

Public International Law Workshop  
*AI Manual Workshop*  
16th –17th April 2026  
Venue: Orchard Hotel, 442 Orchard Road, Singapore

The Centre for International Law (CIL) is contributing to the development of a new international manual titled “The West Point Manual on International Law Applicable to Artificial Intelligence in Warfare.” This initiative aims to clarify how international law applies to the use of artificial intelligence across a wide range of military and security contexts, particularly in relation to autonomous systems, decision-support tools, and AI-enabled cyber capabilities. Unlike previous manuals that focused on the broader field of cyber operations, this initiative centers specifically on the legal implications of AI in warfare. It will address how existing international legal frameworks, particularly international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and the law of state responsibility, apply to novel AI-enabled capabilities.

Topics include issues of accountability, attribution, and liability arising from autonomous decision-making and machine learning in armed conflict. CIL's involvement underscores our engagement in regional and global discussions on emerging technologies and the law, and leadership in shaping global AI governance and legal norms in armed conflict. The Manual is expected to be published in 2028 and will serve as a key reference for legal advisers, military planners, technologists, and policymakers confronting the growing complexity of AI in contemporary and future warfare.

**Draft Program**

**The Night Before (15<sup>th</sup> April, Wednesday)**

18:00 – 19:30   Cocktail Reception

**Day One (16<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday) Lavender Room, Level 3**

8:30 - 9:00       Registration

9:00 - 9:50       Welcome Remarks and Preliminary Thoughts

**Dr Samuel White**, Global Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Professor Sean Watts**, Professor, Department of Law at the United States Military Academy at West Point, Co-director of the Lieber Institute for Law And Warfare

9:50 - 11:10 Panel 1: Foundational Frameworks for AI, Data and Armed Conflict

Moderator: **Dr Jon Truby**, Visiting Research Associate Professor, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Professor Simon Chesterman**, David Marshall Professor and Vice Provost for Educational Innovation at the National University of Singapore; Senior Director of AI Governance at AI Singapore

**Dr Jonathan Kwik**, Researcher in International Law at the T.M.C. Asser Institute

**Mr Paul Lie**, The Ministry of Defence Legal Services

**Mr Gaurav Keerthi**, CEO of Strong Keep; Adjunct Senior Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS)

11:10 - 11:40 Group Picture and Coffee Break

11:40 - 12:40 Panel 2: Data as an Object of Warfare and Regulation

Moderator: **Ms Danielle Yeow**, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Dr Thanapat Chatinakrob**, Associate Professor, Thammasat University

*War Data as an Object of Protection under International Humanitarian Law*

**Dr Samuel White**, Global Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

*The Martens Clause in the Grey Zone*

**Mr Md. Mostafa Hosain**, Assistant Professor, BRAC School of Law

*Big Data, AI and War*

12:40 - 13:40 Lunch

13:40 – 15:00 Panel 3: AI-integrated Weapons and the Crisis of Legal Responsibility and Accountability

Moderator: **Dr Jon Truby**, Visiting Research Associate Professor, Centre

for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Dr Mun-eon Park**, Korea Institute for Defense Analyses; Director, Center for Defense Human Resource Management; Senior Research Fellow/JAG Officer (Reserve Colonel); Attorney at law NY U.S.A.

*Responsibility Gap and Remedial Measures for Operator and Commander in Autonomous Weapon Systems*

**Dr Anviksha Pachori**, Associate Professor, G D Goenka University

*Governing AI-Integrated Weapons: Emerging Challenges of Accountability under International Laws*

**Dr Fan Yang**, Associate Professor, Deputy Director of International Law Department & Deputy Director of Cyberspace International Law Centre, Xiamen University

*Transcending the Dilemma of Applying IHL to LAWS in 'Agency Spillover Engagements': A Legal Analytical Perspective on Human-Machine Hybrid Agency*

**Mr Drex Laggi**, CISSP Principal Consultant (Information Security) Laggi & Associates

*By Design: Forensic-Ready AI Targeting, Human Judgment, and Command Responsibility in Indo-Pacific Armed Conflict*

15:00 - 15:30 Coffee Break

### **Evening**

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner

### **Day Two (17<sup>th</sup> April, Friday)** *Juniper Room, Level 2*

9:00 - 9:30 Registration

9:30 - 10:30 Panel 4: Treaty Design and Regulatory Debates on Military AI

Moderator: **Dr Jon Truby**, Visiting Research Associate Professor, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Professor Zhixiong Huang**, Professor, Wuhan University

*De Jure Necessity vs De Facto Improbability? Establishing a New Treaty for Artificial Intelligence in the Military Domain*

**Dr Sze Hong Lam (Ocean)**, Research Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

*Coding the Law of Wars: Will Treaty-Following AI collapse into the dichotomy between 'apology' and 'utopia'?*

**Ms Mei Ching Liu**, Associate Research Fellow, S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies (RSIS), Nanyang Technological University.

*The Concept of Lethality in the Autonomous Weapon Systems Debate and Its Implications*

10:30 - 11:00 Group Picture and Coffee Break

11:00 - 12:00 Panel 5: Deception and Harm in AI-enabled Warfare

Moderator: **Dr Samuel White**, Global Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Ms Dora Velenczei**, PhD Candidate, Monash University

*The Perfidy Problem: Learned Deception in Lethal Autonomous Weapons Systems and the Limits of International Humanitarian Legal Compliance*

**Mr Vicko Taniady**, LLM Candidate, Monash University

*Beyond Physical Injury: AI-Enabled Operations and the Concept of Harm in International Humanitarian Law*

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch

13:00 - 14:15 Panel 6: Regional Military Practice and Strategic Implications

Moderator: **Ms Danielle Yeow**, Adjunct Senior Fellow, Centre for International Law, National University of Singapore

**Dr Arlina Permanasari**, Lecturer, Universitas Trisakti

*Indonesia's Preparedness for AI-Driven Armed Conflict: A Normative, Policy, and Institutional Analysis*

**Mr Erick Nielson C. Javier**, Defence Research Officer, National  
Defence College of Philippines

*AI in Defense: Implications for Southeast Asia Militaries*

**Colonel Bagus Jatmiko**, PhD, Indonesian Naval Command and Staff  
College

*Quo Vadis International Humanitarian Law in AI-Enabled Conflicts-  
Southeast Asia Regional perspective*

**Mr Pisal Chanty**, Director of Digital and Innovation Policy Research  
Cambodia Academy of Digital Technology

*Extending IHL's Precautionary Norms to Non-weapon AI System: Lessons  
from the Cambodian-Thai Border Conflict*

14:15 – 14:45 Coffee Break

14:45 - 17:00 Closing Remarks: Synthesis, Gaps, and Future Directions

**Dr Samuel White**, Global Fellow, Centre for International Law, National  
University of Singapore

*Cross-panel reflections*

*Emerging research gaps*

*Pathways for doctrine, regulation, and operationalisation*

*Publication pipeline (APJIHL)*