

Some Considerations of the Impact of LAWS on International Security: Strategic Stability, Non-State Actors and Future Prospects

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Structure of the Presentation

- 1. LAWS and strategic stability**
- 2. LAWS and non-state actors**
- 3. Future prospects**

LAWS and Strategic Stability

- **Strategic stability refers to “the condition that exists when two potential adversaries recognize that neither would gain an advantage if it were to begin a conflict with the other.”**
- **Deterrence**
- **Offense-defense balance**

LAWS and Strategic Stability

- **Dominance of the offensive**
- **Lowering of the threshold of the use of force**
- **Swarming tactics**
- **Pre-emption as a norm**
- **Favors international arms races**

LAWS and Non-State Actors

- **Challenge to states' monopoly of the use of force**
- **Swarming tactics as asymmetrical way of waging war**
- **Terrorists, hackers, Black blocs**

LAWS and Non-State Actors

- **ISIS: create shock by the violation of key international and ethical principles**
- **Acquisition of LAWS by non-state actors**
- **LAWS as force multipliers for non-state actors**

Future Prospects

- **Impact of arms races on LAWS limitations**
- **LAWS and open source access**
- **LAWS and hacking**
- **LAWS and superintelligence**

Many thanks for your attention

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