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Who is a refugee? What is the legal framework currently applicable to those fleeing countries affected by armed conflicts and violations of human rights? What are the related obligations of host states?

This short course analyses the main international and regional legal norms governing refugee protection. It examines the sources of international refugee law, including the 1951 Geneva Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees, and their interaction with human rights law and international humanitarian law. It also analyses the definition of a refugee, the principle of non-refoulement as well as asylum procedures. Particular attention is dedicated to the case-law of State Parties to the 1951 Geneva Convention.

ONLINE

This is an online short course

AUDIENCE

This short course forms part of the Geneva Academy Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict. It is open to professionals – diplomats, lawyers, legal advisers, judges, NGO staff, human rights advocates, media specialists, professionals working in emergency situations, UN staff and staff from other international organizations – who are not enrolled in the Executive Master and who want to deepen their expertise in this specific issue.

CERTIFICATE

Participants obtain a certificate at the end of the course (no ECTS credits are gained).

SCHEDULE

Courses take place during lunchtime on:

- Wednesday, 26 February 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 5 March 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 12 March 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 19 March 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 26 March 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)
- Wednesday, 2 April 2025, 12:00–14:00 (CET)

LECTURER

Vincent Chetail

President of the Geneva Academy's Board and Professor of International Law at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies. Vincent Chetail's areas of research relate to refugee and migrant law, humanitarian law and human rights, international criminal law, collective security and peacekeeping.

LIMITED PLACES

We can admit a maximum of five participants to this short course (in addition to students enrolled in our Executive Master).

DEADLINES AND TUITION FEE

Fee: **CHF 1,250.** In case of cancellation by the participants, CHF 200 won't be returned.

Deadlines: Application end: **12 February 2025**

HOW TO APPLY

Applications for individual courses must be submitted via the online form available on our website.

A full list of current short courses can be found at:

www.geneva-academy.ch/masters/executive-master/individual-courses

