

2020 VANCOUVER CONFERENCE  
INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW (IHL)  
AND CYBER WARFARE  
**THE CODE WAR**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2020, 1PM-4PM PDT

<b>WELCOME &amp; INTRO</b>		
1:00 – 1:10	<b>Welcome</b>	Karyn Stone, <b>IHL Coordinator, Canadian Red Cross</b>
1:10 – 1:35	<b>Introduction to International Humanitarian Law (IHL)</b>	Catherine Gribbin, <b>Senior Legal Advisor, IHL, Canadian Red Cross</b>
1:35 – 1:45	Q&A	
<b>KEYNOTE</b>		
1:45 – 2:20	<b>Cyber Warfare and Armed Conflict</b> This presentation will explore the impact of cyber technology on armed conflict and the rules of war.	Eric Talbot Jensen, <b>Professor of Law, Brigham Young University</b>
2:20 – 2:30	Q & A	
<b>2:30 – 2:40</b>	<b>Virtual Break</b>	
<b>PANEL: CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES</b>		
2:40 – 2:55	<b>The Search for Cyber Peace</b> This presentation will discuss diplomatic efforts to control state cyber security operations.	Paul Meyer, <b>Adjunct Professor of International Studies and Fellow in International Security, Simon Fraser University</b>
2:55 – 3:10	<b>International and Transnational Criminal Law</b> This presentation will discuss the use of cryptocurrencies in facilitating transnational crime.	Ijeamaka Anika, <b>PhD Student, Peter A. Allard School of Law, UBC and lecturer at the University of Nigeria Nsukka, Faculty of Law</b>
3:10 – 3:25	<b>Cyber Warfare in the Middle East</b> This presentation will focus on the weaponization of cyberspace in the Middle East.	Dr. Ahmed Al-Rawi, <b>Assistant Professor, Simon Fraser University and Senior Research Affiliate, Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society</b>
3:25 – 3:35	<b>Moderated Question and Answer Period</b>	Panel <b>Moderated by Samantha Jean</b>
<b>PANEL DISCUSSION</b>		
3:35 – 3:55	<b>What does the future hold? What should be done to protect humanity from cyber warfare?</b> Q & A	All Speakers <b>Moderated by Samantha Jean</b>
3:55 – 4:00	<b>Sli.do Evaluations – 8 question survey online</b> <b>Closing Remarks</b>	Karyn Stone

## SPEAKERS



**Ahmed Al-Rawi** is Assistant Professor of News, Social Media, and Public Communication at the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University where he runs The Disinformation Project. He began his full time media career in 2002 by serving as a Communication Officer and later a Spokesperson for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Iraq. Ahmed worked as a freelance radio correspondent for a couple of US-based radio stations and briefly as an editor for CNN Arabic bureau in Dubai, the UAE. In 2006, he started his academic career, mostly teaching in the Sultanate of Oman, the Netherlands, and Canada. Ahmed served as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Media & Communication at Erasmus University in the Netherlands (2011-2014) and later as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication Studies at Concordia University in Canada (2015-2018).

Ahmed is also Affiliate Assistant Professor at the Department of Communication, Concordia University, in Montreal, a Research Fellow at the Department of Media & Communication at Erasmus University in The Netherlands, Senior Research Fellow at The Netherlands Interuniversity School for Islamic Studies at Utrecht University, and Affiliate Member of ERMeCC (Erasmus Research Centre for Media, Communication and Culture) at Erasmus University. Ahmed is a founding member of the Media & Digital Literacy Academy at the Lebanese American University in Beirut and sits on the editorial board of the journals of *Popular Culture* (since 2009) and *Digital Journalism*.



**Ijeamaka Anika** is a PhD student at the Peter A. Allard School of Law at UBC. Her research focuses on international and transnational criminal law. Ijeamaka's recent work considers the use of cryptocurrencies for facilitating transnational crimes. In her PhD studies, Ijeamaka will examine the influence of international criminal law jurisprudence in domestic jurisdictions. Ijeamaka comes to UBC from Nigeria, where she held a teaching position at the University of Nigeria Nsukka.



**Catherine Gribbin** is the Senior Legal Advisor, International Humanitarian Law at the Canadian Red Cross. Catherine recently returned from Nigeria where she was the Operational Legal Coordinator for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)'s Nigeria Delegation. She has worked at the Canadian Red Cross in a number of different positions since 2006. Ms. Gribbin received her LL.B. from Dalhousie University and articulated in Toronto doing criminal defence. Catherine was called to the Bar in Ontario and Nova Scotia and is a member of the Law Society of Upper Canada.



**Samantha Jean** currently works with the Canadian Red Cross in Risk Reduction as a violence Prevention Educator and Instructor Trainer. She has worked and volunteered since 2009 with both the Canadian and American Red Cross Societies, in roles such as International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Advisor and IHL Action Campaign Regional Coordinator. Her experience includes teaching workshops and coordinating events that focus on IHL. Samantha is an active and passionate humanitarian advocate who has worked with youth for more than a decade. She has a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of the Fraser Valley and lives with her husband, and their cats, Odin and Arista, as well as various foster dogs, in Langley, BC.



**Eric Talbot Jensen** teaches and writes in the areas of Public International Law, Criminal Law, The Law of Armed Conflict, International Criminal Law, Cyber Law and National Security Law. His recent scholarship has appeared, among others, in the Texas, Temple, Houston, and Israel Law Reviews; the Virginia, Stanford, Chicago, Michigan, and Minnesota Journals of International Law; the Stanford Law and Policy Review; and International Law Studies. Professor Jensen is a co-author on a law school casebook on the Law of Armed Conflict and a student treatise on National Security Law for Aspen Publishing and a co-author on an Oxford University text analyzing application of the laws of war to the war on terror. He was a member of the group of experts that produced both the Tallinn Manual on the International Law Applicable to Cyber Warfare and the recently released Tallinn Manual 2.0 on the International Law Applicable to Cyber Operations.

Professor Jensen recently returned to BYU Law School after serving for one year as the Special Counsel to the Department of Defense General Counsel. Prior to joining the BYU law faculty in 2011, Professor Jensen spent 2 years teaching at Fordham Law School in New York City and 20 years in the United States Army as both a Cavalry Officer and as a Judge Advocate. During his time as a Judge Advocate, Professor Jensen served in various positions including as the Chief of the Army's International Law Branch; Deputy Legal Advisor for Task Force Baghdad; Professor of International and Operational Law at The Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School; legal advisor to the US contingent of UN Forces deployed to Skopje, Macedonia as part of UNPREDEP; and legal advisor in Bosnia in support of Operation Joint Endeavor/Guard.



**Paul Meyer** is Fellow in International Security and Adjunct Professor of International Studies at Simon Fraser University, and a Senior Advisor to ICT4Peace. He has served as Chair of the Canadian Pugwash Group since 2017. Prior to taking up his current positions in 2011, Mr. Meyer had a 35-year career with the Canadian Foreign Service, with a specialization in international security policy. His diplomatic postings included serving as Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and to the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva (2003-2007). He currently teaches an undergraduate course on diplomacy at SFU and writes on issues of nuclear non-proliferation and disarmament, outer space security and international cyber security diplomacy.