

## **A Theory of Asymmetric Warfare: Normative, legal and conceptual issues**

What rules should govern contemporary warfare? In what ways have the presence of new actors, such as security companies, terrorist groups, or child soldiers oblige us

This research project has two innovative and interrelated claims regarding this highly topical area. On the one hand, it concentrates precisely on the implication of different forms of asymmetries in armed conflicts. That is, it seeks to assess how the laws

states, and for a certain level of military technology, must adjust to contemporary conflicts, which are often between states and non-state actors, to new military technology, and to tactics such as terrorism, torture and targeted killings namely, to asymmetrical warfare. The analytical approach that will be adopted will isolate and consider specifically a number of classic and contemporary concerns, ranging from

The outcome seeks to enrich current legal debates by suggesting how existing legal institutions relate to deeper normative and conceptual issues. But also it will propose