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Structure of the Presentation

1. LAWS and strategic stability
2. LAWS and non-state actors
3. Future prospects
LAWS and Strategic Stability

• Strategic stability refers to “the condition that exists when two potential adversaries recognize that neither would gain an advantage if it were to begin a conflict with the other.”
• Deterrence
• Offense-defense balance
LAWS and Strategic Stability

- Dominance of the offensive
- Lowering of the threshold of the use of force
- Swarming tactics
- Pre-emption as a norm
- Favors international arms races
LAWS and Non-State Actors

• Challenge to states’ monopoly of the use of force
• Swarming tactics as asymmetrical way of waging war
• Terrorists, hackers, Black blocs
LAWS and Non-State Actors

- ISIS: create shock by the violation of key international and ethical principles
- Acquisition of LAWS by non-state actors
- LAWS as force multipliers for non-state actors
Future Prospects

• Impact of arms races on LAWS limitations
• LAWS and open source access
• LAWS and hacking
• LAWS and superintelligence
Many thanks for your attention

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