Government policy at domestic level is now developing around the best ways to implement cyber warfare capability and resistance, as witnessed most recently by the initiation of ‘cyber reserves’. However, the relevant legal framework within which any military response must be orchestrated is arguably undeveloped in appreciating the dangers and demands of cyber warfare, being largely fragmented and still based on traditional notions of kinetic attack and defence.

The publication in 2013 of the Tallinn Manual on the International Law applicable to Cyber Warfare signals a welcome development in this regard but it is only a first step and certainly not a full or comprehensive solution. Although important, it is still the first position document at this level that has emerged and does not possess the status of an international legal instrument. It does not necessarily represent or reflect a consensus of military and/or legal opinion of how best to proceed in the face of cyber conflict.

Given the embryonic natures of the national response at policy level and the International legal framework, critical security futures questions coalesce around the three issues of cyber warfare, International Law and security policy. This workshop seeks to expose and explore key questions that arise in relation to the International Law applicable to cyberwarfare by bringing together key stakeholders from the military and academia for an informed discussion on the topic.

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