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Bukit Timah Campus, Block B, Seminar Room 5-4, Level 5
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To Serve the Enemy: Informers, Collaborators, and the Laws of Armed Conflict

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The use of informers and collaborators by parties to an armed conflict has been a constant yet often concealed practice during war. Despite the prevalence of such activity, and the serious and at times fatal consequences that befall those who collaborate with an opposing side, international law applicable to armed conflict does not squarely address the phenomenon. The recruitment, use and treatment of informers and other collaborators have been addressed only partially and at times indirectly by international humanitarian law. This body of law has adopted a permissive approach towards the practice, yet seeks to mitigate the harm associated with it, such as by prohibiting the use of coercion and insisting on due process for those accused of serving the enemy.

In this seminar, Dr Shane Darcy examines the evolution, interpretation and application of the international legal framework applicable to situations of armed conflict as it relates to the use, recruitment and treatment of informers and other collaborators. He applies international humanitarian and human rights law to the controversial yet regular use of informers and other collaborators by parties to an armed conflict.



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