



LAW, LANGUAGE, AND WARFARE WORKSHOP

Friday 22 April, 9am – 4pm AEST

Location: [Sydney Law School](#), Board Room, Level 4, New Law Building (F10), Eastern Avenue, Camperdown

PROGRAM

8.30am	Registration
9.00am	Welcome and Acknowledgement of Country
9.15 – 10.00am	Introduction to the Project/Workshop Associate Professor Jacqueline Mowbray, Associate Professor Annabelle Lukin, and Associate Professor Emily Crawford - <i>What's in a Name? The Legal and Linguistic Implications of the Terminology of the Law of Warfare</i>
10.00 – 10.45am	Prof Frédéric Mégret – <i>Another Look at the Gendered Constitution of the Laws of War: Heteronormativity, Semantic Fields and the Narcissism of Small Differences</i>
10.45 – 11am	Break
11.00 - 11.45am	Associate Professor Annabelle Lukin – <i>Using [Corpus] Linguistics to Understand Patterns of Meaning in the International Laws of War</i>
11.45am – 12.30pm	Dr Matt Killingsworth – <i>IHL, Raison D'état and the 'Standard of Civilisation'</i>
12.30 – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30 – 2.15pm	Associate Professor Rain Liivoja – <i>False Synonyms and the Law of Armed Conflict</i>
2.15 – 3.00pm	Dr Tamer Morris – <i>The Language of Peace Keeping</i>
3.00 – 3.15pm	Break
3.15 – 4.00pm	Dr Amanda Alexander - <i>From Free-Fighters to Legal Subjects: The Juridification of Unlawful Combatants</i>
4.00pm	Wrap up and workshop close

ZOOM LINK

Zoom Meeting ID: 862 1664 3383



Biographies

(in alphabetical order)

Dr Amanda Alexander is a senior lecturer at the Australian Catholic University. Her research deals with the history of international humanitarian law, focusing on the process of change within international law. Her recent publications include “A Short History of International Humanitarian Law” in the *European Journal of International Law*, “International Law, Postcolonialism and the Geneva Protocol I” in the *Melbourne Journal of International Law*, and “‘The Good War’: Preparations for a War against Civilians” in *Law, Culture, and the Humanities*.

Associate Professor Emily Crawford is an Associate Professor at the University of Sydney Law School, where she teaches and researches in international law, international humanitarian law and international criminal law. She has published widely in the field of international humanitarian law, including three monographs (*The Treatment of Combatants and Insurgents under the Law of Armed Conflict* (OUP 2010), *Identifying the Enemy: Civilian Participation in Hostilities* (OUP 2015) and *Non-Binding Norms in International Humanitarian Law: Efficacy, Legitimacy and Legality* (OUP 2021)) and a textbook (*International Humanitarian Law* (with Alison Pert, 2nd edition, CUP 2020)).

Dr Matt Killingsworth is a Senior Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Tasmania. He co-editor of *Violence and the State* (Manchester University Press, 2015) and the forthcoming *Civility, Barbarism and the Evolution of International Humanitarian Law: Who Do the Laws of War Protect?* In 2013 he was a Visiting Fellow at the University of Oxford’s Institute for Ethics, Law and Armed Conflict and in 2016 was a Visiting Scholar at George Washington University. His current research focuses on the evolution of the modern laws of war, and the International Criminal Court.

Associate Professor Rain Liivoja is an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland Law School, where he leads the Law and the Future of War research group. Rain is also a Visiting Legal Fellow with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and a Senior Fellow with the Lieber Institute for Law and Warfare at the United States Military Academy at West Point. His current research focuses on the development of arms control law, and especially the challenges associated with new military applications of science and technology.

Associate Professor Annabelle Lukin is a linguist and discourse analyst in the Department of Linguistics at Macquarie University, and an Affiliate of the Sydney Corpus Lab based at the University of Sydney. Since the 2003 invasion of Iraq she has researched ideologies of war and violence in a variety of discourse forms including media discourse and more recently in legal discourse. Her major publication - *War and its Ideologies* (Lukin 2019) - is an account of how language enables the West’s profound “ontological dissonance” (Malešević 2010, 2019), that is, the paradox between the increasingly elaborated ideologies around human rights and the increasingly dehumanised and lethal technologies for organized violence.



Professor Frédéric Mégret is a Professor of Law and a William Dawson Scholar at McGill University. He held the Canada Research Chair on the Law of Human Rights and Legal Pluralism from 2006 to 2015. He was promoted to full professor in 2019. He was named co-director of the Centre for Human Rights and Legal Pluralism in 2021. Professor Mégret's interests lie in international criminal justice, international human rights law, international humanitarian law, the law of international organizations, transitional justice, criminal law, and general international law. He has a long-term interest in developing theories about the nature and history of international criminal justice. His work on international human rights is more explicitly critical in nature, seeking to uncover what lies behind the project of simultaneously internationalizing and legalizing human rights. He is interested in attempting to “re-imagine” the laws of war with a view in particular to prodding some of the limits of the humanitarian tradition from the point of view of the *jus contra bellum* and pacifism.

Dr Tamer Morris worked briefly at the UN where his interests in peacekeeping and international law arose. Tamer's doctoral thesis, from the University of Sydney, was on the legal obligation of the protection of civilians in UN peacekeeping. Focusing on the Security Council's mandate and legal ramifications of peacekeepers engaging in protection activities. Tamer is currently a casual academic at the University of Sydney teaching in international law. Tamer's area of research focuses on protection of civilians, particularly focusing on the legal understanding of the obligation to protect.

Associate Professor Jacqueline Mowbray is an Associate Professor at the University of Sydney Law School. She is also the external legal adviser to the Commonwealth of Australia's Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights. Her work focuses on public international law and legal theory, with an emphasis on international human rights law. She has a particular interest in economic, social and cultural rights, and her book on the subject, *The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights: Commentary, Cases, and Materials* (co-authored with Saul and Kinley) was winner of the 2015 American Society of International Law Certificate of Merit. She also works on international law and language policy, and the position of linguistic minorities under international law.