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International Humanitarian Law Clinic of the Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum

“Call for applications Winter Semester 2018/19”

General information

The “[International Humanitarian Law Clinic](#)” is a platform in which students of the Leiden LL.M. programme in Public International Law do research for various cooperation partners of the [Kalshoven-Gieskes Forum](#) in the humanitarian field. The students are supervised, on the one hand by researchers of the Forum, who are usually former students of the programme and/or of the IHL Clinic, and on the other hand, by PhD fellows and assistant professors engaged in the Forum. The cooperation partners include the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the Netherlands Red Cross, the German Red Cross, the European Centre for Constitutional and Human Rights (ECCHR), the Coalition for the International Criminal Court (CICC), Amnesty International the Hague, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF), and other human rights NGOs. As of September 2018, 31 research projects were successfully concluded. These projects have included topics involving the use of certain means of warfare, questions of humanitarian assistance, possible war crimes in special conflict areas, as well as a variety of recent problematic issues surrounding the application and interpretation of international humanitarian law, the Geneva Conventions and their Additional Protocols, international criminal law and human rights law.

Academic year 2017/18

For the Winter semester of the academic year 2018/19, the Forum is looking for 8-10 students to conduct research for an ongoing project with the ICRC, the “[IHL in Action: Respect for the Law on the Battlefield](#)” project. The Clinic will start by the end of September 2018, and is expected to run until the end of January 2019. The four-month research period for the project will include thematic sessions on international humanitarian law, common seminar sessions and supervision by members of the Forum. Furthermore, Clinic students will benefit from an educational trip, the “IHL Clinic Exchange Conference 2018”, which will take place from 16-20 December 2018 in Rome, Italy.

Requirements for becoming a team member

The Forum is looking for interested and motivated students from the general LL.M. programme in Public International Law. Students must be willing to work in a team, and have the determination to produce a substantive report of high quality on issues raised by the cooperation partner within a period of four months. Selected candidates are expected to participate in the “IHL Clinic Exchange Conference 2018” from 16-20 December, and therefore we are unable to accept students from the advanced master this term.

Application documents

If you are interested in participating in the IHL Clinic, please submit your application by **Wednesday, 12 September 2018, 12:00 pm (noon)** to the following email addresses: r.w.heinsch@law.leidenuniv.nl and KGFLeiden@gmail.com. Your application should consist of a (1) motivation letter, (2) a curriculum vitae, (3) an overview of the grades you obtained during your previous studies and (4) an English writing sample (5 pages max). Please submit the four components of your application in **one** pdf-document and include your last name in the file name.