
2020 University of New Brunswick International Humanitarian Law Conference

Online
October 16th, 2020

The Protection of Vulnerable Populations in Armed Conflict: Discrimination & persecution based on sexual orientation or gender identity

Atlantic Daylight Time	Introduction & Keynote	
1:30 – 1:40	Welcome and Opening Remarks (10min)	Delaney Losier UNB International Law Society Michael Marin Dean, Faculty of Law, University of New Brunswick
1:40 – 2:10	Introductory session on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) (20min + 10min Q&A)	Marie-Laure Tapp International Humanitarian Law Coordinator (Eastern Canada), Canadian Red Cross
2:10 – 2:50	Keynote address (25min + 15min Q&A)	<i>Keynote Address:</i> Jackie Hansen Gender Rights Campaigner, Amnesty International Canada
2:50 – 3:00	Break	
3:00 – 3:30	Commentators (30 min – 10 min each speaker)	Mathilde Doucet Ph.D Candidate (LGBTQ+ protection under IHL), Université Laval
		Ziva Gorani International Human Rights Activist and Trans Rights Advocate
		Lawrence Roche Director, Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia
3:30 – 3:55	Q&A Period	All
3:55 – 4:00	Closing Remarks	Canadian Red Cross UNB International Law Society



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Speakers

Keynote Speaker

Jackie Hansen is Amnesty International Canada's Gender Rights Campaigner based at the national office in Ottawa. She covers women's rights, LGBTI rights, and gender equality campaigning for Amnesty International Canada. She conducts research, engages in policy work, designs and implements campaigns, does government relations work, media engagement, and more. Much of her work is currently focused on ensuring the rights of women and LGBTI rights defenders are respected, protected and fulfilled; addressing the human rights impacts of energy development in Canada on women, transgender, and non-binary individuals; addressing violence against Indigenous women, girls, and two-spirit people; and more broadly, ending gender-based violence in Canada. Her previous work with Amnesty has focused on transgender rights in Canada, ending torture, and promoting sexual and reproductive rights.

Jackie has worked with Amnesty for seven years. Prior to that she spent 13 years working in disarmament with the Nobel Peace Prize Laureate International Campaign to Ban Landmines, including 8 years managing Landmine and Cluster Munition Monitor, the civil society-based research and monitoring mechanism on victim-activated weapons.

Panel

Mathilde Doucet is a Ph.D. Candidate at Laval University in Quebec City. She graduated with a Bachelor's degree (LL.B) in private and criminal law from Lorraine University in France. She continued her education at Starsbourg University, where she did a first year of a Master's in International and European law. Passionate about international law and human rights, and wanting to have an academic experience abroad, she applied at Laval University, where she was accepted to the Master's program in Fundamental Rights (LL.M). After her graduation, eager to continue to work on the protection of vulnerable people in international law, she started a PhD on the protection of LGBT+ in armed conflicts in September 2018 (LL.D). Besides her research activities, she is also a teaching assistant at the *Clinique de droit international pénal et humanitaire* and a member of the research project *Osons le DIH! Promotion and enhancement of IHL: a Canadian contribution*. She is also currently contributing to the update of the Customary International Humanitarian Law database of the ICRC. Mathilde is also a member of Laval University's team, which participated in the the 2020 edition of the Jean Pictet International Humanitarian Law Competition and reached the final round.

Ziva Gorani is a Kurdish Syrian queer feminist, activist, international speaker, and member of the Syrian Women's Political Movement. She began her journey as a humanitarian worker soon after the Syrian revolution against the Syrian regime in 2011, as a responder to the humanitarian crisis. Her lived experience as a Kurdish queer woman, a refugee and a feminist led her to develop a unique understanding of social activism in the Middle East.

She left her home in Syria after receiving threats due to her queer identity and is currently based in Canada. She was the lead on the first ever Collaborative in Peel region, Southern Ontario, and specifically speaks to building capacity in the inclusion of 2SLGBTQ+ communities in humanitarian sector and is an international advocate for



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2SLGBTQ+ humanitarian workers. Ziva has worked as a consultant in the Canadian Trans Health Study and as the face of the Pride in Volunteering provincial campaign 2017, We Belong Campaign 2017.

Ms. Gorani won The Canadian Ethnic Media Award 2018 and Global Health Educational Initiative Award 2019 and was nominated for Every Day Political Citizen Award 2017, Waterfront Award 2018 in Canada. She is a member of the Syria Solidarity Collective, holds a Bachelor's degree in Artificial Intelligence, and is an artist painter with published art work in MPT magazine, New York.

Lawrence Roche is a partner with G & R Chartered Professional Accountants in Dartmouth, NS. He is the chair of the Rainbow Refugee Association of Nova Scotia and is actively involved in sponsoring LGBT refugees in Halifax-Dartmouth. He also holds a Master of Arts in religious studies and has initiated several refugee sponsorships through the United Church of Canada.

