



Event Podcast: Is Remote Warfare Working?



On September 17th 2018, the Remote Warfare Programme brought together a distinguished panel at Fyvie Hall to discuss the political, legal, and military implications of remote warfare. The Remote Warfare Programme's Director Emily Knowles chaired the event. The discussants were Professor Patrick Porter, Professor Michael Clarke and Dr Louise Arimatsu.

All comments in the recording are on the record.

Timestamps

Introduction by Emily Knowles | 00:00 - 09:13

Patrick Porter | 09:14 - 21:42

Louise Arimatsu | 21:50 - 37:33

Michael Clarke | 37:43 - 52:48

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The reports, which served as the discussion points for the event, are available here:

“Lawful But Awful? Legal and political challenges of remote warfare and working with partners” argues that this type of engagement creates legal “grey zones” which may leave the UK open to legal liability and, perhaps as importantly, it argues that just because something is legal does not mean it is a good strategy.

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About the Speakers:

Emily Knowles is Director of the Remote Warfare Programme.

Professor Patrick Porter is Professor of Strategic Studies and Academic Director of the Strategy and Security Institute.

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