

Lunchtime Seminar in Law:

Drone Strikes under the International Law: The Legality of Signature Strikes under the Jus ad Bellum and the Jus in Bello

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Abstract

Although to this day the vast majority of drone attacks have been signature strikes, scholars have paid almost no attention to their legality under international law.

This seminar attempts to fill that lacuna. It begins by explaining why a signature strike must be justified under either international humanitarian law (IHL) or international human rights law (IHRL) even if the strike was a legitimate act of self-defense under Article 51 of the UN Charter.

It then explores the legality of signature strikes under international humanitarian law, concluding that although some signature strikes clearly comply with the principle of distinction, others either violate that principle as a matter of law or require evidence concerning the target that the attacker is unlikely to possess prior to the strike.

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- by e-mail to fdef-colloques@uni.lu
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- Free seminar
- Maximum number of attendees: 80
- Lunch is planned for registered participants

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