

# SHORT COURSE

## THE RULES GOVERNING THE USE OF FORCE IN INTERNATIONAL LAW

ONLINE | 14 - 23 MAY 2025



This short course provides an overview of the evolution of the rules governing the use of force in international law, focusing on military intervention on humanitarian grounds, the fight against international terrorism and the features as well as the shortcomings of the United Nations (UN) collective security system. It also addresses the concept of ‘Responsibility to Protect’ (R2P), as it has been developed by the UN General Assembly and put into effect by the UN Security Council and the members of the organization. It analyses both the positive and problematic dimensions of the developments concerning R2P, with particular reference to the situations in Libya and Syria. It finally discusses the theory allegedly permitting the use of unilateral force against states ‘unwilling and unable’ to prevent terrorist activities within their territories.

### ONLINE

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This is an online short course

### AUDIENCE

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This course forms part of the Geneva Academy Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict. It is open to professionals – diplomats, lawyers, legal advisers, judges, NGO staff, human rights advocates, media specialists, professionals working in emergency situations, UN staff and staff from other international organizations – who are not enrolled in the Executive Master and who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

### CERTIFICATE

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Participants obtain a certificate at the end of the course (no ECTS credits are gained).

## SCHEDULE

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Courses take place online during lunchtime on:

- Wednesday, 14 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Thursday, 15 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Friday, 16 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 21 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Thursday, 22 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Friday, 23 May 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)

## LECTURER

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### **Tarcisio Gazzini**

Professor of international law at the University of Padua. Tarcisio Gazzini is Professor of International Law at the University of Padua. His research focuses on the use of force in international law, foreign investment law, international responsibility, law of the treaties, international organizations and economic sanctions.

## LIMITED PLACES

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We can admit a maximum of five participants to this short course (in addition to students enrolled in our Executive Master).

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## DEADLINES AND TUITION FEE

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Fee: **CHF 1,250.** In case of cancellation by the participants, CHF 200 won't be returned.

Deadlines: Application end: **30 April 2025**

## HOW TO APPLY

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Applications for individual courses must be submitted via the online form available on our website.

A full list of current short courses can be found at:

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