

Designing International Law and Ethics into Military Artificial Intelligence

DILEMA 2023 Conference

12–13 October 2023 Asser Institute (The Hague)

Programme



Thursday 12 October 2023

- 09:30 09:45 Arrival and registration
- 09:45 10:00 Opening Dr Bérénice Boutin (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)
- 10:00 11:00 Keynote Lecture Al in Critical Decisions: is Human Judgment a Legal Requirement? Professor Noam Lubell (University of Essex)
- 11:00 11:30 Break

11:30 - 13:00 Panel 1: Compliance and Responsibility in Relation to Military AI

Chair: Dr Bérénice Boutin (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)

- ChatGPT for the Military? Large Language Models in the Military Domain and the Role of Article 36 Weapons Reviews Dr Elisabeth Hoffberger-Pippan (Peace Research Institute Frankfurt)
- The Use of Autonomous Cyber Capabilities in Armed Conflicts: Legal and Ethical Implications Marta Stroppa (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies)
- "Teaching New Systems Old Tricks": Do Autonomous Weapon Systems Need Specific ROE? Dr Marcin Marcinko (Jagiellonian University in Krakow)
- Who Hunts the Hunters? Who is Liable when Military Artificial Intelligence Goes Wrong Dr Brendan Walker-Munro and Dr Sam Hartridge (University of Queensland)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 15:30 Panel 2: Human-Machine Interaction in Military Decision-Making

Chair: Klaudia Klonowska (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)

• Above the Law: Drones, Aerial Vision, and the Law of Armed Conflict - A Socio-Technical Approach

Professor Shiri Krebs (Deakin University; Stanford University)

• Artificial Intelligence and the Rupture of the Rationalist Myth of Military IHL Decision-Making Processes: A Move Towards Emotions in IHL?

Anna Rosalie Greipl (Geneva Graduate Institute (IHEID) and Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights)

• AI-Enabled Military Decision-Making: A Historical Perspective on Human-Machine Interactions as Part of a Culture of Prediction

Alies Jansen (Leiden University)

• Context-Driven Analysis of Al-Based Solutions: Methods and Tools Supporting Efficient Verification, Validation and Certification

Dr Iris Cohen and Dr Gregor Pavlin (Thales Nederland B.V.)

15:30 - 16:00 Break

16:00 - 17:15 Panel 3: The Impact of Military Al on Conflict

Chair: Dr Magda Pacholska (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)

• That We Are Constant: Algorithmic Warfare, Spontaneous Political Action, and the Right to Self-Determination

Dr Henning Lahmann (Leiden University)

- The IDF Introduces: Artificial Intelligence in the Battlefield, A New Frontier? Dr Tal Mimran (Hebrew University and Tachlith Institute)
- A Mechanism for Overcoming Real or Perceived Problems of Disparate Ethical Outlooks in Multilateral Alliances when Evaluating the Impacts of AI in a Military Context

Dr Michael Wildenauer (University of Melbourne)

Evening Conference dinner

Friday 13 October 2023

- 09:30 09:45 Arrival
- 09:45 10:45 Keynote Lecture Seated on the Whirlwind: Artificial Intelligence, Weapons Systems and Moral Agency

Dr Elke Schwarz (Queen Mary University London)

10:45 - 11:15 Break

11:15 - 12:30 Panel 4: The Impact of Military AI on Discourses and Doctrines

Chair: Taylor Woodcock (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)

- The Role of Military AI in Deterrence Theory and Practice Dr Bianca Baggiarini (Australian National University)
- Visuals as Sources of Normativity in the Debate about Artificial Intelligence in Weapon Systems Dr Ingvild Bode (University of Southern Denmark), Dr Guangyu Qiao-Franco (Radboud University Nijmegen), Anna Nadibaidze (University of Southern Denmark)
- Platform Warfare: The Rise and Implications of Platform Corporations in AI-Centered Warfare Dr Marijn Hoijtink (University of Antwerp)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:45 Panel 5: Military Al and the Reconfiguration of Human Agency

Chair: Dr Sadjad Soltanzadeh (Asser Institute, DILEMA Project)

- The AI-Augmented Super Soldier: Enhancement, Interfaces and the Extended Cognition of Human-Machines
 - Dr Thomas Christian Bächle (University of Bonn; Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society Berlin)
- Artificial Decision-Making on Life-or-Death: The Moral-Psychological Implications of Increasing Autonomy in Weapon Systems

Dr Tine Molendijk, Professor Lonneke Peperkamp, Sofie van der Maarel (NLDA)

• Proportionality, Intentions, and Human Agency Dr Elad Uzan (University of Oxford)

14:45 - 15:15 Break

15:15 - 16:45 Panel 6: Governance of Military AI

Chair: Dr Marta Bo (Asser Institute; SIPRI)

- ELSI goes to War Criticisms of Autonomous Weapon Systems and the Rise of a Responsible AI Dr Jens Hälterlein and Professor Jutta Weber (Paderborn University)
- "This is my Last Resort" Overcoming the Stalemate in Autonomous Weapons Regulation through National Legislation and Industry Self-Regulation

Marcel Schliebs (University of Oxford) and Vanessa Vohs (Bundeswehr University Munich)

• 'Cyber-ing' the AI Regime: Path Dependencies and Pathologies to Avoid in the Creation of Rules for Military AI

Dr Arun Sukumar (Leiden University)

• Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD) Framework Suitability to Military AI? Opportunity and Limitations

Yael Vias Gvirsman (Reichman University)

16:45 - 17:00 Closing

17:00 - 18:30 Reception