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Standing Up for IHL: Building a Common Understanding Around the Law that Protects in War

Provisional programme

25th Bruges Colloquium on IHL
Bruges, 13-14 November 2025

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All sessions will take place in Bruges (in-person) and in English

Day 1 – Thursday 13 November 2025, 08:45 – 18:00 (CET)

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| 08:45 - 09:15 | Welcome and registration |
| 09:15 - 09:45 | Opening statements |
| 09:45 - 10:45 | Introductory session: What Should Political Support for IHL Look Like in Practice? |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | Panel 1: Standing Up for Humanity through the Protection of Civilian Infrastructure |
| 12:45 - 14:00 | <i>Lunch</i> |
| 14:00 - 15:45 | Panel 2: Standing Up for a Meaningful Protection of Medical Facilities:
Operationalizing Legal Safeguards |
| 15:45 - 16:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 16:15 - 17:45 | Panel 3: Standing Up for IHL in Cyber Operations: Strengthening Protection in the
ICT Environment |
| 17:45 - 18:00 | Conclusion of Day 1 |
| 18:30 - 20:30 | <i>Ceremony & reception at the Bruges City Hall</i> |



Day 2 – Friday 14 November 2025, 09:00 – 13:00 (CET)

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| 09:00 - 09:15 | Welcome back |
| 09:15 - 10:45 | Panel 4: Standing Up for IHL at Sea: Taking Stock of Protection Challenges in
Contemporary Naval Warfare |
| 10:45 - 11:15 | <i>Coffee break</i> |
| 11:15 - 12:45 | Panel 5: Standing Up for IHL Before, During, and After Conflict: A Pathway from
Prevention to Peace |
| 12:45 - 13:00 | Concluding remarks |