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The four pillars of the Forum

1. IHL Clinic
2. IHL Education & Training
3. IHL Dissemination & Events
4. IHL Research

The Forum...



Grotius Centre
for International
Legal Studies

- Part of the Grotius Centre for International Legal Studies at Leiden University
- 1 Director,
- 1 Gieskes Professor,
- 1 PhD fellow,
- 1 teaching associate,
- 1 student assistant,
- 5 pro bono lecturers & guest researchers
- Cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

IHL Research

- The Conduct of Hostilities & Modern Warfare
- International Humanitarian Law, International Human Rights Law & Terrorism
- Humanitarian Assistance & Development

'We must never stand idly by when a humanitarian crisis unfolds.'

Former Gieskes PhD fellow Emilie Kuijt in *Humanitarian Assistance and State Sovereignty in International Law* (2015).

IHL Dissemination & Training

- 29 public events, including panel discussions
- IHL training at NATO, ICC & ICTY
- Close cooperation with the International Committee of the Red Cross and the Netherlands Red Cross

‘Make law, not war’ and ‘never give up!’

Mr. Benjamin Ferencz, Former Prosecutor at IMT Nuremberg, at the 2016 IHL Exchange Conference.

IHL Education

IHL Master Specialisation

3 Courses in IHL

1 Thesis in IHL

60 out of 180 students choose the IHL track

IHL Summer School

Deep insight into the theory and practice of IHL

42 participants from 28 countries

Renowned speakers (including ICJ, ICRC, etc.)

“Participating in the IHL Summer School influenced my decision to apply for the PIL master in Leiden, to further specialise in IHL.”

Ashwin Kumaar
Monaharan (LL.M.
student '16/'17)



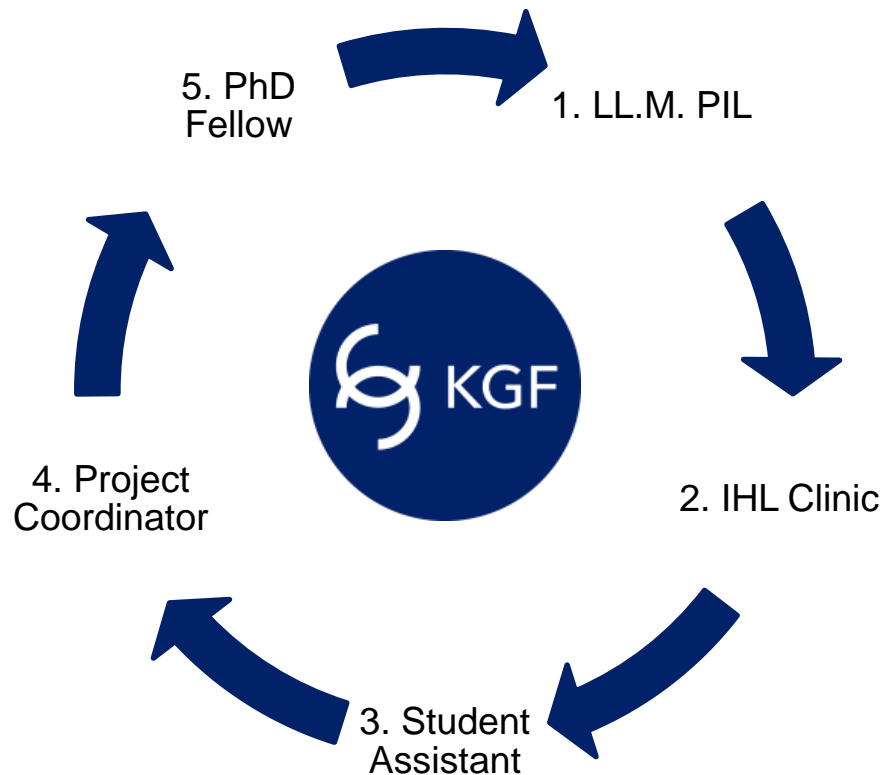
IHL Education

Training future international lawyers

- Multiple step approach to train future lawyers
- Exclusive network
- Direct interaction with practitioners and academics in the field of IHL
- Unique preparation for a career in international law

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IHL Clinic



IHL Clinic

- Applying legal theory to real-world conflicts
- Research with a unique approach

