

FACULDADE DE DIREITO UNIVERSIDADE DE LISBOA
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

(course in English)

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LEARNING OUTCOMES: This course aims at offering an overview and thorough analysis of the basics of International Humanitarian Law (IHL). Acquire key concepts which are essential to understand IHL: principles of IHL and their relevance in contemporary armed conflicts, the core sources of IHL (the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols), the distinction between international and non-international armed conflicts, the rules protecting persons and regulating the conduct of hostilities and the general and specific mechanisms to ensure respect and to sanction violations of IHL. By the end of this course students will develop the ability to analyze IHL implementation.

SYLLABUS

LECTURE 1: International Humanitarian Law: concept and main sources. (04/11/2024: 11h00-13h30)

LECTURE 2: Protected persons. (05/11/2024: 11h00-13h30)

LECTURE 3: Protected persons. Conduct of hostilities. (07/11/2024: 11h00-13h30)

LECTURE 4: Implementation of International Humanitarian Law. (08/11/2024: 11h00-13h30)

EVALUATION: continuous assessment + paper on topics related to the course

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