



ILS Law College

Centre for International Law

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Post Graduate Department in Law

Presents

TWO DAY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW AND FUTURE WARFARE

April 28 and 29, 2022 (Virtual)

Concept Note:

The history of war is as old as mankind. This can be traced back to the human instinct of aggression and the will to dominate others. Although wars have been fought in many different ways and developments in military technology and warfare will continue to happen, the current developments have opened new arenas of conflict such as cyber space, outer space and mental space. These new battlefields have posed a variety of ethical and legal concerns for international humanitarian law, which is specifically designed to regulate the instances of armed conflict and protect the victims of armed conflict. This new era of warfare has challenged the traditional concepts of war, peace and security. With the emergence of new means and methods of warfare there is an urgent need to deliberate upon them.

Aims and Objectives of the Conference:

- To shed light on and understand the concept and phenomena of the ‘future warfare’
- To understand the ethical, legal concerns raised by new means and methods of warfare in the light of international humanitarian law.
- To deliberate upon the measures to mitigate risks associated with new battlefields and military technologies.

DAY 1 (April 28, 2022)

Time (Indian Standard Time IST)	Particulars
1.30 pm - 1.45 pm	Inaugural
1.50 pm - 2.20 pm	Opening discussion: Setting the theme
2.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Session 1: Space Wars
3.30 pm – 4.30 pm	Session 2: Smart Warfare- The problem of AI
4.35 pm – 4.45 pm	Concluding Remarks

DAY 2 (April 29, 2022)

Time (Indian Standard Time IST)	Particulars
1.30 pm – 2.30 pm	Session 3: Super Soldiers - Legal Concerns in Human Enhancement Technologies
2.35 pm – 3.35 pm	Session 4 : Urbanization of Warfare
3.40 pm - 4.40 pm	Concluding Remarks
5.00 pm – 6.30 pm	Paper Presentation (depending upon the number of papers)

Opening Discussion: Future Warfare (setting the theme)

Session I : Space Wars

In recent times, outer space has played a significant role in the arena of civilian and military needs. An armed conflict in outer space will be disastrous and hence it is necessary to delve into the application of IHL rules in this area.

The main objectives of this session are to:

- Explore the legal implications of the “dual-use” nature of outer space objects in the light of principles of international humanitarian law.
- Analyze the concept of *jus ad bellum* in the context of space warfare.

Session II : ‘Smart Warfare’-The problem of AI

The increasing use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in human decision making and means of warfare raises significant questions relating to the attributability of responsibility for actions carried out during armed conflict, be it international or non-international. This also raises ethical concerns relating to the transfer of decision to kill to machines. The aims of this session are to:

- Address the extent of reliance on AI in military decision making in the light of IHL
- Address the accountability gap created by AI enabled weapon systems.

Session III : Super Soldiers- Legal Concerns in Human Enhancement Technologies

Technologies that seek to merge bio, nano, info and neuro elements have given us the ability to enhance human beings. These technologies when used in the context of soldiers can make the soldiers more capable of defeating their enemies and surviving peril of conflict. The aim of this session is to:

- Address the ethical and legal concerns associated with super soldiers
- Deliberate upon the impact of such technologies on super soldier’s ability to follow the law of armed conflict.

Session IV: Urbanization of Warfare

The nature of warfare has changed today where the majority of wars happen in urban spaces and the majority of the victims are civilians and this trend is likely to continue. The aims of this session is to:

- Identify the attributes and drivers of urban warfare
- Identify the challenges posed by urban warfare to military operations and international humanitarian law.

Concluding Remarks

Registration Details :

Every person interested to participate in the conference must register by paying the registration fees. In the case of co-authors (maximum 2), each author would have to register and pay separately.

Registration Fees :

Participant	With Paper Presentation	Without Paper Presentation
ILS Students	Rs 200/-	Rs 100/-
Students outside ILS	Rs 400/-	Rs 200/-
Academicians/Professionals	Rs 600/-	Rs 200/-

Important Dates:

Date	Particulars
31 st March 2022	Abstract Submission
5 th April 2022	Communication of abstract acceptance or rejection
20 th April 2022	Last day for Full Paper Submission
25 th April 2022	Last date for Registration

Submission Guidelines:

- Submissions can be made on any themes related to the abovementioned sessions.
- Format of file – Microsoft word
- Font – Times New Roman
- Font Size – 12 (Text), 10 (Footnote)
- Margins – One-inch margin on all sides
- Line spacing – 1.5 (Text), Single (Footnote)
- Citation Style: Bluebook 20th Edition
- Word Limit: Full Paper – 3500-4000 words (excluding footnotes)
- Abstract – 300 words maximum
- Language – English only.
- All submissions must be emailed to centreforinternationallaw@ilslaw.in

Other Guidelines:

- All submissions must be original and unpublished work of the author/s and should not have been submitted, accepted or published elsewhere.
- Co-authorship of entries (maximum two) among individuals from the same or different institutions is allowed. Multiple entries by the same authors are not allowed.
- The organizers reserve the rights to accept and reject the submissions at any stage of the review. The decision of the organizers regarding selection of the papers shall be final.
- Requests for in-absentia presentations shall not be entertained.
- Submission must be accompanied with a short bio of the author/s (It should include name of the author/s, occupation, designation & name of the institution, email id, mobile phone no and contact address, title of the paper). The bio should be in a separate document and it must be sent along with the abstract.
- The selected papers will be published by the organizers.
- The copyright for all entries shall vest with the organizers who herewith reserve the right to modify the contributions as per the requirements of necessity.

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