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This panel discusses how technological innovation is reshaping contemporary security practices, institutions, and logics. Focusing on drones, artificial intelligence and autonomous systems, the contributions explore how emerging technologies are reconfiguring the conduct and understanding of security across military, policing, and border domains. Particular attention is given to the growing entanglements between state and private actors in the development and deployment of security technologies, as well as to the diffusion of military technologies into civilian and law enforcement contexts. By engaging critically with cases ranging from autonomous sea power to AI-enabled border surveillance, the panel interrogates the strategic, ethical, and political implications of automation, datafication, and privatisation in the security field.

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