

## **Short CV - Dr Nils Melzer**

**Dr. Nils Melzer** is Legal Adviser for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and holds a PhD in law of the University of Zürich (*summa cum laude*). He has been responsible for the ICRC's expert process aimed at clarifying international humanitarian law relating to the issue of civilian participation in hostilities. He has also served the ICRC as an Operational Legal Adviser for the Middle East and Africa (2002-2004), and as a Field Delegate in the Balkans and the Middle East (1999-2002). Before joining the ICRC, Nils Melzer was a Judicial Clerk at the District Court of Meilen, Zürich, and was later promoted to the position of Judicial Secretary within the Court. Dr. Melzer is specialized on issues of targeting and the use of force in police, counter-terrorism and military operations and has published several works, including his recent book "Targeted Killing in International Law" (Oxford University Press, 2008). He has also authored the ICRC's "Interpretive Guidance on the Notion of Direct Participation in Hostilities under International Humanitarian Law" (ICRC, 2009). A sought after speaker at military and academic conferences around the world, he also lectures at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights.