



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

Fully Autonomous Weapons

Why Existing Law, Weapons Reviews & Best Practices Are Not Enough

Wednesday, 14 December 2016

13:15-14:30

Conference Room XXIV
UN Palais des Nations, Geneva

Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided

Speakers

- Ms. Bonnie Docherty, [Human Rights Watch/International Human Rights Clinic](#)
- Mr. Peter Herby, [Norwegian Red Cross](#)
- Ms. Maya Brehm, [Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights](#)

Moderator

- Dr. Thompson Chengeta, [International Committee for Robot Arms Control](#)

The [Campaign to Stop Killer Robots](#) is a global coalition of more than 60 non-governmental organizations working to preemptively ban weapons systems that would select targets and use force without meaningful human control. This side event considers why existing international humanitarian including Article 36 weapons reviews, international human rights law, transparency measures, and promotion of best practices are insufficient responses to the many serious challenges raised by fully autonomous weapons, known as lethal autonomous weapons systems at the Convention on Conventional Weapons (CCW).

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Biographies of Speakers

Bonnie Docherty, [Human Rights Watch](#)

Ms. Docherty is a lecturer on law and senior clinical instructor at Harvard Law School's International Human Rights Clinic and senior researcher in the Arms Division at Human Rights Watch. Docherty's 2012 "Losing Humanity" report has been credited with sparking 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 of weapons that would select and attack targets without meaningful human control. [@hrw](#)
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Peter Herby, [Norwegian Red Cross](#)

Mr. Herby has supported work on arms issues for the Red Cross/Crescent Movement as arms adviser for the Norwegian Red Cross (Norges Røde Kors) since 2012. Before that, he was the head of the arms unit in the legal division of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC). Between 1994 and 2012, Herby represented the ICRC at arms negotiations that resulted in the adoption three protocols to the Convention on Conventional Weapons as well as the Mine Ban Treaty, Convention on Cluster Munitions, and Arms Trade Treaty. He directed the disarmament program of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva from 1983 to 1993.

Maya Brehm, [Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights](#)

Ms. Brehm is a researcher in weapons law at the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights. Previously, Ms. Brehm led a research project at the UN Institute for Disarmament Research, worked as a protection delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross, and consulted for the NGO [Article 36](#). Ms. Brehm holds an MA in international relations and an LL.M in international humanitarian law. [@schoggitaler](#) [@geneva_academy](#)

Thompson Chengeta, [International Committee for Robot Arms Control](#)

Dr. Chengeta is currently serving as a post-doctoral fellow at the South African National Chair for International Law. He is also a non-resident fellow at the University of Pretoria's Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa and an extraordinary professor at its Centre for Human Rights. Chengeta is a member of the International Committee for Robots Arms Control (ICRAC), a campaign co-founder. From 2012 to 2015, he worked as lead researcher for the UN Special Rapporteur on extra-judicial killings, summary or arbitrary executions, Professor Christof Heyns. In 2015, Dr. Chengeta completed his Ph.D at the University of Pretoria on the subject of legal solutions to concerns over autonomous weapon systems. He has a LL.M from Harvard Law School. [@DrThompsonLaw](#)

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