**Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law**International Peace and Security Interest Group

**The University of Queensland**Law and the Future of War Research Group

**2022 Workshop: University of Queensland, 13 May 2022**

New Technologies on the Global Battlespace

**Call for papers: Deadline 13 February 2022**

Technology has become inextricably linked with national and global security. New developments in science and technology create new opportunities to protect national interests or to promote the global. At the same time, they give rise to new vulnerabilities and risks. Technological advances also raise many legal issues. These touch on all areas of international peace and security law, including international humanitarian law/the law of armed conflict, the law relating to the use of force, arms control law, peacekeeping law, human rights law, as well as international and transnational criminal law.

The 2022 edition of the IPSIG workshop seeks to facilitate a discussion between ANZSIL members and legal practitioners about their work pertaining to this broad theme. It will also allow them to come together, as is the IPSIG objective, to take stock of best practices in teaching and public engagement on international peace and security law issues.

We encourage, in particular, discussion of the following topics:

* New technologies in the global battlespace, such as military uses of unmanned and autonomous systems, cyber capabilities, artificial intelligence, nanotechnology, chemical and biological substances
* The use new technologies outside of armed conflict in furtherance of national or global security and the applicable legal regimes and challenges, including questions about the notion of sovereignty in a digital age
* The use of technologies in the context of ‘grey zone activities’ aimed at destabilising adversary without triggering an armed conflict
* The use of new technologies in counterterrorism and surveillance
* The proliferation of military and security technologies, and regulatory responses, including export controls and sanctions
* The many roles of private actors in relation to new technologies
* The funding of military and national security technology
* New technologies and the international criminal trial, including the use of technology in the collection of evidence, the availability of cyber evidence, admissibility of evidence collected or created by technological means, and the judicial use of decision-support systems
* The regulatory framework of national and international cyber-security

These themes are indicative – we also encourage submissions of papers that questions related to the general theme. We welcome a discussion of the relevant legal issues from a variety of methodological and theoretical perspectives.

The workshop seeks to serve as a platform for exchange and reflection. Ideas do not need to be fully formed, but may be workshopped for mutual benefit during the course of the day.

**Arrangements**

The workshop is jointly organised by the UQ’s Law and the Future of War Research Group and ANZSIL’s International Peace and Security Interest Group. The workshop will take place on Friday, 13 May 2022 at the University of Queensland’s St Lucia Campus in Brisbane. There is no participation fee and UQ will provide catering for the workshop. Participants can join an optional social dinner on the evening of Thursday, 12 May. We hope as many people as possible will be able to join us in person, however, if necessary, arrangements can be made for remote participation.

**Format**

The workshop will take the form of interactive scholar-practitioner panels. Each presenter will specifically interact with one or two discussants during their session. Each panel will also include a Q&A session with all conference participants. The event will also include a public keynote presentation in the afternoon of Thursday, 12 May.

**Submission of Paper Proposals**

Those proposing papers for presentation should submit a single Word document comprising:

* A one-page abstract; and
* A one-page curriculum vitae.

Please submit your paper proposal to [future-war@uq.edu.au](mailto:future-war@uq.edu.au).

**Process and Dates**

The closing date for proposals is **13 February 2022**. The Organising Committee will endeavour to inform applicants of the outcome of their proposals within one week. As is the IPSIG practice, draft papers will be circulated to allow for comment and discussion. Draft papers of between 2,000 and 4,000 words should be submitted by 13 April 2022 to allow for exchange with workshop participants ahead of the workshop. Participants are encouraged to engage with one or two papers in particular, and bring their feedback to the workshop and/or in follow up with the presenter. Further details about the allocated discussants for each paper will be provided when the program is released.

**Possible financial support**

IPSIG, through the generous support of ANZSIL, may be in a position to provide some support to a small number of early-career IPSIG members to attend the event. Grants of around $400-600 dollars may be available to those coming from beyond South-East Queensland to assist with travel and accommodation costs. IPSIG members in their first three years of their careers in international law areas of relevance to IPSIG (including PhD students) should indicate with their submission (or for those not submitting a paper proposal by email to [e.massingham@uq.edu.au](mailto:e.massingham@uq.edu.au)) their interest to be provided with further details about this in due course.

**Contact information**

For any inquiries concerning the conference, please contact Eve Massingham at [e.massingham@uq.edu.au](mailto:e.massingham@uq.edu.au).

**ANZSIL International Peace and Security Interest Group**

The [ANZSIL International Peace and Security Interest Group (IPSIG)](https://www.anzsil.org.au/ipsig) was established in 2014 to provide a space for those ANZSIL members who are interested in conflict, peace and security issues to connect with one another and exchange ideas.

**UQ Law and the Future of War Research Group**

The [Law and the Future of War Research Group](https://law.uq.edu.au/research/future-war) at UQ Law School investigates the diverse ways in which law constrains, enables or ignores technological change in the context of national and global security. They focus particularly on the legal challenges posed by autonomous functions of military platforms, systems and weapons.