EU Disaster Response Law in an International Context
Summer School

Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies (DILHPS)
University of Milan

Milan, 7-11 September 2015
Via Conservatorio, 7
(Aula multimediale – DILHPS)
Aims and objectives

Assistance in favour of the population of L’Aquila (2009), Haiti (2010) and Nepal (2015) hit by high magnitude earthquakes, the Philippines (in 2013 struck by destructive typhoons) or Serbia and Bosnia-Herzegovina (for the 2014 floods) are just some initiatives of the European Union (EU) in the event of disaster.

The 2007 Lisbon Treaty has empowered the EU with a new competence in the field of civil protection. Within this context, the Union Civil Protection Mechanism has been established in December 2013, in order to promote solidarity and facilitate the coordination of Member States’ actions, “with a view to improving the effectiveness of systems for preventing, preparing for and responding to natural and man-made disasters”.

The summer school on *EU Disaster Response Law in an International Context* organized by the Department of International, Legal, Historical and Political Studies (DILHPS) of the University of Milan aims at deepening the knowledge of this EU action.

In a vertical dimension, it will take into consideration the interaction of the EU regime and activities with other international institutions cooperating for the prevention of and response to natural and man-made disasters. The interplay between EU and national mechanisms will also be considered, in order to assess their degree of complementarity. The involvement of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) will also be taken into account for a thorough evaluation of their proper role in disaster relief and assistance activities.

Programme

The summer school is organized in five days. **Day 1-2** will contextualize the EU action in the wider context of International Disaster Response Law (IDRL). The participation of academics will introduce students to the main international legal instruments and mechanisms for disaster relief and assistance, focusing on some issues whose importance has emerged in the practice (e.g. protection of human rights, safeguard of vulnerable groups and their particular needs). **Day 3-5** will specifically focus on the EU disaster response activities, studying in detail both its internal dimension (principles, mechanisms, interaction with national civil protection agencies) and its external dimension (coordination with third States and other international agencies). Specific attention is devoted to the regimes governing the statute of the disaster relief personnel and facilitating international relief consignments. Presentations from practitioners are scheduled at the end of each day, with the purpose to provide students with practical insights from field activities. Case studies will give students the chance to exercise on legal issues in disaster response activities, to properly assess the difficulties met by humanitarian organizations in delivering their assistance. A final round table will gather academics and practitioners, to stimulate a debate over the main strengths and shortcomings of the EU and international disaster response action.

All participants are expected to be present for all 5 days, to contribute actively to the discussions, as well as to get acquainted with the materials distributed before their arrival.

How to apply - ECTS

The summer school is open to Italian and foreign bachelor and master students interested in the EU integration themes and in international disaster response law. Participation of Ph.D. candidates is welcomed. Applications should be submitted by 15 August 2015, filling and emailing to eudrl.unimi@gmail.com the application form (see the annex), including a CV and a brief bio.

For participants enrolled at the bachelor/master programmes in *Scienze internazionali e istituzioni europee, Scienze sociali per la globalizzazione* and *Scienze sociali per la ricerca e le istituzioni* of the University of Milan, the attendance of the Summer School will entitle to the recognition of 3 credits under “further educational activities” (*ulteriori attività formative*). Upon their request, other Italian and foreign students will receive a certificate of attendance.
**Venue**

The School will be held at the Department of international, legal, historical and political of the University of Milan (Italy) from 7 to 11 September 2015.

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<td><strong>Natural and man-made disasters and the importance of establishing an international legal framework</strong>&lt;br&gt;Giovanna Adinolfi (University of Milan)</td>
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<td><strong>EU DRL: principles and instruments</strong>&lt;br&gt;Federico Casolari (University of Bologna)</td>
<td><strong>Relief consignments under EU law</strong>&lt;br&gt;Giovanna Adinolfi (University of Milan)</td>
<td><strong>Disaster Law from the Disaster Risk Reduction Perspective: the 2015 UN Sendai Framework</strong>&lt;br&gt;Marco Toscano-Rivalta (UNISDR)</td>
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<td><strong>Survey of international treaties on IDRL</strong>&lt;br&gt;Emanuele Sommario (Scuola superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa)</td>
<td><strong>The protection of cultural heritage in the event of disaster</strong>&lt;br&gt;Flavia Zorzi-Giustiniani (Uninettuno)</td>
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<td><strong>The status of disaster relief personnel</strong>&lt;br&gt;Giulio Bartolini (University of Rome 3) tbc</td>
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<td><strong>Coordination between the EU and other international agencies: the EU perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Giovanni De Siervo (European Union – ECHO) tbc</td>
<td><strong>Case study on the protection of human rights in the event of disaster</strong>&lt;br&gt;Milena Costas Trascasas (United Nations consultant)</td>
<td><strong>The Emergency response coordination centre: learning from EU past experiences</strong>&lt;br&gt;Alessandra Lang (University of Milan)</td>
<td><strong>Introduction to the international humanitarian response coordination mechanisms and key challenges</strong>&lt;br&gt;Jesper Holmer Lund (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)</td>
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<td><strong>Disaster assistance from an NGOs perspective</strong>&lt;br&gt;Raffaele K. Salinari (Terres des Hommes)</td>
<td><strong>A gender perspective in disaster relief and assistance</strong>&lt;br&gt;Mariangela Bizzarri (Gender Consult)</td>
<td><strong>The participation of the Italian civil protection to disaster relief operations in third countries</strong>&lt;br&gt;Luigi D’Angelo (Italian Civil Protection Department)</td>
<td><strong>Case study on relief consignments and entry/protection of relief personnel</strong>&lt;br&gt;Giovanna Adinolfi (University of Milan)</td>
<td><strong>Fundraising for assistance in the event of disaster: the case of 2014 floods in Bosnia-Herzegovina</strong>&lt;br&gt;Vesna Bajšanski-Agić (Mozaik Foundation)</td>
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**Application form**
*(to be emailed, with attachments, to eudrl.unimi@gmail.com by 15 August 2015)*

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**ACADEMIC STUDIES**

Field(s) of study  
Degree  
Department/University  

**Attachments:**

- CV  
- Brief Bio  

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