

Lunchtime Seminar in Law:

Children in Armed Conflict

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Matthew Happold | Professor of Public International Law, University of Luxembourg (chair)

Abstract

In the first presentation “**Children in conflict – the strengths and limitations of International Humanitarian Law**”, Louise Sarsfield Collins will examine the provisions within international humanitarian law and other legal frameworks, such as the Convention of the Rights of the Child, for the protection of children affected by armed conflict and the limitations to these protections. She will discuss the issue of child soldiers and touch on the initiatives of the global coalition to protect education from attack.

In the second presentation, in the light of Luxembourg’s two years as member of the United Nations’ Security Council, Véronique Dockendorf will speak on “**Chairing the Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict: Luxembourg’s contribution to enhancing the protection of children affected by armed conflict**”. She will present the work of the Working Group and talk about the efforts to mainstream the Children and Armed Conflict agenda into the general work of the Council.

The seminar will conclude with a brief exposition by Matthew Happold of the challenges still ahead and what the international community should do to meet them.

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12.15 – 1.45 pm

Location

University of Luxembourg
Bâtiment Weicker
Room B 001 (ground floor)
4, rue Alphonse Weicker
L-2721 Kirchberg

Language

English

Registration

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

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