VIRTUAL ROUNDTABLE

War and the Transformation of International Society

Power, Norms, and Historical Change in Contemporary IR Theory

War has reemerged not simply as a recurring feature of international politics, but as a possible mechanism of transformation within international society. This roundtable brings together scholars from the English School, constructivism, and realism research programs to examine whether contemporary warfare is accelerating a deeper reconfiguration of international order, authority, legitimacy, and institutional practice.

The discussion asks whether current wars represent continuity within an established international society, evidence of its fragmentation, or a period of normative and institutional recomposition. More fundamentally, it considers whether war is becoming an arena of systemic selection through which competing principles of order are tested, displaced, or consolidated.

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