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Personal Profile including career highlights, and personal information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ambassador of the Sovereign Order of Malta to monitor and combat trafficking in persons (July 2017 -)• Deputy Permanent Observer of the Order of Malta to the UN in Geneva (2011-)• Vice-President of the International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Sanremo www.iihl.org (2010 -)• Professeur associé, Institut du Droit de la Paix et du Développement, University of Nice (France)• Associate Professor, Webster University, Geneva (Switzerland) www.webster.ch• Director, Summer Course on International Humanitarian Law, San Remo (2001-)• President, Cercle des Amitiés Internationales, Geneva (June 2005- June 2017) http://www.cai-geneve.org• Member of the Board of « Appel spirituel de Genève » (http://aasg.ch) (2011-)• President, Centre Catholique d'Etudes de Genève (http://www.cceg.ch) (2012-)
Education	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Geneva University Law School: Licence en droit, 1965• Geneva University Law School: Docteur en droit (Doctor of Laws), 1976• Hague Academy of International Law, Research Center, Diploma, 1973
Past Professional Experiences	<p>International Committee of the Red Cross (1967-2000)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Member of the Legal Division during the preparatory works and the Diplomatic Conference for the adoption of Additional Protocols to the 1949 Geneva Conventions;- Head of the Division of International Organizations;- Delegate General for Europe and North America;- Assistant to the President;- Regional Delegate for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean- Legal Adviser for the 50th anniversary of the 1949 Geneva Conventions. <p>Member of the Board of MSF-Switzerland (2000-2004) Academic Director of the International Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance (IDHA) organized in New York (Fordham U.), Dublin (Royal College of Surgeons) and Geneva (University of Geneva) (2000-2003)</p>
Awards and Honors	Order of Malta & Italian Republic (“Ordine al Merito della Repubblica Italiana”)
Key Publications	<p>Book :</p> <p><i>Guérilla et droit humanitaire</i>, Genève, Institut Henry-Dunant, 1976, 431 pages. Deuxième édition augmentée : Genève, CICR, 1983, 451 p.</p> <p>Articles :</p> <p>« Histoire du droit international humanitaire dans la guerre aérienne » in Anne-Sophie MILLET-DEVALLE (Ed.). <i>Guerre aérienne et droit international humanitaire</i>. Paris, Pedone, 2015, pp. 37-68.</p> <p>« Gender Based Violence and International Humanitarian Law: Steps to Improve the Protection of Women in War » <i>IDN Cadernos</i>, Lisboa, Instituto da Defesa Nacional, Oct. 2013, pp. 91 – 126 www.idn.gov.pt/publicacoes/cadernos/idncaderno_11.pdf</p> <p>“Les valeurs fondatrices de l’humanitaire” in <i>Questions internationales</i> no 56 (“L’humanitaire”), Paris, La Documentation française, 2012 http://www.ladocumentationfrancaise.fr/catalogue/3303331600565/index.shtml</p>

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« From Confrontation to Cooperation : From Criminal Justice towards Reconciliation – The Needs for Complementary Approaches » in BERUTO, Gian Luca (Ed.) *Justice and Reconciliation. An Integrated Approach*. SanRemo, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, 2007, pp. 113-119

« Implementing International Humanitarian Law : Old and New Ways » in : RAMCHARAN, Bertrand G. (Ed.) *Human Rights Protection in the Field*. Leiden/Boston, Martinus Nijhoff, 2006, pp. 87-117.
<http://fr.scribd.com/doc/19746676/Implementing-International-Humanitarian-Law-Old-and-New-Ways>

« The need for a universal humanitarian order » *Foresight*, Vol. 7, No 1 2005, pp. 26-46
<http://www.emeraldinsight.com/journals.htm?articleid=1464981>

« Public Conscience in International Humanitarian Law Today » in : FISCHER, Horst, FROISSART, Ulrike, HEINTSCHELL von HEINEGG, Wolff, RAAP (Editors) *Krisensicherung und Humanitärer Schutz – Crisis Management and Humanitarian Protection. Festschrift für Dieter Fleck*, Berlin, Berliner Wissenschafts-Verlag (BWV), 2004, pp. 611-642.

« La protection du personnel sanitaire et religieux en droit international humanitaire » in CONSEIL PONTIFICAL « JUSTICE ET PAIX ». CONGREGATION POUR LES EVEQUES. *Le droit humanitaire et les aumôniers militaires. Cours international pour la formation des aumôniers catholiques militaires au droit humanitaire (Rome, 25-26 mars 2003)*. Cité du Vatican, 2004, pp. 72-82.

“Disregarding the Geneva Conventions on the Protection of War Victims” in CAHILL, Kevin M. (Editor) *“Traditions, Values, and Humanitarian Action”* New York, A joint publication of Fordham University Press and The Center for International Health and Cooperation, New York, 2003, pp. 276- 304

« Learning from History : Accession to the Conventions, Special Agreements, and Unilateral Declarations » in COLLEGE OF EUROPE. *Proceedings of the Bruges Colloquium. Relevance of International Humanitarian Law to Non-State Actors. 25-26 October 2002*. Collegium, Bruges (Belgium), No. 27, Spring 2003, pp. 139-151

