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Precision: The American Way of War? - In conversation with Professor Mick Cox and Professor Caroline Kennedy-Pipe

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We think of precision warfare as a modern invention, closely associated with the Gulf War, the Kosovo Campaign and drone technologies. But its origins go back much further in history. As historian James Patton Rogers reveals in his new book, 'Precision: A History of American Warfare', this quest to achieve precision in war began in 1917, during the early years of powered flight in the United States. This means that precision has been a significant, if not always achievable, feature of American strategic thought for more than a hundred years. In this BISA War Studies Roundtable, leading of foreign policy and security analyse the core arguments put forward in Dr Patton Rogers' new book and debate the future of precision warfare, drones, and American military power.

The session will be followed by a drinks reception and book launch sponsored by Manchester University Press.

Chairs – Dr James Patton Rogers (Cornell) & Dr Patrick Bury (Bath)

Discussion – Professor Mick Cox (LSE) & Prof Caroline Kennedy-Pipe (Loughborough)

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