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HUMANITARIAN LAW: REDUCING BRUTALITY IN WAR SINCE THE WAR ON TERROR

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This lecture will reconstruct the origins of humanitarian law: the attempt to impose legal rules on the conduct of war with the goal of reducing war’s brutality. From the start, some thinkers have worried that implementing laws of war would backfire, or even make war permanent. The talk will reflect on the implications of recent wars since 9/11/2001, examining whether these worries were misplaced or well-founded.



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Samuel Moyn is Chancellor Kent Professor of Law and History at Yale University. He received a doctorate in modern European history from the University of California-Berkeley in 2000 and a law degree from Harvard University in 2001. Professor Moyn’s areas of interest in legal scholarship include international law, human rights, the law of war, and legal thought, in historical and current perspective.

In addition to multiple scholarly books and articles, his work has appeared in venues such as *Boston Review*, *the Chronicle of High Education*, *Dissent*, *The Nation*, *The New Republic*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. His newest book is *Humane: How the United States Abandoned Peace and Reinvented War* (Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2021).

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