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## PROTECTING CIVILIANS AND CIVILIAN INFRASTRUCTURE UNDER INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Thursday, 16 April 2026: 9.30 – 16.30

Golden Lecture Hall, Faculty of Law, University of Ljubljana, Poljanski nasip 2, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia

**Registration Deadline: 3 April 2026**

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### Panels and Speakers:

#### Welcome Remarks

- **Dr. Maruša T. Veber**, Assistant Professor, Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations, University of Ljubljana;
- **Ana Žerjal**, President, Slovenian Red Cross;
- **Rosario Valastro**, President, Italian Red Cross (*tbc*).

#### Panel 1: Global Initiative to Galvanize Political Commitment to International Humanitarian Law and the Protection of Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure under International Humanitarian Law

- **Dr. Kosuke Onishi**, Legal Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross;
- **Dr. Marko Rakovec**, Director General for International Law and Protection of Interests at the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia;
- **Dr. Konrad Bühler**, Ambassador of the Republic of Austria to the Republic of Slovenia.

#### Panel 2: The Role of National Red Cross Societies in Civilian Protection: Legal and Practical Implications

- **Dr. Bernhard Schneider**, Head of Migration & Legal Affairs, Austrian Red Cross;
- **Nuška Jerman**, Legal Advisor, Slovenian Red Cross;
- **Tomasso Natoli**, Italian Red Cross, Head of Humanitarian Diplomacy and International Law.

#### Panel 3: Contemporary Challenges in the Protection of Civilians and Civilian Infrastructure under IHL

- **Dr. Giulio Bartolini**, Professor, Roma Tre University;
- **Dr. Birgit Haslinger**, Professor and Head of the Institute of Public International Law, Air Law and International Relations of the Johannes Kepler University Linz;
- **Dr. Maruša T. Veber**, Assistant Professor, Director of the Institute for International Law and International Relations, University of Ljubljana;
- **Dr. Astrid Reisinger Coracini**, Senior Scientist, Department of Legal Theory, International and European Law, University of Salzburg.