

Bochum International Humanitarian Law Clinic

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- Visit lectures, produce a report and present your findings at an international conference!
- Professional legal education in the English legal language (§ 7 Abs. 1 JAG NRW)
- Elective course in the Certificate Program of the Legal Faculty
- Preparation for a future career in an international environment

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Dates: 2 May – 30 June 2022, see the schedule below for dates and times

Venue: Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict,
Bochumer Fenster Room 4.46-47
Massenbergstraße 9 B, 44787 Bochum

Application: CV, 1 page motivation letter and ToR to timeela.manandhar@rub.de by
Wednesday, 13 April 2022 (23:59)

The Bochum IHL Clinic

The “Bochum International Humanitarian Law Clinic” (Bochum IHL Clinic) is designed to provide students with hands-on experience of the practice of international humanitarian law (IHL). The course empowers students to learn through practical experience by applying theoretical knowledge to real life situations and corresponding legal problems humanitarian actors encounter in their day-to-day work.

They will conduct research on projects for real life cooperation partners, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), national Red Cross Societies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), government agencies, and other actors in the humanitarian field. This may include the preparation of litigation before national or international courts, writing expert opinions to support NGO lobby work as well as drafting treaty language or legal handbooks for partner institutions. Students may also contribute to supporting victims of armed conflict in securing reparations or file communications to judicial and non-judicial institutions on their behalf.

Participating in clinic work also permits students to acquire and develop skills in research, critical thinking, legal analysis, and problem solving. Additionally, students enhance their abilities to draft texts, give oral presentations, communicate, as well as organize and improve their social skills.

Further, the IHL Clinic Bochum is part of the European Erasmus+ funded project IHL R.E.D., alongside the Universities of Leiden, Glasgow and Roma Tre. At the end of the IHL Clinic Bochum, the students, coordinators/directors and lecturers of all partner universities will visit Bochum for a Clinic Exchange Conference.

Who can participate?

The Bochum IHL Clinic is looking for interested and motivated students of law or related fields, who are willing to work in a team of five to six students and are determined to contribute to one of the Clinic projects. They will join students from the Joint Master's Programme in International Humanitarian Action (NOHA Master) and the European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation (EMA).

Why should students participate?

Participants of the IHL Clinic will not only have the chance to get in regular contact with the cooperation partners (i.e. possible future employers in the humanitarian field), but also exchange their experiences with members from other universities, that are part of an international IHL Clinic cooperation (for details, follow [this link](#)). The course will culminate in the ERASMUS+ funded IHL Clinic Exchange Conference, where students from the Bochum IHL Clinic will meet students and academic experts from the universities of Rome and Leiden to present their findings, meet practitioners from the field, network and further intensify their knowledge of IHL. The IHL Clinic Exchange Conference will take place from June 27 – 29.

How can students apply?

If you are interested in participating in the Bochum IHL clinic, please submit your application by Wednesday, 13 April 2022, 23:59h to the following email address: timeela.manandhar@rub.de. Your application should consist of a one-page motivation letter, an updated CV, and an overview of the grades achieved during the course of your studies (ToR). All documents should be in English, and be contained in one pdf document, which carries the last name of the applicant in its title.

If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Timeela Manandhar timeela.manandhar@rub.de.

Timetable

The dates highlighted in **dark green** are lectures and seminar sessions, where all students come together with the lecturers. Attendance is **mandatory**, exceptions can be made on an individual basis. Dates highlighted in light green are suggested time slots for group work, students from the Law Faculty are highly advised to participate in the group work. Due to possible overlap with other courses, attendance is not mandatory for the Fremdsprachenschein. Any dates not highlighted are suggested times of self-study, which can of course be re-scheduled as needed.

Submission of final report/paper 30 June 2022 (11:59pm)

2–5 May		IHL Clinic			
	Monday 2/5	Tuesday 3/5	Wednesday 4/5	Thursday 5/5	Friday 6/5
10:00 - 11:30	Meet and greet	Self-Study	Group Work & Research	Group Work & Research	
11:30 - 11:45	Break				
11:45 - 13:15	Lecture IHL 1	Self-Study		Lecture Legal Research and Writing	
13:15 - 14:15	Break				
14:15 - 15:45	Self-Study	IHL Clinic Kick-off Meeting	Lecture IHL 2	Input Lecture IHL 3	
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30	Self-Study	IHL Clinic Kick-off Meeting	Common Seminar 1	Common Seminar 2	Submission First Abstract IHL Clinic

9-13 May		IHL Clinic			
	Monday 9/5	Tuesday 10/5	Wednesday 11/5	Thursday 12/5	Friday 13/5
10:00 - 11:30				Group Work & Research	
11:30 - 11:45	Break				
11:45 - 13:15				Group Work & Research	
13:15 - 14:15	Break				
14:15 - 15:45				IHL Lecture 4	
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30				Common Seminar 3	

23-27 May		IHL Clinic			
	Monday 23/5	Tuesday 24/5	Wednesday 25/5	Thursday 26/5 - Holiday	Friday 27/5
10:00 - 11:30	Group Work & Research	Group Work & Research	Group Work & Research		Research / Writing
11:30 - 11:45	Break				
11:45 - 13:15	Group Work & Research	Group Work & Research			Research / Writing
13:15 - 14:15	Break				
14:15 - 15:45	Group Work & Research	Group Work & Research	Common Seminar 6		Research / Writing
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30	Common Seminar 4	Common Seminar 5	"Meet a Practitioner"		

6-10 June		IHL Clinic			
	Monday 6/6 - Holiday	Tuesday 7/6	Wednesday 8/6	Thursday 9/6	Friday 10/6
10:00 - 11:30		Group Work & Research	Writing	Writing	Writing
11:30 - 11:45	Break				
11:45 - 13:15		Group Work & Research	Writing	Presentation of Results	Writing
13:15 - 14:15	Break				
14:15 - 15:45		Writing	Writing	Presentation of Results	Writing
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30		Common Seminar 7	Common Seminar 8	Presentation of Results	Submission 1 st draft

27 June - 1 July		IHL R.E.D Clinic Exchange Conference			
	Monday 27/6	Tuesday 28/6	Wednesday 29/6	Thursday 30/6	Friday 1/7
10:00 - 11:30	IHL RED Clinic Exchange Conference*				
11:30 - 11:45					
11:45 - 13:15					
13:15 - 14:15				Submission of final report/paper in Module 203 and 205: Deadline: 30 June 2022 (11:59pm)	
14:15 - 15:45					
15:45 - 16:00					
16:00 - 17:30					