues in armed conflicts.

Issues that will be discussed include the protection of civilians in armed conflicts; latest developments in international refugee law like the new UNHCR guidelines on those fleeing armed conflict or the proposals to establish safe zones and safe corridors for persons affected by armed conflict; latest developments in transitional justice in light of the signature of the Peace Agreement between the Colombian Government and the FARC; the qualification of armed conflicts; and recent issues in international criminal law like the jurisprudence by the International Criminal Court on the destruction of cultural property in Mali.

Expert panels with leading academics and practitioners will address these topics. To foster interactions and debate amongst participants, panelists will provide different /complementary perspectives and leave space for interactions with the public.

## AUDIENCE

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This one and a half-day conference provides an annual space for discussion among those who are at the forefront of promoting and protecting international law in armed conflict. It connects experts and practitioners, diplomats, academics, and civil society representatives.

## FORMAT

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## FEE

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A fee of 250 CHF is required to participate in this conference. This amount covers coffee breaks, a cocktail reception on the evening of 29 June and lunch on the 30th. Participants are expected to cover their travel costs to and from Geneva as well as accommodation during their stay.

Students of the Geneva Academy and the University of Essex are not required to pay the fee to participate in the conference. Fee waivers are also possible in exceptional circumstances. You can contact [blandine.faure@geneva-academy.ch](mailto:blandine.faure@geneva-academy.ch) for such a request.

## REGISTRATION

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Participants should:

- Complete the online registration form on the Geneva Academy's website before 28 June 2017
- Pay the CHF 250 ahead of the conference (at the latest before 29 June 2017)