

Artificial Intelligence, Emerging Technology, and National Security: “In Focus” Syllabus Supplements (2025-2026)

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Overview: This document includes materials that focus on the legal and policy frameworks related to artificial intelligence and emerging technologies in national security, including military AI and autonomous weapons, great-power technology competition, AI corporations, cyber strategies, and platform governance (last updated August 2026; additional relevant analysis may also have been published since then, available on Just Security’s [website](#)). As with all articles on Just Security, the articles represent the views of the individual authors.

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