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NEW MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES

and the Resort to War



“It is well that war is so terrible; otherwise, we should grow too fond of it,” said General Robert E. Lee. But, as many ethicists worry, the use of novel military technologies—such as robots and cyberweapons—could be making war easier to engage in, rather than saving it as a last resort when diplomacy and all other measures have failed. But what exactly is this “principle of last resort”—what kind of principle is it? Prof. Lucas will explain how different interpretations of this principle seem to lower or raise the threshold at which we are morally permitted to wage war.

Prof. George R. Lucas, Jr. is the Distinguished Chair in Ethics at the US Naval Academy (Annapolis) and Professor of Ethics and Public Policy at the Naval Postgraduate School (Monterey). He was the Chair of the Philosophy Dept. at Univ. of Santa Clara and also taught at Georgetown, Emory, and other universities. Prof. Lucas has authored five books and 40+ journal articles, and is co-editor of eight volumes in philosophy and ethics. These titles include Anthropologists in Arms: the Ethics of Military Anthropology, as well as Ethics and the Military Profession: the Moral Foundations of Leadership and its companion volume, Case Studies in Military Ethics, which are used in core courses devoted to ethical leadership throughout the nation.

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