

# 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**

Kevin Jon Heller, Professor of International Law & Security, University of Copenhagen Centre for Military Studies & Jonathan Somer, Legal Adviser, Danish Red Cross

Amb. Vibeke Pasternak Jørgensen, Under-Secretary for Legal Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark

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 Schack, 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: Dr. 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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## PARTICIPANT BIOS

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**Prof. Camilla G. Cooper** is a professor of the law of armed conflict at the Norwegian Defence University College. She has a PhD on NATO rules of engagement, self-defence, and the law of armed conflict from the University of Oslo (2018), and she has published extensively on a wide range of operational law topics. She has edited and co-authored the *Norwegian Manual on the Law of Armed Conflict* (2013 and 2025), has been teaching NATO rules of engagement at the NATO School in Oberammergau since 2017, and is a member of the Ethics Council for the Norwegian Defence Sector. She is currently seconded to the Norwegian Defence Staff Legal Office.

**Julia Dalman** is a Legal Analyst at the Swedish Defence Research Agency, specialising in international law and the relationship with domestic law, including civil contingency. She has Swedish law degrees (LLB and LLM) and an LLM in international human rights law from Lund University, awarded in 2021. She previously worked as an Analyst with the Nordic Centre for Gender in Military Operations at the Swedish Armed Forces.

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**Jes Rynkeby Knudsen** has been Chief Legal Advisor, Defence Command, Denmark since 2016. He is co-author and executive editor of the Danish Military Manual on international law applicable to Danish armed forces in international operations (2012-2016). He served as Advisor on international humanitarian law to the Danish Judge Advocate General (2006-2012) and as Military Legal Advisor on international missions in Bosnia, Albania and Iraq (1997-2006). He has also been an external lecturer at the University of Copenhagen, teaching Laws of Armed Conflict (2001-2015).

**Jani Leino** has served as the international humanitarian law legal advisor of the Finnish Red Cross since 2005. Before working for the Red Cross, he assisted Professor Martin Scheinin, the UN Special Rapporteur on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms while Countering Terrorism, worked at the legal department of the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs, and did research on terrorism and human rights at the Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights of Helsinki University. He holds a Master of Laws from Columbia Law School (2004) and a Master of Political Sciences from Åbo Akademi University (2002).

**Dr. Carina Lamont** is a Senior Lecturer in international law at the Swedish Defence University. Her research engages with the intersection of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, with particular emphasis on the convergence of policing and military functions within these legal frameworks. Her scholarly work is informed by more than two decades of direct field experience in policing tasks, including in armed conflict and post-conflict environments, which affords her research a rare depth of operational grounding.

**Dr. Sally Longworth** is a post-doctoral researcher at Stockholm University and researcher at the Swedish Defence Research Agency. She previously worked as a Senior Lecturer in international law at Stockholm University's Faculty of Law and as a Lecturer in international law at the Swedish Defence University. Sally defended her PhD thesis on the relationship between IHRL and IHL in regard to the right to freedom of expression in armed conflict in October 2022. She has an LLM in international human rights law from Lund University, an LLB in European, comparative and international law from the University of Sheffield, and was called to the Bar of England and Wales in 2010.

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**Vincent Sautenet** is an international lawyer and immersive training designer specialising in the Law of Armed Conflict (LOAC) and humanitarian training. A former legal officer at the ICTY and former delegate of the ICRC, he has worked with the UN, NGOs, and humanitarian organisations on operational legal training and protection-related issues. He is the founder of Phoenix VFX, a company focused on the design of immersive and scenario-based training tools grounded in legal and pedagogical expertise, as well as field practical experience. His recent work includes "If War Comes to You" and "Decisions Under Fire," projects exploring how immersive storytelling and realistic decision-making environments can strengthen understanding of the practical application of LOAC/IHL under stress and uncertainty.

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**Dr. Inna Zavorotko** is a Colonel in the Armed Forces of Ukraine. She currently serves in the Legal Department of the Ministry of Defense as Head of the International Law Branch. Before joining the Legal Department of the Ministry of Defense, Col. Zavorotko served as a Legal Advisor in a number of positions, from brigade to the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, advising commanders on international, administrative, and criminal law issues. Her combat experience and deployments include serving in the Joint Forces Operation HQ (Ukraine) and the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in Democratic Republic of the Congo. She has a PhD in international law from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy.