

Lunchtime Seminar in Law:

The Humanitarian Consequences of the Use of Nuclear Weapons: Humanitarian Assistance and the Problem of Compatibility with International Humanitarian Law

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Abstract

The International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent has long been concerned about the suffering nuclear weapons cause to civilians and their implications for International Humanitarian Law. There is now a growing understanding among the States of the catastrophic consequences of nuclear weapons for public health, human safety and the environment. More and more States are recognizing and expressing a desire to look more closely at the “catastrophic humanitarian consequences” of any use of nuclear weapons.

The presentation will identify the main challenges for an adequate humanitarian assistance to the victims in response to the use of nuclear weapons. It will also raise the issue of the investment in planning, resources and logistics that are needed to meet these challenges.

Having introduced the main relevant rules of International Humanitarian Law applicable to the use of nuclear weapons in situations of armed conflict, it will continue by highlighting the difficulty in envisaging how any use of nuclear weapons could be compatible with these rules taking into account their immediate and long-term consequences as a result of the heat, blast and radiation generated by the explosion and the territorial scope of these forces.

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12.00 – 02.00 pm

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University of Luxembourg
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Room B 001 (ground floor)
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English

Registration

- by e-mail to fdef-colloques@uni.lu (specifying name and institution)
Free seminar
- Maximum number of attendees: 80
- Lunch is planned for registered participants

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