

# ADVANCED WEAPONS LAW

GENEVA | 10-13 JUNE 2026

## DESCRIPTION

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This training will be a deep dive into international weapons law. Over four full days, it will address in detail the following:

- Police use of force and maritime law enforcement, including counterpiracy and counternarcotic operations, under international human rights law and the law of the sea
- Use of means of warfare in armed conflict under international humanitarian law, including the definition of an indiscriminate weapon and attack and a weapon of a nature to cause superfluous injury and unnecessary suffering
- Disarmament law, in particular the Chemical Weapons Convention, the Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention, and the Convention on Cluster Munitions
- The legality of weapons transfers, in particular under the Arms Trade Treaty

Presentation of the material will be in-person in an interactive manner, with real-world and fictitious case studies a common feature.

## AUDIENCE

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Participants are required to have international law experience but do not need to possess technical knowledge of weaponry. By the end of the training, it is expected that they will have a detailed understanding of the intricacies of weapons law applicable during peacetime and in armed conflict and a clear understanding of key terms (and the ambiguities that exist in certain cases).

## LOCATION

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The training will take place in-person in Geneva, at the Villa Moynier.



## LECTURER

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**Stuart Casey-Maslen**, Head of the IHL in Focus project at the Geneva Academy and visiting professor at the University of Johannesburg.

The facilitator is an academic and practitioner with 30 years' experience in weapons law, international human rights and humanitarian law, counterterrorism law, disarmament law, and jus ad bellum. He holds a doctorate in international humanitarian law (on landmines) from the University of Tilburg in the Netherlands and master's degrees in forensic ballistics from Cranfield University and in international human rights law from the University of Essex, both in the United Kingdom. Among his recent publications are *The Prohibition of Torture and Ill-Treatment under International Law*, published in 2025 by Cambridge University Press and *International Counterterrorism Law*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2024. His co-authored commentary on the Arms Trade Treaty will be published by Oxford University Press in its second edition in late 2026.

## AGENDA

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- Wednesday 10 June 2026, 9:30 to 17:30 - ***Police Use of Force***
- Thursday 11 June 2026, 9:30 to 17:30 - ***International Humanitarian Law***
- Friday 12 June 2026, 9:30 to 17:30 - ***Disarmament***
- Saturday 13 June 2026, 9:30 to 17:30 - ***Arms Trade Treaty***

## HOW TO APPLY

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Please send an email to [digital.academy@geneva-academy.ch](mailto:digital.academy@geneva-academy.ch) with a summary CV.

Selected applicants will receive a confirmation of acceptance. To secure their place, accepted participants are required to pay a non-refundable deposit of **CHF 300**.

Please note that this training is subject to a minimum of 12 participants. If this minimum is not reached two weeks prior to the start date, this training will not be delivered and all registered participants will receive a full refund of the deposit.

Places are limited to 25 participants, and therefore early application is strongly encouraged. Please be mindful of visa requirements and timelines before applying, depending on your individual situation.

## TUITION FEE

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**CHF 1,500.**

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