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## AGENDA OF THE WORKSHOP

### **The Role of the Media in Promoting Compliance with International Humanitarian Law**

*Kharkiv, 28-29 of September 2023*

**the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University**

*str. Pushkinska, 77 (Hall 11)*



The overall goal of the workshop is to provide to journalists and other media representatives basic knowledge on international humanitarian law and discuss questions that might occur while working in the context of the armed conflict.

The ultimate goal of the workshop for journalists is to increase their knowledge of the main principles of IHL, to inform them of their rights and obligations during an armed conflict and to enable them to advocate for greater compliance with IHL by weapon bearers by promoting humanitarian norms. After the workshop, participants will get knowledge and skills which will help to cover events by using the relevant legal terminology, understanding of the main principles and provisions of IHL and also will be able to cover the war crimes topic in their informational materials more professionally and ethically.

The workshop will be participatory, with an emphasis on inductive approaches and blended learning. Participants will be expected to actively contribute to the workshop, with the aim of increasing knowledge through both case studies and practical exercises without previous introduction.

Pre/post testing will be conducted, results of which will help to ensure more effective training process and isn't aimed to put a mark to the participants' knowledge.



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Day 1 – 28 of September		
9.00 – 9.30	Welcome coffee and Registration	
9.30 – 9.45	Self-introductions and expectations Pre-training evaluation	Victor Roux, Edward Sloan, Maryna Yarkovenko
9.45 – 10.00	Introduction to Geneva Call, its mission in Ukraine	Maryna Yarkovenko
10.00 – 10.30	«Warriors of light Code» introduction and discussion	Natalia Gavrylyk
10.30 – 11.15	Introduction to International Humanitarian Law	Oksana Senatorova
11.15 – 11.30	Coffee break	All participants
11.30 – 12.00	Overview of the principles of armed conflict (the balance between military necessity and humanity)	Maryna Yarkovenko
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch	All participants
13.00 – 14.45	Overview of the principles of armed conflict (conduct of hostilities principles). Participants and non-participants in armed conflicts. Civilians, directly participating in hostilities (DPH)	Oksana Senatorova
14.45 – 15.15	Legal status of journalists in armed conflicts: rights, obligations. Role in armed conflicts.	Oksana Senatorova
15.15 – 15.30	Coffee break	All participants
15.30 – 17.00	Responsibility for violations of IHL: states and individuals. War crimes: main aspects of responsibility. IHL terminology: common mistakes.	Oksana Senatorova
Day 2 – 29 of September		
9.00 – 9.15	Welcome coffee	Maryna Yarkovenko
9.15 – 10.45	IHL, media and mass culture	Denys Volokha
10.45 – 12.15	Ethical documentation: how to avoid harming victims of war crimes and interfering with official criminal investigations	Mykola Yurlov
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch	
13.15 – 14.30	Documenting war crimes: general overview of the legal process	Vladyslav Dolzhko
14.30 – 15.30	Challenges for journalists during armed conflict	TBD
15.30 – 16.00	Wrap-, post-training evaluation and certificates	Maryna Yarkovenko, Edward Sloan