



# CAMPAIGN TO **STOP** KILLER ROBOTS

The Campaign to Stop Killer Robots is pleased to invite you to a

## **SIDE EVENT**

in the margins of the Convention on Conventional Weapons on

### ***Transparency is Not Enough*** *Why a Preemptive Ban is Needed Now*

**Wednesday, 13 April 2016**

13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIV  
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided*

Featuring:

- Mr. Thomas Nash, **Article 36**
- Ms. Miriam Struyk, **PAX**
- Prof. Peter Asaro, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

Moderated by Ms. Ray Acheson, **WILPF Reaching Critical Will**

This briefing will look at why initiatives that fall short of a legally-binding instrument, such as transparency measures and Article 36 weapons reviews represent an insufficient response to the challenges raised by fully autonomous weapons.

No RSVP required. For more information, please see: [www.stopkillerrobots.org](http://www.stopkillerrobots.org) or contact Ms. Mary Wareham at: Tel. (646) 203-8292, [wareham@hrw.org](mailto:wareham@hrw.org)

## Biographies of Speakers

### **Thomas Nash, Article 36**

Mr. Thomas Nash is director of Article 36 and joint coordinator of the International Network on Explosive Weapons. As Cluster Munition Coalition coordinator from 2004 to 2011, he helped secure the 2008 Convention on Cluster Munitions. In 2014, Article 36 launched a pledge since signed by more than 50 individuals committing not participate in all-male panels on disarmament and security topics. @nashthomas @Article36

### **Miriam Struyk, PAX**

Ms. Struyk is program director for security and disarmament at [PAX](#) (formerly IKV Pax Christi), a Dutch peace organization that is a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. In early 2014, PAX released the campaign's first [short animated film](#) in together with a 32-page [report](#) detailing its objections to killer robots. [PAX](#) has collecting dozens of signatures on an interfaith statement supporting the campaign's call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons. @miriamstruyk @PAXvoorvrede

### **Peter Asaro, International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

Prof. Peter Asaro is director of Graduate Programs for the School of Media Studies at The New School for Public Engagement in New York and co-founder and vice-chair of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC). He is a philosopher of technology who has worked in artificial intelligence, neural networks, natural language processing and robot vision research. Prof. Asaro spoke at the first CCW meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems in May 2014. @peterasaro @icracnet

### **Ray Acheson, WILPF**

Ms. Acheson is director of the Reaching Critical Will project of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom ([WILPF](#)), a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. WILPF turning 100 in April 2015 and is the oldest women's peace organization in the world. @achesonray @RCW\_ @WILPF

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### ***A Normative Perspective***

*Legal, Ethical, and Technical Approaches to Defining Fully Autonomous Weapons  
according to the Principle of Meaningful Human Control*

**Thursday, 14 April 2016**

13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIV  
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided*

Featured speakers:

- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, **Human Rights Watch/Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic**
- Prof. Ian Kerr, **University of Ottawa and ICRC**
- Prof. Toby Walsh, **University of New South Wales**

Moderated by Ms. Yukie Osa, **Association for Aid and Relief, Japan**

This briefing will consider possible legal, ethical, and technical approaches to defining fully autonomous weapons from the perspective of the principle of meaningful human control.

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### **Bonnie Docherty, Human Rights Watch**

Ms. Docherty is a lecturer on law and senior clinical instructor at the International Human Rights Clinic at Harvard Law School and senior researcher in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch. Docherty's 2012 "Losing Humanity" report has been credited with initiating the international debate on fully autonomous weapons. She is the author of a 2015 report on accountability concerns as well as a 2014 report on the human rights law implications. @hrw @HmnRightsProgram

### **Ian Kerr, International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

Kerr is currently the Canada research chair in ethics, law and technology at the University of Ottawa's Faculty of Law. He also holds cross-appointments to the Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Philosophy. Kerr is a member of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC) and [signed](#) the July 2015 artificial intelligence [open letter](#) calling for a ban on autonomous weapons. @ianrkerr @icracnet

