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War, Crime and Justice in International Law

Compliance with international rules of warfare and accountability for breaches of the same are vital ingredients of stable peace. Ensuring their effectiveness involves strengthening the relevant norms, institutions and processes, both nationally and internationally, amid today's armed conflict, political climate and moral discourse undergoing rapid changes.

International humanitarian law and international criminal law, two closely related branches of international law, also evolve and adapt to these changes. Critical, well-informed and forward-looking thinking is needed to tackle old and new issues regarding the conduct of hostilities, treatment of victims, definition of international crimes and modes of liability, as well as those regarding international and transitional criminal justice.

Forum for International Criminal and Humanitarian Law (FICHL)

The Forum is an informal and flexible initiative that aims to identify and facilitate discourses on key issues in international criminal and humanitarian law. Matters of interest to the Forum also encompass humanitarian affairs, truth and reconciliation, human rights and other questions surrounding the two fields of law and related disciplines. Through seminars, workshops and publications, the Forum brings together academics, practitioners, government officials, NGO representatives, philosophers, political scientists and others.

The Forum is guided by a focus on academic and professional excellence. Engaging with the foremost international research on international criminal and humanitarian law strengthens our ability to provide policy advice to governments and others. Research and agenda-setting activities of the Forum benefit from the close ties it has with other research, advocacy and policy establishments

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Selected academic collaborators

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Seminar findings often directly influence policy decisions, such as the launch of national military manual projects in Scandinavian countries and the formulation of case-selection criteria by prosecutorial authorities in the Balkan region.

FICHL Publication Series

The Forum's Publication Series makes available to a broader audience papers and presentations made during FICHL seminars, as well as carefully selected scholarly works. Publications will be available in print from PRIO and in PDF through the Forum's Internet pages. The Forum seeks to provide quality publications by using an open, Internet-based publication platform accessible to all, including those in materially less resourceful countries.

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- *Importing Core International Crimes into National Criminal Law;*
- *National Military Manuals on the Law of Armed Conflict;*
- *Criteria for Prioritising and Selecting Core International Crimes Cases;*
- *Law in Peace Negotiations.*