

# First Annual Expert Seminar on the Right to Life

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## OVERVIEW

What are the current challenges and opportunities related to the right to life? What are the cutting-edge developments in jurisprudence, monitoring tools and practices at the national, regional and international levels?

The right to life is often described as the “supreme” or “foundational” right. This seminar provides an opportunity to engage with some of the cutting-edge development as far as this seminal right is concerned, in the human rights, humanitarian law and the violence reduction contexts.

It will bring together practitioners and other experts who work on right to life issues on a daily basis in human rights and humanitarian institutions worldwide, as well as leading academics in this field, both as presenters and participants. The small size of the group is designed to facilitate discussions and a deeper understanding of the subject matter, and to facilitate multi-regional and multi-disciplinary collaborations in this field.

## WHO CAN APPLY

Besides right to life’ practitioners, other experts and academics, the seminar is open to a small number of PhD candidates and other professional researchers working on issues related to the right to life.

- Key challenges to the right to life during situations of armed conflict
- The progressive abolition of death penalty
- The management of assemblies and the use of force
- New “General Comments” on the right to life
- The role of investigations in protecting the right to life
- New technologies and the right to life
- Violence reduction, and the SDGs
- Training of police officers on the use of force
- The importance of protecting frequently targeted groups

## Registration deadlines

- 25 March 2016 for participants requiring visa (extensions can be granted for participants sending a copy of their visa)
- 2 May 2016 for other participants

## Tuition fees

Participation fee is 1'500 CHF

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