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Dear Colleagues,

For over ten years the Geneva Academy has offered an advanced law degree in the field of armed conflict. This 12 month programme is designed primarily for lawyers and leads to an **LL.M Degree in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights**. The LL.M's obligatory courses cover all areas of law relevant to armed conflict and are complemented by more specific optional courses, for example, on the conduct of hostilities, forced disappearances, and international criminal courts.

The launch of our new **Master in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law 2016-2017** met our expectations and will be renewed for the next academic year 2017-2018. This programme will meet the needs of professionals, primarily lawyers, who are facing the challenges of rebuilding societies that are emerging from situations of war or extreme violence. This 12 month course offers seven obligatory modules that cover ethical and legal aspects of transitional justice and institutional issues that arise in the context of restoring the rule of law and protecting human rights.

During the academic year, LL.M students and students who take the Master in Transitional Justice have an opportunity to acquire first-hand professional experience of working in Geneva-based international organizations and NGOs.

Courses are taught in English, but students can generally be examined and write their final dissertation in French.

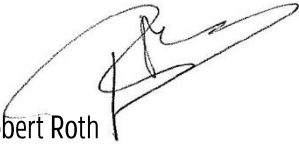
Since the Academy is a centre of both the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, the LL.M and the Master in Transitional Justice are awarded jointly by both institutions.

Following a rigorous selection procedure, 35-40 places will be offered for the LL.M and 25-30 places for the Master. Students will come from every continent, and a certain number of **scholarships** will be available for each programme.

I am writing to request you to disseminate this information to your students, and to encourage those who have obtained or will obtain a Master to apply to join our programmes.

More information can be found in the attached flyers and on our new website (www.geneva-academy.ch). Please contact my colleague Dany Diogo (dany.diogo@geneva-academy.ch) for additional information about our master programmes. Students can also write directly to masters-inquiries@geneva-academy.ch if they are interested in the LL.M and in the Master in Transitional Justice.

I thank you warmly for your support and wish you a very successful 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Roth', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Robert Roth

Director of the Academy

Professor at the Faculty of Law, the University of Geneva



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This one-year postgraduate degree course provides advanced, comprehensive and practical training in international humanitarian law (IHL) and international human rights law (IHRL), as well as the interplay between them.

Students gain access to a world-renowned faculty, benefit from direct connections with leading actors in the field like the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR), and share ideas with other participants from an array of different legal backgrounds and perspectives.

The programme allows students to tailor their studies according to their particular interests. Core courses provide a firm grounding in public international law, IHL, IHRL, international refugee law and international criminal law.

Optional courses allow students to deepen their expertise in a particular issue such as the protection of children in armed conflict and post-conflict, counter-terrorism, armed non-state actors, transitional justice, the rules governing the conduct of hostilities or the work of international courts and tribunals.

Our LLM is also profoundly committed to developing the transferable skills necessary to succeed in the professional world and take up responsibilities in the humanitarian and human rights fields. To this end, internships with leading actors and participation in moot courts provide a solid exposure to practical work and allow students to expand their network.



PROGRAMME

One year

60 ECTS

World-renowned faculty

Core courses, optional courses and the writing of a paper

Internships with leading Geneva-based humanitarian and human rights organizations

Moot courts

Scholarship opportunities

APPLICATION DEADLINES

without scholarship : **27 February 2017**

with scholarship : **30 January 2017**

MASTER OF ADVANCED STUDIES

MASTER IN TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE RULE OF LAW

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From Ivory Coast to Burundi, Timor-Leste, Cambodia, Tunisia or Guatemala, countries throughout the world struggle to deal with the aftermath of violent conflict or oppressive rule.

What does it mean for a society to come to terms with mass atrocities, such as genocide and ethnic cleansing? How can the rule of law be re-established in a country shattered by wide-scale violence? What are the legal obligations and standards relevant to societies trying to turn the page on a history of political violence? How can the competing demands of peace and justice be balanced in the aftermath of such traumatic events? What can realistically be expected from measures such as trials, truth commissions, reparation programmes and institutional reform?

The Master of Advanced Studies in Transitional Justice, Human Rights and the Rule of Law (60 ECTS credits) provides an advanced conceptual understanding of these issues. It also offers practical insights and exposure to current challenges and situations of transitional justice.

Based in the heart of International Geneva, this innovative master's programme makes connections between academic excellence and practical expertise.

Designed as a gateway to careers in the growing transitional justice sector, it focuses on developing practical skills through a year of clinical work and internships in Geneva and beyond.



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