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Should AI Stay or Should AI Go? First Strike Incentives and Deterrence Stability in the Third Nuclear Age



Discussing AI, Automated Systems, and the Future of War Seminar Series

How should states balance the benefits and risks of employing artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning in nuclear command and control systems?

Dr Ben Zala will argue that it is only by placing developments in AI against the larger backdrop of the increasing prominence of a much wider set of strategic non-nuclear capabilities that this question can be adequately addressed. In order to do so, he will make the case for disaggregating the different risks that AI poses to stability as well as examine the specific ways in which it may instead be harnessed to restabilise nuclear-armed relationships.

Dr Zala will also identify a number of policy areas that ought to be prioritised by way of mitigating the risks and harnessing the opportunities identified in the short-medium term.

Speaker

Dr Ben Zala

Chair

Professor Toni Erskine

Details

Monday 4 Dec 2023, 12-1pm

Mills Room, ANU Chancelry, 10 East Rd, Acton

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Project website



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