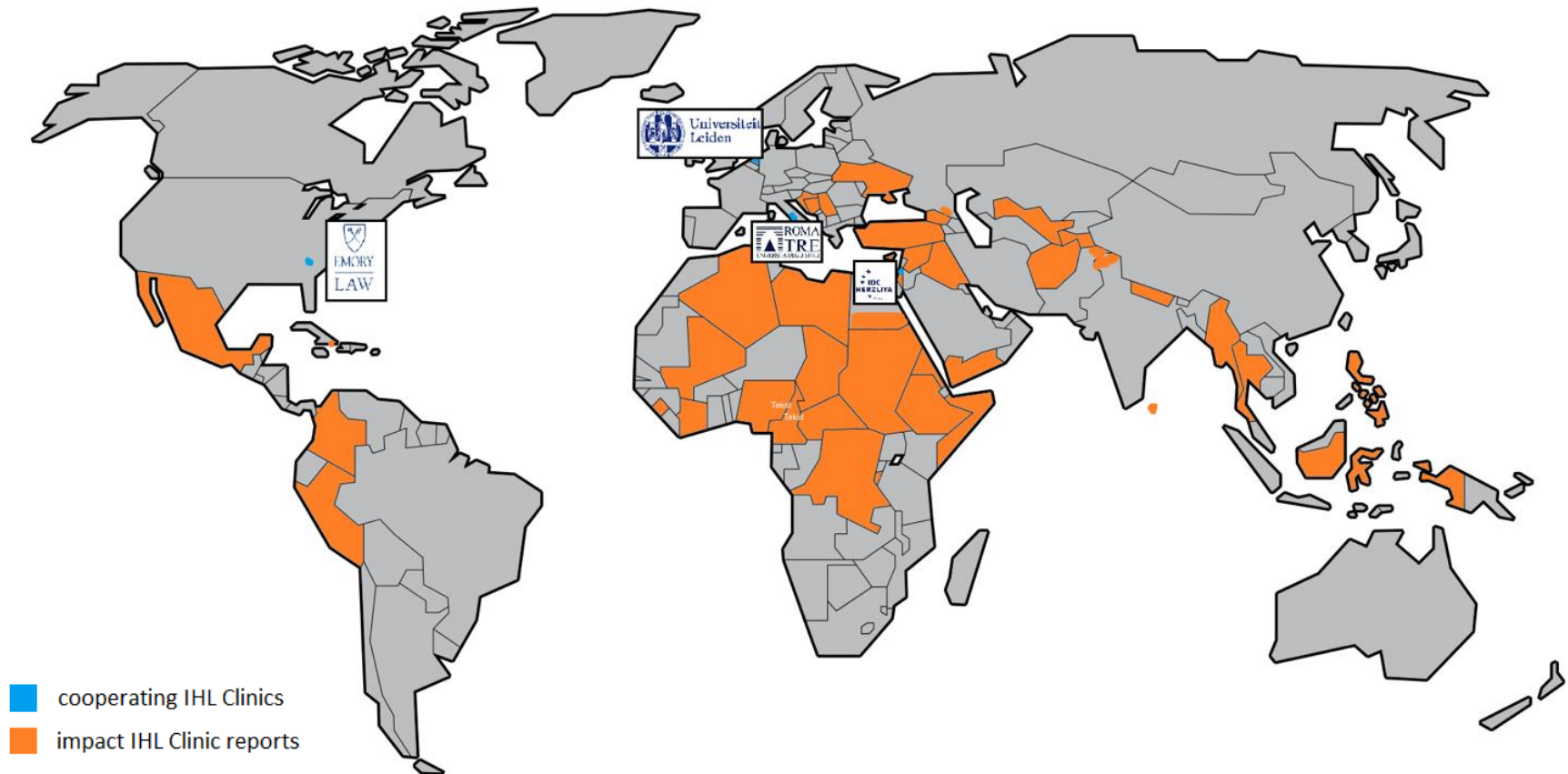
- 7 partner organisations
- 3 academic partners
- 29 reports completed



