



Hostile Cyber Operations and Covid-19: The International Law Framework

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Abstract:

The COVID-19 pandemic has starkly highlighted the need to further international cyber law discourse amongst states. Malicious cyber operations directed against medical facilities and capabilities and campaigns of misinformation have interfered with states' abilities to effectively fight the virus and treat their populations. In this paper Prof. Schmitt explains why, and how, all states, human rights courts, human rights monitoring bodies, the academy, the private sector and NGOs must take up the challenge presented by this tragic pandemic to move the law governing cyberspace in the right direction.

Biography:

[Michael Schmitt](#) is Professor of [International Law at the University of Reading](#). Additionally, he is the Francis Lieber Distinguished Scholar at the Lieber Institute of the United States Military Academy (West Point); a Strauss Center Distinguished Scholar and Visiting Professor of Law at the University of Texas; and the Charles H. Stockton Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the US Naval War College. Professor Schmitt is a Senior Fellow at the NATO Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Senior Research Associate at Hebrew University, Affiliate at Harvard's Program on International Law and Armed Conflict, and General Editor of the Lieber Studies series (OUP). Previously, he was Professor of International Law at the University of Exeter and Durham University, Dean of the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies in Germany, and General Editor of International Law Studies and the Yearbook of International Humanitarian Law. He served 20 years in the United States Air Force as a judge advocate specializing in operational and international law.

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