



BISA Event Podcast: The Legality and Transparency of Remote Warfare

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From 28 February to 1 March, the Remote Warfare Programme held a two day conference entitled ‘Conceptualising Remote Warfare: The Past, Present and Future’. Sponsored by the British International Studies Association, the conference brought together a wide range of experts from the military, academia, civil society and parliament and explored the many aspects of remote warfare.

This panel discusses the legality and transparency of remote warfare.

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Abigail Watson and Megan Karlshoej-Pedersen

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The Distance Paradox: Reaper, the Human Dimension of remote warfare, and the future challenges for RAF

Dr Peter Lee, University of Portsmouth

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Dr Max Brookman-Byrne, University of Lincoln

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Delina Goxho, Pax for Peace

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About the speakers

Dr Peter Lee is Director of the Security and Risk Theme at the University of Portsmouth, where he promotes and facilitates inter-disciplinary research in the security and risk fields both within the university and with external partner organisations. A Reader in Politics and Ethics, his specialist research area is in the ethics and ethos of lethal military drone operations, the politics and ethics

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of war and military intervention, and the politics and ethics of identity. Peter's current research explores the human dimension of drone operations with the UK's Royal Air Force Reaper squadrons for a forthcoming book, as well as for an accompanying series of scholarly papers on themes that include ethics, cognitive dissonance, decision-making under conditions of uncertainty, and operator resilience. Peter is regularly invited to lecture on this and other subjects to military, academic, political, religious, media and wider audiences. In 2012 he published *Blair's Just War: Iraq and the Illusion of Morality* and in 2015 published *Truth Wars: The Politics of Climate Change, Military Intervention and Financial Crisis*, both with Palgrave Macmillan.

Max Brookman-Byrne is a Senior Lecturer in Law in the College of Social Science. Max's research focuses on international law and the use of force/conduct of hostilities. Since 2014 he has been carrying out cutting edge research into the lawfulness of the use of armed drones against armed groups in various regions of the world. The research has been undertaken as part of a PhD project at the University of Reading, funded by the ESRC. The research has produced a wider range of outputs, including peer-reviewed articles, conference appearances and collaborations with non-governmental organisations with a view to influencing global policy.

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