



From Words to Deeds

A Study of Armed Non-State Actors' Practice and Interpretation on International Humanitarian and Human Rights Norms

International Conference

29 September 2022, Geneva Graduate Institute, Auditorium 2, 14h-18h

Programme

14:00-14:05 Welcome

Professor Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou,
Deputy Director, Geneva Graduate Institute
Member of the Advisory Board of the project

14:05-14:10 Introduction

Professor Keith Kraus
Geneva Graduate Institute
Director, Center on Conflicts Development and Peacebuilding

14:10-14:15 Presentation of the programme

Dr Annyssa Bellal
Senior Researcher, Center on Conflicts, Development and Peacebuilding
Geneva Graduate Institute
Principal Investigator and UKRI Grant Holder

Pascal Bongard, Senior Researcher, Center on Conflicts, Development and Peacebuilding,
Geneva Graduate Institute
Co-investigator

Dr Ezequiel Heffes
Senior Legal Adviser, Geneva Call
Co-Investigator

14:15 – 15:45 Special Panel on the practice of Islamist Armed Non-State Actors

Moderation: Dr Marta Furlan, author of 'From Jihad-Making to State-Building: Understanding Governance by Salafi-Jihadist Insurgents', University of St Andrews

Panelists:

Associate Professor Nesrine Badawi
American University in Cairo
Co-Investigator and co-author of the Case study on Al Qaeda and the Islamic State Group

Dr Ashley Jackson
Center on Armed Groups
Co-Author of the Case study on the Taliban (Afghanistan)

Chris Rush
Independent Consultant and Researcher
Author of the Case study on the MILF (The Philippines)

Hiba Mikhail and Hassan Baalbaky
Geneva Call and Independent Researcher
Co-Authors of the Case study on the Hezbollah (Lebanon)

15:45 - 16:00: Break

16:00 – 18:00: Presentation of the academic and policy outputs

Moderation: Annyssa Bellal

Presentation of the research conclusions and policy conclusions:

Ezequiel Heffes
Annyssa Bellal
Pascal Bongard

Discussion

Professor Gloria Gaggioli, University of Geneva, Director, Geneva Academy of IHL and Human Rights

Christie J. Edwards, JD, LL.M., Head of Policy, Programmes, and MEAL, Geneva Call

Professor Marco Sassòli, University of Geneva, Member of the Advisory Board of the Project

Professor Andrew Clapham, Geneva Graduate Institute, Member of the Advisory Board of the Project

Q and A

17:45 – 18:00: Conclusions

18:00: End of Workshop