

Efforts towards Better Respect for International Humanitarian Law: Global Perspectives and the Crossroads with China

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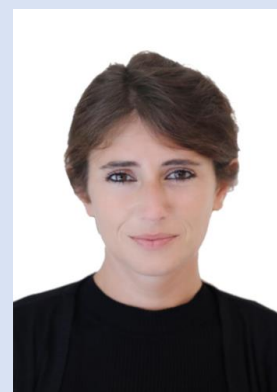
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How does the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) work towards better respect for international humanitarian law (IHL)? The ICRC Regional Delegation in Beijing will share with us their global experience in humanizing armed conflicts and their local experience of humanitarian diplomacy in China. What help does the ICRC offer to regional states to incorporate, implement and enforce IHL? What has been the ICRC's experience in lobbying regional states such as China to join IHL related treaties such as the Arms Trade Treaty? How does the ICRC interact with other international/ transnational actors in relation to conflict-related migration in the region and outbound investments into conflict zones regulated by IHL? More generally, what is the ICRC's hope on influential states, such as China, which is also a permanent member of the Security Council, to enhance respect for IHL? This lunchtime seminar will explore these and many more uncharted crossroads between IHL and China.



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