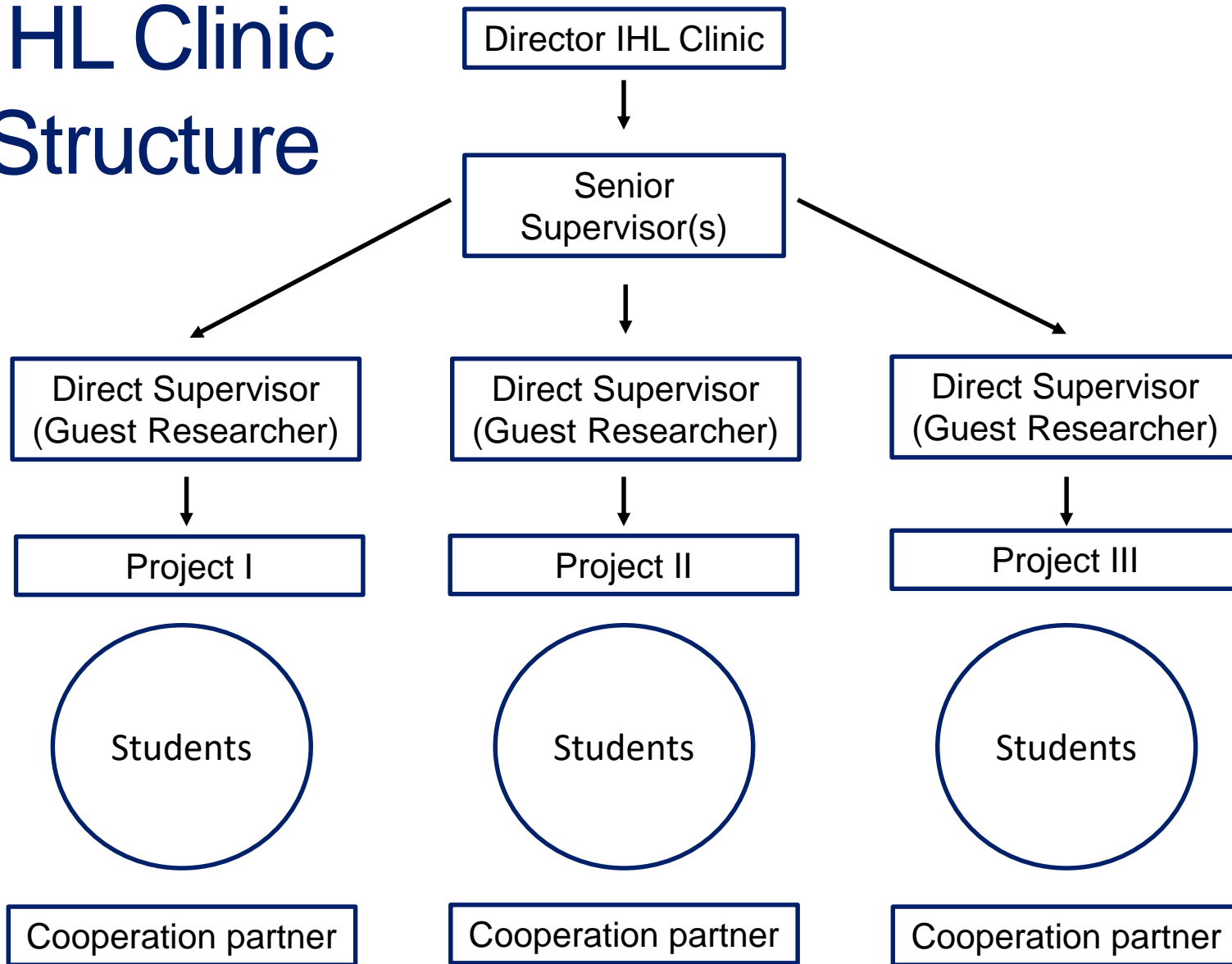
- *"I took part in the project led by the ICRC in charge of the compliance with IHL in real case situations and I would love to continue working in this area in my future career. It makes me realise that the respect of IHL is more important than ever before, and with our work we can contribute to creating a fairer work."*

- Christina San Juan (Clinic participant '16/'17)

IHL Clinic Impact Map



IHL Clinic Structure



The Way Forward

1. International Cooperation

Expanding existing network
Creating new partnerships

2. Respect for IHL

- a. Training
- b. Monitoring & other output
- c. Research

3. Societal Impact

“Providing a neutral platform for the research, teaching and further dissemination of IHL. Strong focus on promoting and strengthening the respect for IHL and its implementation in national legal systems in Europe and beyond.”