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## International Humanitarian Law & Access to Essential Medicines

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### Innovations Lecture Theatre

Innovations Building (#124), cnr Garran & Eggleston Rds, ANU

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This seminar will explore the question of whether the corpus of International Humanitarian Law (IHL), enshrined primarily in the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their 1977 Additional Protocols, places obligations upon States to accord or not obstruct access by prisoners, wounded combatants and civilian populations in situations of armed conflict, to affordable, essential medicines. The question is important given that large areas of the globe are effectively war zones and that obstructing access to such medicines offers a tactic for pressuring individuals or populations in such contexts.



*Solferino Seminars are organised by the International Humanitarian Law Department of the Australian Red Cross in the ACT. The name Solferino comes from the battlefield in Northern Italy where, in 1859, Henry Dunant witnessed great carnage and suffering, inspiring him to work for the establishment of the Red Cross Movement.*

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