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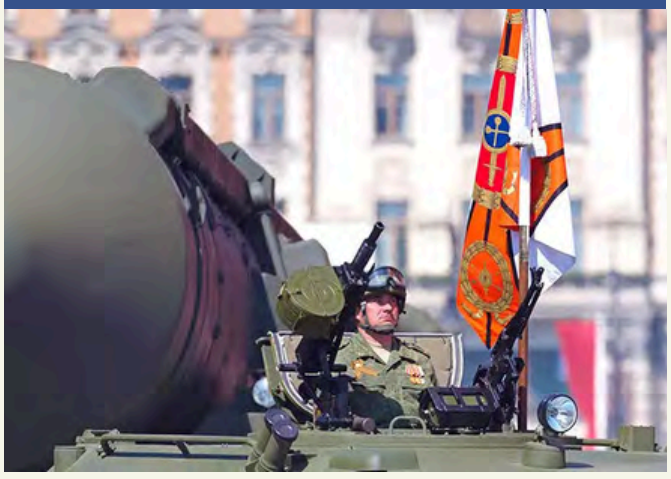


GOVERNING MILITARY AI: DESIGNING MEANINGFUL HUMAN CONTROL IN AI-ENABLED DECISION-MAKING

EVA-NOUR REPOUSSARD, BASIC, *OCTOBER 2026*

As states expand their use of AI in military decision-making, is being "looped in" enough to ensure that a human can exercise proper judgement and control? Drawing on 32 semi-structured interviews with stakeholders across 14 countries, this report argues for a context-sensitive and risk-proportionate approach to Human-Machine Interaction (HMI).

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BEYOND CYBERWAR: HOW DIGITAL DEPENDENCIES SHAPE CONFLICT

MYRIAM DUNN CAVELTY, SEAN CORDEY AND WIKTORIA GAJOSA, ETH CSS, *OCTOBER 2026*

Digital operations have become a routine feature of armed conflict, but they rarely produce the autonomous, decisive effects once associated with visions of "cyberwar". Their significance lies instead in how they exploit, disrupt, or exercise control over the digital dependencies on which states, armed forces, and civilian populations rely.

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RUSSIA'S NUCLEAR DETERRENT AND ITS WEAPONS PROCUREMENT

SIDHARTH KAUSHAL, RUSI, *OCTOBER 2026*

This paper analyses how Russia's nuclear arsenal and doctrine are evolving, focusing on qualitative improvements and offensive capabilities amid strategic and industrial constraints, with significant consequences for nuclear deterrence.

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EU NEWS

EU STATEMENT – UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1ST COMMITTEE: NUCLEAR WEAPONS

October 17, 2026, New York

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NETWORK NEWS

CNTR MONITOR 2026 VIRTUAL BOOK LAUNCH

On November 5, the Cluster for Natural and Technological Science Arms Control Research (CNTR) will present the 2026 edition of its annual report, titled "Verification in an Era of Rapid Technological Change", focused on the impact of new technologies and political shifts on verification mechanisms. The event will feature editors and authors who worked on this issue and will be held online.

More info here

SIPRI CONVENES BERLIN CLIMATE SECURITY CONFERENCE

SIPRI convened and co-hosted three events in Berlin in October 2026, bringing together experts and policymakers to discuss the interconnections between climate change, development and security. Discussions explored shifting priorities between development assistance and defence spending, financing resilience through the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, and the security implications of climate change and non-state armed groups. These debates also highlighted the broader implications of rising military expenditure and weapons-related security concerns for climate resilience, conflict prevention and international cooperation.

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PODCAST



A new season of the Arms Control Primer podcast is live! We will be revisiting major arms-control treaties.

Season 6 of the podcast begins with the bedrock of international diplomacy: the UN Charter. Signed three weeks before the first nuclear test, the Charter says nothing about nuclear weapons. Dr Ben Kienzle of King's College London calls it 'a global pre-nuclear constitution, governing a nuclear world.' Dr Alexander Bollfrass is joined by Dr Ben Kienzle and Dr Erin Pobjie to explore the Charter's core bargain of giving up the use of force in exchange for collective security, the Security Council's Resolution 1540 and lessons from UN inspections in Iraq.

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NETWORK CALLS

JOINT FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM OF HIAS AND IFSH – CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Hamburg Institute for Advanced Study (HIAS) and IFSH invite applications from outstanding scholars for a funded research stay in Hamburg of three to nine months, starting no earlier than October 2027. The fellowship encourages interdisciplinary research on peace and security, including great-power competition, arms dynamics and deterrence, strategic stability, emerging technologies, cybersecurity and European security. Applicants must hold a doctorate for academic fellowships and demonstrate a strong international research profile.

Deadline: November 16.

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65TH ISODARCO COURSE - NUCLEAR DYNAMICS & POLITICAL EXTREMISM IN A SHIFTING WORLD ORDER

The 65th ISODARCO Winter Course, held in Andalo (TN), will explore nuclear strategy, proliferation and disarmament amid intensifying great-power competition and a changing international order. Topics include nuclear doctrines, arms control and verification, emerging technologies, AI and nuclear weapons, space warfare, and the impact of political extremism on global stability, giving students and experts the opportunity to gather a complete picture of these dynamics. Applications for attendees who do not need a visa to enter Italy end on November 2.

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