Antecedentes

La guerra sigue siendo un tema de gran preocupación para la humanidad. Los conflictos recientes han demostrado que el estrago de la guerra sigue teniendo un impacto devastador especialmente en la población civil.

La guerra puede ser el “fin de las leyes” como se dijo, pero el Derecho Internacional no está en silencio sobre conflictos armados. Desde su confección en 1859 en el campo de batalla de Solferino hasta la guerra contemporánea, el Derecho Internacional Humanitario (DHI) ha enfrentado desafíos significativos. Desde los tiempos de caballos y bayonetas hasta los drones y otros ‘Sistemas de Armamento Lethal Autónomos’ (lo que se conoce como “robots asesinos”), el DHI siempre tuvo el objetivo de regular...
the means and methods of warfare in order to limit human suffering. The development and sophistication of weapons has made it paradoxically problematic to distinguish between civilians and combatants in order to better protect the former. In addition, the proliferation of non-international armed conflicts (civil wars) and the emergence of new forms of armed conflicts, i.e. the “war on terrorism”, pose new challenges to the protection of civilian persons and goods.

**OBJETIVOS DEL EVENTO**

The course is aimed to provide participants with an advanced knowledge of IHL and to offer an innovative analysis of the legal uncertainties surrounding new-age military capabilities namely drones and other weaponry systems.

**OBJETIVOS DE APRENDIZAJE**

At the end of the course participants will be able to:

- Identify the principles and rules, sources and sanctions of International Humanitarian Law (IHL).
- Determine the scope of applicability of IHL with regard to the applicability of Human Rights Law and unconventional conflicts such as terrorism.
- Analyze the core principles guiding the means and methods of warfare and assess their efficacy regarding modern weapons namely drones and ‘killer robots’.
- Discuss the fundamental knowledge of protection granted to the victims of war, combatants and civilian persons and goods.
- Critically analyze how IHL overall responds to emerging challenges.

**CONTENIDO Y ESTRUCTURA**

- **Module 1:** Introduction to International Humanitarian Law: Principles, Sources and Sanctions
- **Module 2:** Applicability of International Humanitarian Law: Scope of Applicability and Relationship with Human Rights
- **Module 3:** The “Hague Law”: Conduct of Hostilities- Classical Regulations Meet New Means of Warfare: Drones, Killer Robots
- **Module 4:** The “Geneva Law”: Protection of the Victims: Civilian Victims, Combatants, Protective Emblems and the Role of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

**METODOLOGÍA**

This course promotes an interactive approach through lessons and multimedia material, stimulating critical thinking. Each module has its own learning objectives, as well as interactive online lessons, which guide participants through the contents. The lessons are also available in PDF format so participants can work offline. Contents and activities are practice-oriented and under a self-assessment approach, so participants will learn through practical examples and assignments associated with research and case scenarios. This experience will be supported by the UNITAR team, additional resources and material, and visuals such as infographics and videos.

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