

# #TheSpiritofGeneva: The Impact of AI on International Humanitarian Law

## 75 Years of the Geneva Conventions

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### PROGRAMME

9:30–9:50

#### ***Institutional greetings***

With the participation of His Eminence Cardinal Pietro Parolin,  
Vatican Secretary of State

9:50–10:20

#### ***AI / Robotics in Militarised Conflicts – Technologies, Challenges, Rights, Regulation***

Keynote speech by Professor Joachim von Braun,  
President of the Pontifical Academy of Sciences

10:20–11:35

#### ***Panel 1: AI and Armed Conflicts – Challenges and Risks***

Professor Dominique Lambert, Professor at the University of Namur  
Dr Giacomo Persi Paoli, Head of the Security and Technology  
Programme at the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research  
(UNIDIR)

Dr Jean-Marc Rickli, Head of Global and Emerging Risks and Founder  
and Director of the Polymath Initiative at the Geneva Centre for  
Security Policy (GCSP)

Moderated by Paolo Rodari, Journalist at Radiotelevisione Svizzera di  
lingua Italiana (RSI).

11:35–12:05 Coffee break

12:05–13:20

#### ***Panel 2: International Humanitarian Law in the Age of AI***

COL Sebastiano La Piscopia, Senior Officer Attaché to the Military  
Attorney General at the Italian Supreme Court of Cassation  
MAJ Barbara Scolart, Member of the Sanremo International Institute of  
Humanitarian Law

Julie Tenenbaum, Regional Legal Adviser for Europe at the  
International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Moderated by Professor Peter G. Kirchschläger, Professor and  
Director of the Institute of Social Ethics at the University of Lucerne

13:20–14:30 Lunch Buffet

14:30–15:10

#### ***AI and the Human Person – The Ethical Frontiers of a Complex Relationship***

Keynote speech by Professor Paolo Benanti,  
Professor at Pontifical Gregorian University

15:10–16:25

#### ***Panel 3: AI innovations and opportunities for civil society protection***

Federica Du Pasquier, Collaborator at the Geneva Science and  
Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA)

Philippe Stoll, Senior Techplomacy Delegate at the International  
Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

Dr Nicola Venturi, Scientific Project Manager at the Competence Centre  
for AI and Simulation of the Swiss Federal Office for Defence  
Procurement, armasuisse

Moderated by Katharina Frey, Deputy Head of the Division for Digital  
Foreign Policy of the Swiss Federal Department for Foreign Affairs  
(FDFA)

16:25–16:35

#### ***Conclusions and Acknowledgments***



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