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This roundtable draws together scholars who are keen to examine ways to understand, critique, and confront the harms caused by military institutions, their personnel, and practices. At the centre of our research agendas are concerns about the visibility and invisibility of the different forms of harm generated by military power, and the state's ability to produce particular forms of knowledge about what does and does not count as 'harmful'. By reflecting on the concept of social harm - a tool used by some critical criminologists to draw the wider social and political contexts in and through which harms occur into focus – we explore how this alternative mode of inquiry might permit deeper and wider understandings of the everyday production and experience of harmful military activity. Our aim is to consider the implications of a military social harm approach for mechanisms of accountability and the generation of public debate on the costs of retaining and deploying military power.

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