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HENRY DUNANT RESEARCH PRIZE

Press Release

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The Prix Henry Dunant Foundation, in partnership with the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, announce the **2017 Henry Dunant Research Prize** awarded to **Ms. Isabelle Gallino**, for her LLM paper entitled:

« Factors motivating non-State armed groups to comply with international humanitarian law: Reflections on positive practices ».

This award underlines the strong ties between the Foundation and the Geneva Academy. The Prize was handed in by Mr Roger Durand and Mr Pierre-André Mourgue d'Algue, namely President and Treasurer of the Foundation, during the Geneva Academy Graduation Ceremony, which took place on **Friday 27 October in Auditorium Ivan Pictet, at the Maison de la Paix.**

The 2017 Henry Dunant Research Prize is awarded to Ms. Isabelle Gallino, student of the LLM in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights at the Geneva Academy, for her paper entitled: «Factors motivating non-State armed groups to comply with international humanitarian law: Reflections on positive practices». This work offers a focus on positive instances, where non-state armed groups, under political and reputational considerations to achieve legitimacy, tend to respect International Humanitarian Law. Dealing with a topical issue, this paper, whose rigorous legal construction is based on a theoretical analysis illustrated by two practical case studies, led the jury, composed of members of the Henry Dunant Prize Foundation, the Geneva Academy and the International Committee of the Red Cross, to award this Prize to Ms. Gallino for a faithful work in its spirit to the values promoted by Henry Dunant.

Since 2005 the Prize has been awarded annually by the Foundation, together with the Geneva Academy, for a piece of exceptional academic work that contributes to deepen, strengthen and renew the ideals and commitment of Henry Dunant. This award aims to disseminate international rules that protect victims of armed conflicts. The prize money rewarded amounts to CHF 5'000.- The Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, joint centre of the Law Faculty of the University of Geneva and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, provides post-graduate education, conducts academic legal research and policy studies, and organizes training courses and expert meetings. It concentrates on branches of international law that relate to situations of armed conflict, protracted violence, and protection of human rights.