

Department of Politics and IR Research Seminar

All Hail Our Robot Overlords: Killer Robots in Human Warfare

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As automated military technologies advance with unprecedented speed and enthusiasm, war becomes an increasingly virtual affair. Yet this virtual reality stands in stark contrast to the very embodied reality of those on the receiving end of such modern military technologies. At work here is a process that turns war from a social human activity into a trans- or post-human endeavour in which machines are said to outpace man by a mile. I argue that the emergent narrative of technology-driven warfare produces an essentially dissociative form of human subjectivity, which frames the act of war as inherently ethical while at the same time considerably diminishing the space for meaningful ethical and political contestation.

The Department of Politics and International Relations warmly welcomes you to this research seminar where there will be opportunities for Questions and Answers on this exciting topic

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4pm – 6pm

Garendon Room, 4th Floor, Charles Wilson Building

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This seminar is organised by the Politics 'ISSS' research cluster