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Lecture 2

Dr. Daniel Reitiker,

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on the topic:

Humanization of International Law: The Example of Arms Control

Details about the talk:

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Abstract

International law has traditionally been considered as applying mainly between sovereign States. There was only limited space for the needs and interests of the human being. In the same vein, arms control has long been considered, above all, a matter of States' security and only little attention has been paid to the victims of weapons. The overall picture of disarmament, in particular nuclear disarmament, is however very disappointing. Therefore, new avenues have to be tried out. The speaker will offer an alternative approach, placing the human being at the centre of the discussion, based on his book "Humanization of Arms Control, Paving the Way for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons", Routledge 2017/2018). He will argue that the Treaty on the Prohibition on Nuclear Weapons (TPNW), concluded in New York on July 7, 2017, is a recent example of this "humanization" of arms control. He sees another confirmation of this new trend in the adoption by the UN Human Rights Committee of General Comment no. 36 on the "Right to life" (October 30, 2018), of which paragraph 66 is devoted to weapons of mass destruction. He will expand on these developments.