New Technologies and the Future of War and Peace

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July 3–5, 2026

Schedule

Friday, July 3 **Sadler Room**	
9:15–9:30a	Opening Remarks
9:30–10	David Danks (*Elements* author), *AI and Autonomous Weapons*
10–10:30	Q&A
10:30–10:45	Break
10:45–11:15	Mitt Regan and Kevin Mullaney, "Embodiment, Context, and Moral Agency in AI Weapon Systems"
11:15–11:45	Q&A
11:45a–1:30p	Lunch. Participants will be responsible for their own meal.
1:30–2	Andy Fiala, "Developing Nonviolent Artificial Intelligence: System Prompts and Speculative Hope"
2–2:30	Q&A
2:30–2:50	Break
2:50–3:20	Nicolás Paz, "Toward Nonviolent Epistemological and Material Responses to Contemporary Technologies of War and Repression"
3:20–3:50	Q&A
3:50–4:20	Break
4:20–4:50	Cheyney Ryan, "War, Political Philosophy, and Pacifism"
4:50–5:20	Q&A

Saturday, July 4 **Mawby Pavilion**	
10–10:30a	Brian Hutler, “Drones, Data, and Dignity”
10:30–11	Q&A
11–11:15	Break
11:15–11:45	Zeke Vergara, “AI and Mercenaries”
11:45a–12:15p	Q&A
12:15–2	Lunch. Participants will be responsible for their own meal.
2–2:30	Blake Hereth (*Elements* author), *Super Soldiers* (via Zoom)
2:30–3	Q&A
3–3:20	Break
3:20–3:50	Regina Surber, “Do Soldiers Kill Intentionally?”
3:50–4:20	Q&A
5	Dinner in Iffley. We will leave right after the conference and share cabs to the restaurant. Participants will likely be responsible for their own meal.

Sunday, July 5 **Mawby Pavilion**	
10–10:30a	Daniel Brunstetter (*Elements* author), *Force Short of War*
10:30–11	Q&A
11–11:15	Break
11:15–11:45	Lonneke Peperkamp, "*Jus ad Vim Spatialis*: A Normative Assessment of Force, Limited Force, and Other Hostile Acts in Space"
11:45a–12:15p	Q&A
12:15–1:30p	Lunch. Participants will be responsible for their own meal.
1:30–2	Jurgita Imbrasaite, "Plurality Under Algorithmic Conditions: Arendt, AI, and the Political Meaning of Peace"
2–2:30	Q&A
2:30–2:45	Break
2:45–3:15	Closing Discussion

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