

**EXTRATERRITORIAL NON-INTERNATIONAL ARMED CONFLICTS:
CLASSIFICATION AND APPLICABLE LAW**

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Extraterritorial non-international armed conflicts, i.e. an armed conflict where a state uses force against a non-state armed group located in another state's territory, give rise to new challenges for international humanitarian law (IHL).

One of these challenges concerns the classification of the situation. A minority still argues in favour of a single international armed conflict, but a majority now agrees to classify such a use of force as a non-international armed conflict. Nonetheless, if the territorial state does not consent to the use of force by the foreign state, the proponents of a single non-international armed conflict disagree with the advocates of the so-called double classification, i.e. parallel international and non-international armed conflicts. Depending on the approach chosen for classification, the applicable law for belligerent acts might differ. In addition, the extraterritorial dimension of the situation could be problematic regarding the applicability of some IHL treaties, such as Additional Protocol II to the Geneva Conventions.

This Geneva Academy Wednesday proposes to discuss these current issues on classification and applicable law under IHL.

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