	<p>« International Humanitarian Law and Spirituality » <i>Refugee Survey Quarterly</i>, Geneva, UNHCR, Vo. 21, No. 3, 2002, pp. 45-110 http://fr.scribd.com/doc/61414965/International-Humanitarian-Law-and-Spirituality</p> <p>“The Contribution of International Humanitarian Law to the Restoration of Peace” in CAHILL, Kevin M. (Editor), <i>A Framework for Survival. Health, Human Rights, and Humanitarian Assistance in Conflicts and Disasters</i>, New York, 1993, pp. 41-51</p> <p>“De la Guerre d’Octobre 1973 au Conflit du Golfe en 1991 : les appels du CICR pour la protection de la population civile” in DELISSEN, Astrid J.M. & TANJA, Gerard J. (Editors), <i>Humanitarian Law of Armed Conflict. Challenges Ahead</i>. La Haye, Martinus Nijhoff, 1992, pp. 527-543</p> <p>“La contribution du droit international humanitaire au rétablissement de la paix” in THURER, Daniel et al (Ed.), <i>Im Dienst an der Gemeinschaft. Festschrift für Dietrich Schindler zum 65. Geburtstag</i>, Basel/Frankfurt am Main, Verlag Helbing & Lichtenhahn, 1989, pp. 341-360</p> <p>“La collaboration internationale pour l’application du droit humanitaire” in HANGARTNER, Yvo, TRECHSEL, Stefan (Editors), <i>Völkerrecht im Dienste des Menschen. Festschrift für Hans Haug</i>, Bern/Stuttgart, Verlag Paul Haupt, 1986, pp. 379-399</p> <p>“Pour une politique humanitaire” in SWINARSKI, C. (Ed.), <i>Etudes et essais sur le droit international humanitaire et sur les principes de la Croix-Rouge en l’honneur de Jean Pictet</i>, La Haye, Martinus Nijhoff, 1984, pp. 989-1009</p> <p>“Implementation and Enforcement of Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law in Non-International Armed Conflicts : The Role of the International Committee of the Red Cross”, <i>The American University Law Review</i>, Washington DC, Vol. 33, Fall 1983, Nr 1, pp. 83-97 http://www.aulawreview.org/pdfs/33/33-1/veuthey.pdf</p> <p>“Les conflits armés de caractère non-international et le droit humanitaire” in CASSESE, Antonio (Editor), <i>Current Problems of International Law</i>, Milano, Giuffrè, 1975, pp. 175-266</p>
<p>Conference Papers Presented</p>	<p>Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, Cancún, Mexico, 22 – 26 May 2017. Statement in Plenary on behalf of the Order of Malta stressing the need to take into account fundamental human rights and spiritual values protecting the life and dignity of all human beings, as well as the role of faith-based organizations (FBOs) in prevention, response and reconstruction.</p> <p>Conference On International Humanitarian Action Between The East & The West, Doha, Qatar, 26 – 27 March 2017. Intervention on behalf of the Order of Malta on Day 2, reaffirming our humanitarian action and advocacy through humanitarian operations and humanitarian diplomacy in order to promote respect for human life & dignity, peace & reconciliation, religious freedom, and solidarity towards all human beings in need without any discrimination.</p> <p>2nd International Conference on Islam and IHL - Qom, Iran, 7 – 8 December 2016 « Religions & Humanitarian Law and Action: A much needed dialogue and mutual support »</p> <p>Side-Event Book Presentation: « Never Again : Legal Responses to a Broken Promise in the Middle East », Geneva – Palais des Nations - 24 November 2016.</p> <p>World Humanitarian Summit, Istanbul, 23 May 2016 Side-event “One Humanity, Shared Responsibilities: Evidence for Religious Groups’ Contributions to Humanitarian Response” « Religions & Humanitarian Law and Action: A much needed dialogue and mutual support »</p>

	<p>“Religions Together for Humanitarian Action” Symposium, UNOG, Geneva, 27 May 2015. MV co-organizer and speaker. https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=O4viTo1hSl0 Download Full Report on: http://bit.ly/1LJz1o</p> <p>“UN Library Talk”: Book Launch “La civilisation de l’amour”, United Nations Library, Palais des Nations, Geneva, 30 October 2014. MV co-organizer and moderator https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ylm4YV3DtDo</p> <p>Presentation on Child Soldiers during the Round Table “Festival de films Enfances dans le monde”, Bureau International Catholique de l'Enfance, Paris, France, 22 November 2013.</p> <p>“Les racines spirituelles du droit humanitaire” during the Colloque “De la foi chrétienne à l’engagement humanitaire”, Auditoire Calvin, Genève, 9 November 2013.</p> <p>Annual meeting of AIESC, Canterbury (UK), 23-25 August 2013. MV’s report: <i>Beyond positive law, look for universal values to cope with today’s challenges</i> (“Au delà du droit positif, le recours nécessaire aux valeurs universelles d’humanité pour faire face aux défis d’aujourd’hui”).</p> <p>Side-event to the Human Rights Council, Geneva, Palais des Nations, 11 June 2013, organized by the Permanent Mission of the Order of Malta “Commemoration of the 900 Years’ Anniversary of service to the poor and the sick”. MV speaker and co-organizer</p> <p>ESDC Gender In Operations, Madrid, CESEDEN (European Security and Defense College), 10 June 2013. Written and spoken report by MV on: “<i>International Humanitarian Law (IHL) & International Missions: Gender Based Violence & IHL</i>”</p> <p>13th Doha Forum - Seventh Session, 21 May 2013. Written and spoken report by MV on: “Protecting People On The Move Through Interaction Between Various Bodies of Law and Education » http://dohaforum2013.qatarconferences.org/includes/data/2013/documents/FINAL_13052_2_DFM_Report%20Day%202_ENG.pdf</p>
Languages	French (native), English (fluent), German (fluent)
Interests	International co-operation and dialogue, humanitarian issues, spirituality

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