



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND HUMANITARIAN LAW ADVOCACY CLINIC



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WHAT

ADVOCACY means **promoting respect for and protection of international human rights and humanitarian law**, either in relation to specific (individual) cases or, more generally, in relation to broader situations/topics. This means:

- *Reporting*
- *Campaigning*
- *Lobbying*
- *Any other means used to influence relevant actors (especially policy- and decision-makers at any level)*

The **spring-summer school** will consist of:

- A **clinical activity**: Participants will work on team projects proposed by various entities working in the advocacy field and carry it out over the course of the trimester; and
- An **intensive series of seminars**.

WHY

- Develop your knowledge of available avenues for **civil society participation** at the international, European, and national level.
- Learn **how to access these avenues** to advocate for States' and other actors' compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law.

WHEN

April-July 2025.

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WHO

Advanced students & recent graduates.

*Students at the University of Milan may take it as an elective course (9 credits). Other participants will receive a **certificate of participation**. Please note that participants will have to take a **final exam**.*

WHERE

University of Milan, DILHPS, Via Conservatorio 7, Milan (Italy) & online on Microsoft Teams.

Please note that the preference concerning in-person or online participation must be expressed at the time of applying and can only be changed later on in exceptional circumstances.

HOW

Up to **30 PARTICIPANTS**.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of their **motivation**, **academic record**, and/or **professional experience**.

Previous knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law, as well as of the institutional aspects of EU law, will be considered in the selection process.

To apply, please fill in [this form](#) by 3 March 2025.

Candidates may be invited to an **interview** to be carried out either on Microsoft Teams or in person in the first weeks of March.

Please note that there is no participation fee.

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2 TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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PROGRAMME

CLINICAL ACTIVITY

Five 2-hour meetings every 2 weeks (Wednesday 2 April; Wednesday 23 April; Wednesday 7 May; Wednesday 21 May; Wednesday 11 June) (16:30) (aula multimediale, via Passione)

SEMINARS

- Nine 2-hour seminars on certain preliminary issues and transversal competences (aula multimediale, via Passione)

Wednesday 9 April (16:30): “Where to find relevant legal sources”, M. Stroppa;

Monday 14 April (12:30): “Clinical education and its support to humanitarian actors in their advocacy activities”, G. Bartolini;

Wednesday 16 April (16:30): “How to use relevant legal sources in writing”, F. Favuzza;

Tuesday 13 May (15:30): “Generating advocacy impacts within existing organisations”, F. Marchetti;

Tuesday 13 May (17:30): “Setting up an advocacy organisation”, F. De Facci;

Wednesday 28 May (16:30): “Communicating international law”, J. Osiejewicz (online);

Wednesday 4 June (14:30&16:30): “Public speaking: in-person meetings” & “Public speaking: online meetings”, N. Bass Kallmorgen (online);

Wednesday 18 June (16:30): “Ethical concerns of human rights and humanitarian law advocacy”, N. Riva.

- Several 2-hour seminars on the theory and practice of advocacy at the international, European, and domestic level & a final roundtable

30 June-3 July (08:30-18:30) (aula multimediale, via Passione)

4 July (10:00-14:30) (Aula 311, via Festa del Perdono 5)

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INTENSIVE SERIES OF SEMINARS JUNE-JULY 2025					
	Monday 30 June	Tuesday 1 July	Wednesday 2 July	Thursday 3 July	Friday 4 July
08:30-10:30	The UN and international human rights and humanitarian law promotion (F. Favuzza)	Individual advocacy: The example of the Regeni case (F. Violi) (online)	International human rights advocacy to EU institutions in practice: The internal dimension (F. Marchetti)	Human rights and humanitarian law advocacy at the UN in practice (I. Epshtain)	Final roundtable (10:00-14:30)
10:30-12:30	Civil society organisations' and/or individuals' participation in the UN Charter-based mechanisms (F. Favuzza)	EU: Legal framework on civil society's participation in the legislative process (A. Lang)	The EU external action and international human rights and humanitarian law promotion (G. Greco)	Advocacy to the International criminal court (I. Epshtain)	
12:30-13:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	
13:30-14:30	Time off*	Time off*	Time off*	Time off*	
14:30-16:30	Avenues for participation in the UN human rights treaty system (M. Pedrazzi)	EU: Legal framework on civil society's participation in adjudication (G. Greco)	International human rights law advocacy to EU institutions in practice: The external dimension (V. Spaghetti)	Advocacy on international humanitarian law in practice (M. Cisilino & F. Laschiazza)	
16:30-18:30	Advocacy on international human rights law in practice (P. Robledo)	EU: Legal framework on administrative avenues for civil society's participation (F. Marchetti)	International humanitarian law advocacy to EU institutions in practice (M. Truscott)	Time off*	
* Time for (autonomous) team meetings.					

■ International level ■ European level ■ Domestic level

Questions?
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