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PURPOSE

To examine the legal issues surrounding Non-international Armed Conflict (NIAC) in the 21st Century. During this conference, distinguished scholars and practitioners of international law will analyze the state of the law applicable to the many facets of NIAC and will discuss their views on how the law will develop as the world continues to struggle with the evolving threats to national and international security posed by failed and failing states, insurgencies, and transnational criminal and terrorist organizations.

The first day will commence with an opening address by Professor Ken Watkin, the Naval War College's 2011 – 2013 Charles H. Stockton Professor of International Law. Three panel discussions will follow: (1) *Types of NIACs and Applicable Law*; (2) *Legal Status of Actors in NIAC*; and, (3) *Means and Methods in NIAC.*

The second day will be devoted to two panel discussions: (1) *Recent and Ongoing NIACs*; and, (2) *Detention in NIAC*. The Honorable Harold H. Koh, Legal Adviser of the U.S. Department of State, will present a luncheon address at the Naval Station Newport Officers' Club.

The final day will conclude at 1200. The sole panel will be *Enforcement in NIAC.* Professor Yoram Dinstein, Professor Emeritus at Tel Aviv University, will present the closing address.

The panelists and speakers will produce articles which will expand upon the topics presented. These pieces will be published in the next volume of the Naval War College's International Law Studies series.

This event will be conducted on a "for attribution" basis.

On-line registration will open on March 15, 2011. On or after that date, please find the registration form at:

http://www.usnwc.edu/Research---Gaming/International-Law/International-Law-Conference-2011.aspx

If you have trouble registering on-line, please contact the International Law Department secretary, Ms. Jayne Van Petten, at 401.841.4949 or jayne.vanpetten@usnwc.edu.

In addition, conference participants are invited to attend the second annual International Law Department workshop "**Professional Military Education: Teaching Law at War and Staff Colleges**." The workshop will meet on Monday, June 20, 2011 at the Naval War College. Although tailored to law faculty members at domestic and international military institutions, the workshop is open on a space available basis to others who may be interested. For more information - or to recommend agenda items - please contact Professor Dennis Mandsager at dennis.mandsager@usnwc.edu. To register for the workshop, email jayne.vanpetten@usnwc.edu.