

# ACTION AT THE CROSSROADS: CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM ON AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS AND THE CHALLENGE OF REGULATION

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| <b>SUNDAY 28 APRIL, 2024</b> | <b>10:00</b>   | <b>Welcome and opening remarks</b>   |   |  |
|                              | <b>10:15</b>   | <b>What are autonomous weapons?</b><br><br>This panel will present the foundational challenges of autonomous weapons systems, frame the scope of autonomous weapons (the 'definitional issue'), and propose areas where stakeholders need to further build shared understanding.   | <div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px; background-color: #f9a825; color: white;"> <i>Explore interactive and immersive creative expressions of activism and education related to autonomous weapons systems, human control over the use of force, and digital dehumanisation in various spaces throughout the venue over the course of the day.</i> </div> |  |
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|                              | <b>11:30</b>   | <b>Trends in autonomy and the innovation-regulation gap</b><br><br>This panel will discuss monitoring of the current AI landscape, the fast pace of development of machines with autonomy and automated-decision making in broader society, parallels between the civil and military spheres, and approaches to regulation.  | <div style="border: 2px solid pink; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #e91e63; color: white;"> <b>Youth Spotlight: Speaker series</b><br/><br/>           This session will feature a series of lightning talks from youth campaigners.         </div>  |  |
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|                              | <b>12:30</b>   | <div style="border: 2px solid yellow; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #fff9c4;"> <b>Leveraging regional approaches for global action</b><br/><br/>           A workshop to discuss case studies of regional meetings in Costa Rica, Trinidad &amp; Tobago, Manila, and Sierra Leone, and the advantages gained from considering the challenges of autonomous weapons systems in regional contexts.         </div>                            |   |  |
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|                              | <b>13:30</b>   | <b>LUNCH BREAK</b>   |   |  |
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|                              | <b>14:15</b>   | <b>Digital dehumanisation &amp; Human Rights Challenges</b><br><br>This panel will situate autonomous weapons on the spectrum of digital dehumanisation and automated harm, consider distributed autonomy and existing examples of automated harm, and concerns of autonomous weapons systems used outside of conflict.  | <div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #ff9800;"> <b>Fusing art and activism</b><br/><br/>           Panel discussion on exhibitions and other creative mediums as tools to fuse art and activism and support disarmament and peace education with the public.         </div>  |  |
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| <b>15:00</b>                 | <div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #4caf50; color: white;"> <b>"Is my school building killer robots?"</b><br/><br/>           A workshop to share student and youth initiatives campaigning against autonomous weapons and promoting peaceful research.         </div>   |  |   |  |
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| <b>16:00</b>                 | <div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #4caf50; color: white;"> <b>Feminist perspectives on countering bias, dehumanisation, and automated killing</b><br/><br/>           This panel will apply feminist perspectives to consider issues of bias, foreign policy, and conducting activism on autonomous weapons.         </div> |  |   |  |
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| <b>17:00</b>                 | <b>Navigating challenges to international law</b><br><br>This panel will tackle the global context of eroding international norms, the need to invest in strengthening IHL, countering apathy, asymmetry in multilateralism, and why a legally binding instrument is necessary for autonomous weapons.   | <div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #4caf50; color: white;"> <b>Interfaith perspectives on autonomous weapons</b><br/><br/>           A workshop to discuss a faith-based analysis of the challenges posed by autonomous weapons, brainstorm ways to build relationships with faith leaders, and how engagement of faith leaders and faith communities can influence multilateral processes.         </div> |   |  |
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| <b>17:30</b>                 | <b>In conversation: Jody Williams</b><br><br>Why it is crucial to seize the opportunity to take action on autonomous weapons?  |  |   |  |
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| <b>18:00</b>                 | <b>CLOSING</b>   |  |   |  |
| <b>18:15</b>                 | <div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 10px; padding: 10px; background-color: #ff9800;"> <b>Exhibition Reception</b><br/><br/>           Explore the 'Automated by Design' interactive exhibition, curated and produced by Identity 2.0 for Stop Killer Robots in partnership with Soka Gakkai International and Amnesty.         </div>                               |  |   |  |
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## FOUR CONCURRENT PROGRAM STREAMS

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| <b>ACTIVISM THROUGH ART: INSPIRING ACTION ON KILLER ROBOTS</b>                | An interactive and immersive experience that explores creative expressions of activism, and the many ways campaigners can attract and mobilise public interest in the autonomous weapons issue. Elements will include the 'Automated by Design' exhibition on digital dehumanisation, a poster exhibition, an immersive VR experience, and a photo opportunity with a 'friendly robot campaigner'. |
| <b>NOT THE TERMINATOR: WHAT ARE AUTONOMOUS WEAPONS</b>                        | A series of panels exploring the foundational issues of autonomous weapons. Sessions will highlight systems of concern and precursor weapons; consider existing use cases or scenario exercises; and reflect on opportunities and challenges in monitoring and reporting on the development and use of weapon systems with autonomy.   |
| <b>DIGITAL DEHUMANISATION: WHAT HAPPENS WHEN MACHINES ARE ALLOWED TO KILL</b> | Panels and workshops discussing where autonomous weapons fall on the spectrum of digital dehumanisation and automated harm. Other topics explored will include the ethical and moral issues of machines making life and death decisions, and why it is essential to secure a prohibition on machines that can target people.   |
| <b>THE HUMAN SOLUTION: NEW INTERNATIONAL LAW</b>                              | Sessions focusing on building advocacy plans to inspire political leadership, to mobilise public and civil society, and set expectations for critical multilateral milestones in 2024 to make concrete advancements toward new international law on autonomous weapons systems.  |