

“The Geneva Conventions at 75: Need for Innovation”

September 26-27, 2024

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Thursday, September 26: Cleveland Browns Stadium's (recently renamed Huntington Bank Field), Kardia Club Enter the stadium on the S.E. corner by the Jim Brown statue.

Complementary parking is at North Coast Harbor Parking, 515 Erieside Ave, Cleveland, OH 44114. A complimentary shuttle leaves Glidden House Hotel (1901 Ford Drive, Cleveland, OH 44106) at 5:15 p.m. and returns at 9:30 p.m. Email eric.siler@case.edu to reserve your spot on the shuttle. Recommended attire: nice casual.

6:00-9:00 PM: Enjoy Drinks, dinner, and Music by Razing the Bar along with amazing views of the lit football field and the city. **After dinner speaker:** Alumnus Christopher Rassi (LAW '03), Chief of Staff and Director, Office of Secretary General, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Friday, September 27: Cleveland Botanical Garden (Clark Hall). (Located across the street from the Law School. Complimentary parking at the attached Cleveland Botanical Garden garage). Recommended attire: business.

Agenda:

8:30 AM: Welcome

8:45-9:15 AM Opening Address: "75 Years of the Geneva Conventions: Successes and Failures" – a fireside chat featuring James Johnson, Chief Prosecutor of the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone and Associate Dean Michael Scharf, President of the ABILA

9:30-10:45 AM Panel 1: Is there a need for a new Geneva Convention on Cyber Warfare?

Chair: Prof. Michael Kelly, Creighton University School of Law

—Prof. Els de Busser, University of Amsterdam, Institute for Information Law

—Prof. Laura Dickinson, George Washington University School of Law

—Jonathan Horowitz, Legal Adviser, ICRC Washington

—Prof. Jennifer Trahan, New York University

11:00 AM-12:15 PM Panel 2: “Is there a need for a new Geneva Convention on Treatment of Non-State Actors?”

Chair: Associate Dean Avidan Cover, Director of the Institute for Global Security Law & Policy at CWRU

– Dr. Ezequiel Heffes, Director of Watchlist on Children and Armed Conflict

- Sandra Hodgkinson, Senior Vice President, Leonardo DRS, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Detainee Affairs
- Dr. Amos Guiora, University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law, former Commandant of the IDF School of Military Law
- Prof. Gabor Rona, Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law

12:15-12:45 Lunch

12:45-1:30 PM: Lunch Address: John Bellinger, Arnold & Porter, former Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State and of the National Security Council

1:45-3:00 PM Panel 3: "Is there a need for a new Geneva Convention on Autonomous Weapon Systems?"

Chair: Dr. Paul Williams, Rebecca I. Grazier Professor in Law and International Relations, American University, and President of the Public International Law and Policy Group

—Prof. Laurie Blank, Emory University School of Law

—Prof. Craig Martin, Washburn University School of Law

– Romina Soledad Morello, ICRC Regional Legal Advisor for the Americas, Regional Resource Network, Bogota

—Prof. Milena Sterio, The Charles R. Emrick Jr. - Calfee Halter & Griswold Professor of Law, Cleveland State University College of Law, Managing Director of the Public International Law and Policy Group

3:15-4:40 PM Panel 4: Is there a need for a new Geneva Convention on the application of IHL to Conflict in Outer Space?

Chair: Steve Petras, Director of the Frederick K. Cox International Law Center

—Svenja Berrang, Legal Adviser, German Federal Ministry of Defence

– Christian Jorgensen, Legal Counsel, International Humanitarian Law, American Red Cross National Headquarters

– Stuart Pettis, Director, STEM Education Programs at Air & Space Forces Association, Former Chief of Space Integration and Acting Deputy Chief of Operations, United States Space Force

—Prof. Mark Sundahl, Director of its Global Space Law Center at Cleveland State University Law School

—Marguerite Walter, U.S. Department of State, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser

4:40-5:00 PM: Closing Remarks

Peter Evans, Head of the ICRC Unit for Relations with Arms Carriers.