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**"Customary International Humanitarian Law"**  
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**9:00am - 3:00pm**  
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- 9:00 am Welcome and Introductory Remarks  
**Dean Claudio Grossman**, *American University, WCL*  
**Geoff Loane**, *Head of Delegation, ICRC, Regional Delegation for North America, Washington, D.C.*
- 9:10 am Presentation, Questions and Answers  
Chair: **Dean Claudio Grossman**, *American University, WCL*  
Speaker: **Dr. Jean-Marie Henckaerts**, *Legal Adviser, ICRC*  
"The Contribution of the ICRC Study to the Clarification of Customary International Humanitarian Law"
- 10:30 am Coffee Break
- 10:45 am Roundtable Discussion: The Relevance of the Customary Law of Armed Conflict in Contemporary Armed Conflicts  
Chair: **Professor Robert K. Goldman**, *American University, WCL*
- Panelists:
- **Professor Louise Doswald-Beck**, *Graduate Institute of International Studies & University Centre for International Humanitarian Law, Geneva, Co-Author of the ICRC Study*
  - **Col. W. Hays Parks USMCR (Ret.)**, *Adjunct Professor, Washington College of Law; International Affairs Division, Office of General Counsel, U.S. Department of Defense*
  - **Edward R. Cummings**, *Assistant Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State*
  - **Michael J. Matheson**, *Professor, George Washington University Law School; Member, U.N. International Law Commission*
  - **Lt. Col. Burrus N. Carnahan USAF (Ret.)**, *Principal Contributor to the Report to the ICRC on US Practice in the Field of Customary International Humanitarian Law*
  - **Jordan J. Paust**, *Law Foundation Professor, University of Houston Law Center*
- 12:30 pm Luncheon: **Judge Theodor Meron**, *President, ICTY*  
"The Revival of Customary International Humanitarian Law"