



# Refugee and International Humanitarian Law Programme

## Department of Public and International Law

### Faculty of Law

#### Nasarawa State University, Keffi

##### International Conference on Humanitarian, Public and Development Law (HPDL Conference)

4-6 March 2018

### Main Theme

#### *Atypical Costs of Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence: Focus on Africa*

Due to the peculiarities and abnormalities of armed conflict and other situations of violence, their effect on society is different from disruptions caused by other factors such as unorganised crime and civil disagreements. The effect, costs and consequences of armed conflict and other situations of violence are therefore atypical. Both armed conflict and other situations of violence tend to exacerbate events and actions. In times of such extreme violence, legal lines do not only become blurred but norms and standards also lean towards mutation. The Conference seeks to address issues that arise from the peculiar environment generated by armed conflict and other situations of violence. Although the relevant issues may be applicable globally, the Conference will emphasise on principles, laws, questions, practises, answers etc in the context of Africa. Papers that broadly address the main theme of the Conference are welcome. Participants are also invited to present papers that focus on the following narrow subthemes.

### Subthemes

- i. *Migration, Human Trafficking and Labour in times of Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence.*
- ii. *Natural Resources and Armed Conflict.*
- iii. *Sexual and Gender-Based Crimes in Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence.*
- iv. *Substance Abuse and Trafficking in Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence.*
- v. *Health Care in Danger of Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence.*
- vi. *Education in times of Armed Conflict and other Situations of Violence.*
- vii. *Law Enforcement in Armed Conflicts and other Situations of Violence.*
- viii. *Terrorism, Insurgency, Counter-insurgency and Human Rights*
- ix. *Corruption and Armed Conflict*

### Category of Participants

The Conference is open to academics, professionals involved in matters relating to the Conference as well as the public at large. Registration will be open on **October 1, 2017** at [www.nsulaw.edu.ng](http://www.nsulaw.edu.ng)

### Paper Presenters

Submissions are welcome from academics (including young academics such as doctorate students), researchers, professionals in the relevant fields and practitioners. Papers should use the OSCOLA referencing style. Manuscripts should be in Microsoft Word format and sent to [hpdl.conference@nsulaw.edu.ng](mailto:hpdl.conference@nsulaw.edu.ng). For manuscript submissions, the subject of the email should be 'HPDL Paper' so it can be delivered to the appropriate folder. Particularly good papers will be published as chapters in books. The books will be on each of the subthemes of the Conference. All submissions will therefore be peer reviewed. Conference organisers intend to publish the peer-reviewed papers before the Conference. The books will be presented at the Conference. Submissions are to strictly comply with the stipulated timelines.

### Travel Grants

Depending on the availability of funds, limited travel grant may be available for paper presenters. The grant will cover an economy ticket and accommodation. Applications for the travel grant must be submitted with the completed paper for presentation. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis and early applicants stand a better chance of winning the award.

### Timelines and Dates

Deadline for receiving draft abstracts and outline: **September 27, 2017**

Deadline for receiving full papers and applications for travel grant: **November 27, 2017**

Deadline for responding to comments of peer reviewers: **January 27, 2018**

Arrival in Keffi: **March 4, 2018**

Day 1 of Conference: **March 5, 2018**

Day 2 of Conference: **March 6, 2018**

Departure: **March 7, 2018**

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