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The relationship between these two disciplines must be continually reimagined *in lieu* with social, economic and technological developments. Today, state and non-state actors have begun to engage with new forms of warfare and technological advancements, repurposing the tools of covert action, proxy warfare and propaganda. Thus, legislation has expanded domestically and internationally to ensure that advancements do not encroach upon existing rights of individuals, or sovereign states. The interaction of law and war then, remains ever expanding and ought to be seen as an important field of scholarship in its own right.

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