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Humane: The New Face of War

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America's 'endless war', as many have called it, is distinguished by historically unique ethical and legal controls on the conduct of hostilities — even as the scope conditions on its continuation in time and spread across space have increasingly been discarded. As outrageous or paradoxical as it may seem to say so, an increasingly significant feature of America's conflicts across the world is their unprecedented humanity. It is a new face of war in the annals. The implications of this fact for reform — and in particular the risk that making war more humane through law could entrench it beyond otherwise applicable limitations in time and space — have barely been drawn, and this talk attempts to begin doing so.

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