

# Programme

## 2026 Nordic IHL Symposium

28 May 2026

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08:30 - 09:00 **Registration and Coffee**

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09:00 - 09:30 **Opening Addresses**

Representative of the Danish Ministry of Defence and/or Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs (TBD)

Prof. Signe Pihl-Thingvad, Head of Department, University of Copenhagen, Department of Political Science

Anders Ladekar, Secretary General, Danish Red Cross

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09:30 - 10:30 **Keynote I: A View from the Inside**

**Dr. Marie Jacobsson, Former Ambassador and Principal Legal Adviser on International Law, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs**

"International Law and Security Policy in the Nordic-Baltic Region: Some Reflections"

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10:30 - 10:45 **Coffee Break**

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10:45 - 12:15 **Panel 1 - Closer to Home: Reorienting Nordic Operational Law for a New Threat Environment**

**Dr. Inna Zavorotko, Head of the International Law Section at the Ukrainian Ministry of Defence and Colonel of the Armed Forces of Ukraine**

"Lessons Learned in Implementing IHL During Large-Scale Conflict"

**Jes Rynkeby Knudsen, Chief Legal Advisor in the Danish Defense Command**

"Legal Interoperability in Multinational Contexts"

**Dr. Marc Shack, Associate Professor, Centre for Law and Security, University of Copenhagen**

"Rethinking Domestic Defence Law"

**Moderator: Berit-Reiss Andersen, Special Adviser, Unit for International Law and Protection, Norwegian Red Cross**

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12:15 - 13:15 **Lunch**

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13:15 - 14:45 **Panel 2 - Early Career Professionals**

**Dr Sally Longworth, Researcher, Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI & Julia Dalman, Legal Analyst, Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI**

"Justice Occupied: Balancing the Interests in GCIV Through National Legislation for Prosecutors and Judges in Occupied Territory"

**Julie Nosch, Military Legal Adviser, Danish Defence Command**

"Sovereignty and the Electromagnetic Environment"

**Lisa Sivertsen, Legal Adviser, Norwegian Red Cross**

"Maritime SAR in Contemporary Armed Conflict: Addressing the Protection Gap for SAR Helicopters in the Nordic Context"

**Moderator: Prof. Kevin Jon Heller, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen**

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14:45 - 15:00 **Coffee Break**

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15:00 - 16:30

**Panel 3 - Code and Combat I: Technological Disruption and IHL/LOAC in the Nordic Context**

**Ulrik Graff, New Technologies of Warfare Adviser, ICRC**

"Emergent Technologies: What Ukraine Could Mean for Nordic Preparedness"

**Vincent Sautenet, Founder of Phoenix Vfx**

"From Rules to Practice: Impact of Immersive IHL Training Technologies on Soldiers' Behaviour"

**Dr. Talita Dias, Senior Research Fellow, University of Exeter**

"Digital Disruption as a Method of Warfare: How IHL Limits Online Content and Internet Shutdowns During Armed Conflict"

**Moderator: Emma Ziegler Steen, Head of Section, International Law, Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

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16:30 - 17:30

**Reception**

08:30 - 08:45 **Registration and Coffee**

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08:45 - 09:45 **Keynote II: A View from the Outside**

**Lt. Col. (ret.) Chris Jenks, Senior Law of War Adviser, US Army, and Research Professor of Law, SMU-Dedman School of Law**

"IHL as *Jörmungandr*: The Impact of Emerging Threats & Technology Across the Spectrum of Conflict"

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09:45 - 10:00 **Coffee Break**

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10:00 - 11:30 **Panel 4 -- Code and Combat II: Technological Disruption and IHL/LOAC in the Nordic Context**

**Prof. Marko Milanovic, Professor of Public International Law, University of Reading**

"IHL, AI, and State and Individual Responsibility: Lessons from the Ukraine War"

**Dr. Lena Trabucco, Assistant Professor, University of Copenhagen, Centre for Military Studies**

"Industry's Role in Responsible Military AI: Lessons for the Nordics"

**Anna Andersson, Senior Researcher, Swedish Defence Research Agency, FOI**

"Compliance by Design, AWS, and International Humanitarian Law"

**Moderator: Daniel Møller Ølgaard, Assistant Professor, Institute for Military Technology, Royal Danish Defence College**

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11:30 - 11:45 **Coffee Break**

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11:45 - 13:15 **Panel 5 -- Law and Resilience: Integrating IHL into Whole-of-Society Preparedness**

**Prof. Camila Cooper, Professor of LOAC/Operational Law, Norwegian Defence University**

"The Principle of Distinction and the Norwegian Total Defence Concept"

**Dr. Carina Lamont, Lecturer, Swedish Defence University**

"Swedish Police in Total Defence: Challenges Under International Law and for a Whole of Society Preparedness"

**Jani Leino, IHL Legal Advisor, Finnish Red Cross**

"A Total Defence View from Finland"

**Moderator: Dr. Cornelius Wiesener, Assistant Professor, Centre for Law and Security, University of Copenhagen**

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13:15 - 14:00 **Lunch and Goodbye**

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