

CIL-ILA Seminar:  
**International Law and  
Military Cyber Operations**

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Cyber space is an integral part of the rules-based international order. The question is not whether international law applies, but rather how it applies and whether our current understanding is sufficient. In this talk Commander Ian Park will explore the boundaries of international law in cyber space in peacetime and during armed conflict. He will also consider the UK's approach to cyber security: a £1.9 billion investment in the National Cyber Security Strategy, which is focussed on boosting the UK's cyber security and recent UK innovations. These include the creation of the National Cyber Security Centre, which brings together the government, intelligence agencies and the private sector into one organisation.

The defence sector recognises the cyber's centrality in modern warfare, and as such the UK has invested in a state-of-the-art Defence Cyber School to train the next generation of cyber experts. All these activities across the public and private sector must be underpinned by law, and this law must develop to address the multiplicity of challenges ahead. Commander Park will address the scope of these challenges in this talk.



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Commander Ian Park is a barrister in the Royal Navy and specialises in international law. He has been deployed as a legal adviser on operations to Afghanistan and, on many occasions, to the Middle East. Ian is, or has been, a Hudson Fellow at Oxford University, a Visiting Fellow at Harvard Law School, a First Sea Lord's Fellow, and a Freeman of the City of London. He has a doctorate in law from Balliol College, University of Oxford and has lectured at Harvard Law School, Oxford University, Cambridge University, The Academy of Military Sciences, Beijing, Hanoi University, USSH Hanoi, Shanghai Jiao Tung University and Freiburg University, among other institutions. Ian is the author of *The Right to Life in Armed Conflict* (Oxford University Press 2018), a contributor to *The Law of Naval Warfare* (Lexis Nexis 2019 forthcoming) and an expert peer reviewer to *Tallinn Manual 2.0 on the International Law Applicable to Cyber Operations* (Cambridge University Press 2017). In 2018, Ian was the winner of the outstanding performance by an HM Forces barrister at the UK Bar Awards. At present, he is a Mountbatten Fellow at St John's College, Cambridge.



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