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**New Battlefields/Old Law - The Scope of the 21st Century Battlefield:  
Forecasting the Legal and Policy Landscape 22**

Since its inception in 2007 the New Battlefields/Old Laws research project has examined a range of legal and policy lacunae that arise when traditional rules of international humanitarian law (IHL) and human rights law (HRL) are applied to the asymmetric conflict environment, including warfare between states and nonstate armed groups. The objective of this workshop is to explore the changing scope of the 21st century battlefield – from its geographic borders to the means of waging battle and the identities and loyalties of the participants. Workshop panelists will focus on emergent, borderless battlefields, tensions between operational practice and traditional legal prescriptions, the changing status of belligerents, and new battlefield means and methods:

- Overarching issues – the borderless, proxy conflicts of the future
- Conflict status – focusing on conflicts with non-state groups, the growing irrelevance of the IAC/NIAC divide, role of HRL, ICL, operational practice and operational law
- Individual participant status – non-state armed groups, terrorists, private armies, criminal enterprises, robotics. Applying DPH, issues of detention, treatment, and adjudication
- Emerging battlefield means and methods – cyber war, nanotechnology, drones, emerging operational ROE and operational law



Policy challenges – new norms and institutions