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WHAT

ADVOCACY means **promoting respect for and protection of international human rights and humanitarian law**, either in relation to specific (individual) cases or, more generally, in relation to broader situations/topics. This means:

- *Reporting*
- *Campaigning*
- *Lobbying*
- *Any other means used to influence relevant actors (especially policy- and decision-makers at any level)*

The **spring-summer school** will consist of:

- A **clinical activity**: Participants will work on team projects proposed by various entities working in the advocacy field and carry it out over the course of the trimester; and
- An **intensive series of seminars**.

WHY

- Develop your knowledge of available avenues for **civil society participation** at the international, European, and national level.
- Learn **how to access these avenues** to advocate for States' and other actors' compliance with international human rights and humanitarian law.

WHEN

April-July 2024.

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WHO

Advanced students & recent graduates.

Students at the University of Milan or 4EU+ students may take it as an elective course (9 credits). Other participants will receive a certificate of participation. Please note that participants will have to take a final exam.

WHERE

University of Milan, DILHPS, Via Conservatorio 7, Milan (Italy) & online on Microsoft Teams.

Please note that the preference concerning in-person or online participation must be expressed at the time of applying and can only be changed later on in exceptional circumstances.

HOW

Up to **30 PARTICIPANTS (5 spots reserved for 4EU+ students)**.

Candidates will be selected on the basis of their **motivation, academic record**, and/or **professional experience**.

Previous knowledge of international human rights and humanitarian law, as well as of the institutional aspects of EU law, will be considered in the selection process.

To apply, please fill in this form by 23 February 2024.

Candidates may be invited to an **interview** to be carried out on Microsoft Teams in the first weeks of March.

Please note that there is no participation fee.

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PROGRAMME

CLINICAL ACTIVITY

Five 2-hour meetings every 2 weeks (Tuesday 9 April; Tuesday 30 April; Tuesday 14 May; Tuesday 28 May; Tuesday 18 June) (aula multimediale, via Passione)

SEMINARS

- Seven preliminary 2-hour seminars on certain transversal competences (aula multimediale, via Passione)

Tuesday 16 April (16:30): “Where to find relevant legal sources”, C. Ponti & C. Rizzetto & M. Stroppa;

Tuesday 23 April (16:30): “How to use relevant legal sources in writing”, C. Ponti & C. Rizzetto & M. Stroppa;

Tuesday 7 May (16:30): “Generating advocacy impacts within existing organisations”, F. Marchetti;

Tuesday 4 June (16:30): “Communicating international law”, J. Osiejewicz (online);

Tuesday 11 June (15:30&17:30): “Public speaking: in-person meetings” & “Public speaking: online meetings”, N. Bass Kallmorgen;

Tuesday 25 June (16:30): “Ethical concerns of human rights and humanitarian law advocacy”, N. Riva.

- Several 2-hour seminars on the theory and practice of advocacy at the international, European, and domestic level & a final roundtable

1-4 July (08:30-18:30) & 5 July (08:30-10:30) (aula 25 & Sala laurea)

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INTENSIVE SERIES OF SEMINARS IN JULY 2024

	Monday 1 July	Tuesday 2 July	Wednesday 3 July	Thursday 4 July	Friday 5 July
08:30-10:30	The UN and international human rights and humanitarian law promotion (F. Favuzza)	Advocacy to the International criminal court (I. Epshtain)	International human rights advocacy to EU institutions in practice: The internal dimension (F. Marchetti)	Individual advocacy: The example of the Regeni case (F. Violi)	Clinical education and its support to humanitarian actors in their advocacy activities (G. Bartolini)
10:30-12:30	Civil society organisations' and/or individuals' participation in the UN Charter-based mechanisms (F. Favuzza)	EU: Legal framework on civil society's participation in the legislative process (A. Lang)	The EU external action and international human rights and humanitarian law promotion (A. Lang)	Advocacy on international human rights law in practice (P. Robledo)	Final roundtable <i>(Sala lauree</i> <i>11:00-16:00)</i>
12:30-13:30	Break	Break	Break	Break	
13:30-14:30	Time off*	Time off*	Time off*	Time off*	
14:30-16:30	Avenues for participation in the UN human rights treaty system (M. Pedrazzi)	EU: Legal framework on civil society's participation in adjudication (G. Greco)	International human rights law advocacy to EU institutions in practice: The external dimension (V. Spaghetti)	Advocacy on international humanitarian law in practice (M. Cisilino & F. Laschiazza)	
16:30-18:30	Human rights and humanitarian law advocacy at the UN in practice (I. Epshtain)	EU: Legal framework on administrative avenues for civil society's participation (F. Marchetti)	International humanitarian law advocacy to EU institutions in practice (M. Truscott)	Setting up an advocacy organisation (L. Giugni)	

* Time for (autonomous) team meetings.

■ International level ■ European level ■ Domestic level ■ Further transversal competences

Questions?

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