Reference Readings

Please find below selected reference readings offered to supplement the pre-course online sessions as well as training modules. These are not required readings; they are offered to provide a reintroduction to or elaboration on topics examined during the training. Some of the readings have been included at the request of presenters, they are marked by an asterisk.

Please also note that selection of cited sources is informed by thematic relevance and quality of material, as well as their electronic accessibility to the general public free of charge.

**Introduction to International Humanitarian Law**

ICRC Factsheet - “What is International Humanitarian Law?”, *International Committee of the Red Cross*, (July 2004). Link [here](#).


**Humanitarian Protection**


“Special Report: Civilian Protection in Armed Conflict,” *United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) and Integrated Regional Informational Network (IRIN)*, (April 1, 2003). Link [here](#).


**Humanitarian Access**


**International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law**

Louis Doswald-Beck, “The right to life in armed conflict: does international humanitarian law provide all the answers?”, *International Review of the Red Cross*, (December 2006). Link [here](#).


**Conduct of Hostilities and Direct Participation**


**Occupation and Peacebuilding**
HPCR Policy Brief, “IHL in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territory, *Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research*. Link [here](#).


**Non-state Armed Groups**


**High-tech Warfare & Asymmetry**


**Peacekeeping Operations and International Humanitarian Law**

“Application of international humanitarian law and international human rights law to UN-mandated forces,” *International Review of the Red Cross*, (March 31, 2004). Link [here](#).


**Civil-Military Relations**


“Guidance on the relations between Representatives of the Secretary-General, Resident Coordinators and Humanitarian Coordinators”, *a note from the United Nations Secretary-General*, (Fall 2000). Link [here](#).


**Genocide and Crimes Against Humanity**


M. Cherif Bassiouni, “Crimes Against Humanity,” *Crimes of War Project*. Link [here](#).

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“Improving Compliance with International Humanitarian Law,” *International Committee of the Red Cross*, (October 2003). Link [here](#).
