

Professor Kalshoven's book is extremely well documented (the indexes in particular are most useful); it is also clear and remarkably well written. It will certainly meet all the expectations not only of specialists in this field, but also of anyone interested in the law of armed conflicts and related problems. As former ICRC President Alexandre Hay writes in his preface to it, Professor Kalshoven's book is undoubtedly destined to become a classic in this area of international law.

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BIBLIOGRAPHY OF INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW APPLICABLE IN ARMED CONFLICTS *

Readers of the *Review* will most certainly be familiar with the first edition of this bibliography, which is so invaluable for anyone involved in international humanitarian law.¹ The work was so well received that stocks were very quickly exhausted. The ICRC and the Henry Dunant Institute therefore decided to publish a second, revised and fuller edition. Moreover, in the Introduction we are told that the bibliography will be updated periodically.

Ms. Huong T. Huynh, who also compiled the first edition, has not confined herself, however, to updating the bibliography. She has arranged the material in a more logical order and, more important, has added an index; a considerable task which should make the finished work extremely useful for research workers. Those who have had to leaf through dozens of pages in the first edition to track down a publication on a specific subject which did not fit directly into the classification system, although the latter was very detailed, will fully appreciate this important innovation, a rare feature in legal bibliographies.

The bibliography, which is bound by no geographical or linguistic limits, covers a vast range of publications concerned with international humanitarian law. The material is presented under six major headings:

* Second edition, revised and updated; International Committee of the Red Cross and Henry Dunant Institute, Geneva, 1987, 604 + xxix pp., English/French.

¹ See the report by Jean Pictet in the March-April 1982 issue of the *Review* (No. 227), p. 128.

- General studies (including works on the Red Cross and Red Crescent world);
- Codification of international humanitarian law;
- International armed conflicts;
- Non-international armed conflicts;
- Implementation of international humanitarian law;
- Neutrality in time of war.

Since the bibliography first appeared in 1980, the number of entries has risen from around 5,000 to 6,600; this is encouraging evidence of the growing interest in international humanitarian law displayed in academic circles throughout the world. The increase in the number of entries is partly due to the inclusion of publications on subjects outside the field of application of international humanitarian law. This appears indispensable when one considers, for example, the overlapping between humanitarian principles and international human rights regulations in situations of internal disturbances and tension. But this multitude of entries reflects above all the very promising developments in efforts to disseminate international humanitarian law within academic circles. In fact, all the authors who appear in the bibliography not only show academic merit; they are also “militants” in the field of dissemination, without which international humanitarian law would remain a dead letter.

Therefore we can only hope that all who are called upon to apply and ensure respect for international humanitarian law will increasingly consult these “militants”, for whom the bibliography constitutes a kind of roll of honour.

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DERECHO HUMANITARIO INTERNACIONAL

International humanitarian law

This work was written in Russian and, to date, has been translated only into Spanish.¹

It deals with the creation and consolidation of the system for international protection of human rights and freedoms, as well as co-operation between States in the struggle to prevent these rights and freedoms from being violated.

¹ Igor Blischenko, *Derecho Humanitario Internacional*, Editorial Progreso, Moscow, 1987, 226 pp. (original: Russian).