### **Toby Walsh, University of New South Wales**

Prof. Walsh is a professor in artificial intelligence at the University of New South Wales in Sydney, Australia. He has served as scientific director of NICTA, Australia's research centre for Information and communications technology ICT research. Walsh is one of the first signatories on the July 2015 artificial intelligence open letter calling for a ban on autonomous weapons. He helped draft the letter and has since engaged in extensive media outreach. Walsh serves on the executive council of the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI). @TobyWalsh @FLIXrisk

### **Yukie Osa, Japan**

Ms. Osa, a professor at Rikkyo University Graduate School of Social Design Studies, is the president of the Association for Aid and Relief, Japan (AAR Japan), a co-founder of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots and one of the country's largest non-governmental organizations involved in the delivery of humanitarian aid and disaster relief. She joined AAR Japan as a volunteer in 1990 and became a full-time staff member the following year. Ms. Osa has served in a number of positions for the organization, participating in emergency assistance operations and mine action and victim assistance projects. She has a Master's degree in political science from Waseda University, a Ph.D. from University of Tokyo, @yukieosa

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## **SIDE EVENT**

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### ***Moving Forward with Momentum***

*Views on the Process to Address Fully Autonomous Weapons*

**Friday, 15 April 2016**

13:00-14:30

Conference Room XXIV  
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

*Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided*

Featuring:

- Ms. Jody Williams, Nobel Peace Laureate & **Nobel Women's Initiative**

Remarks by:

- Prof. Noel Sharkey, **International Committee for Robot Arms Control**
- Ms. Rasha Abdul-Rahim, **Amnesty International**
- Ms. Mary Wareham, **Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

Moderated by Mr. Camilo Serna, **SEHLAC (Colombia)**

This side event will assess the third CCW meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems and look at how the process to address fully autonomous weapons can move forward with momentum.

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### **Jody Williams, Nobel Women's Initiative**

Ms. Williams received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 together with the International Campaign to Ban Landmines for their central role in establishing the 1997 Mine Ban Treaty. Williams chairs the Nobel Women's Initiative, which she founded in 2006 together with five of her sister Nobel Peace laureates. In 2013, the University of California Press published her memoir. Williams and more than 20 of her fellow Nobel Peace laureates have issued a [joint statement](#) endorsing the call for a preemptive ban on fully autonomous weapons. @JodyWilliams97 [@NobelWomen](#)

### **Noel Sharkey, International Committee for Robot Arms Control**

Prof. Sharkey is Emeritus Professor of Artificial Intelligence and Robotics at the University of Sheffield. He is also co-founder and chair of the International Committee for Robot Arms Control (ICRAC), a group of experts concerned with the pressing dangers that military robots pose to peace and international security. Professor Sharkey is a journal editor and has written more than 150 academic articles and books on relevant areas of robotics, psychology, computer science and machine learning. Sharkey spoke at the first CCW meeting on lethal autonomous weapons systems in May 2014. @NoelSharkey @StopTheRobotWar @icracnet

### **Rasha Abdul-Rahim, Amnesty International**

Ms. Abdul-Rahim is an advocate/adviser in the Arms Control, Security Trade and Human Rights Team at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International in London, where she works on various arms control issues, including fully autonomous weapons systems. Ms. Abdul-Rahim was centrally involved in the campaign to secure the 2013 Arms Trade Treaty. She holds a BA in Modern and Medieval Languages from the University of Cambridge and a MA in International Relations and Diplomacy from SOAS in London. @Rasha\_Abdul @amnestyonline

### **Mary Wareham, Campaign to Stop Killer Robots**

Ms. Wareham is advocacy director of the Arms Division of Human Rights Watch and serves as global coordinator of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. She was centrally involved in the processes that created the Convention on Cluster Munitions and the Mine Ban Treaty and has worked to ensure their universalization as well as compliance. @marywareham @hrw @BanKillerRobots

### **Camilo Serna, SEHLAC**

Mr. Camilo Serna Villegas is a co-founders of the Campaña Colombiana Contra Minas (CCCM), the Colombian wing of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines (ICBL), and serves as its operations coordinator. CCCM is a member of the regional NGO network Seguridad Humana en Latinoamerica y el Caribe ([SEHLAC](#)), a member of the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Created in 2008, SEHLAC coordinates NGO actions to address armed violence and humanitarian issues affecting Latin America and the Caribbean. [@SehlaOrg](#)

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