

## Bingham Centre Events

The Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law and the Human Rights Lawyers Association invite you to attend the following lecture:

**Tues 25 Feb 2014  
18:00-19:30  
Followed by drinks  
reception**

### Location

British Institute of  
International and  
Comparative Law,  
Charles Clore House,  
17 Russell Square,  
London WC1B 5JP

### Member rates

Individual: £40  
Full-time Academic: £25  
Student: £15

### Non-member rates

Individual: £70  
Full-time Academic: £45  
Student: £25

### NB:

Members of the Human Rights  
Lawyers Association to be  
charged at the BIICL members'  
rate.

The Academic rate also applies  
to staff of government and  
non-profit organisations.

## Autonomous Weapons Systems: Some Legal and Moral Implications

1.5 CPD hours

### Speaker

**Christof Heyns**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on extrajudicial, summary or arbitrary executions and Professor of Human Rights Law and Co-director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa, University of Pretoria, South Africa

### Discussant

**Professor Robert McCorquodale**, Director, the British Institute of International and Comparative Law

### Chair

**Sir Daniel Bethlehem QC**, barrister and arbitrator, 20 Essex St chambers; formerly the principal Legal Adviser of the UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office (2006-2011)

Drones took the pilot out of the cockpit and replaced him or her with an operator in a cubicle far away from the battlefield. The next step is for human operators to be taken out of the loop altogether as far as the decision to release deadly force is concerned. If deployed, an on-board computer will decide who to target and when to open fire. This possibility raises far-reaching legal and moral questions, to be considered in this lecture.

In May 2013 Christof Heyns presented a report on this topic to the UN Human Rights Council that has generated much discussion. The matter is currently under consideration in a number of UN and other inter-governmental fora, and is hotly debated by civil society.

This event is convened by Dr Jan van Zyl Smit,  
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